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Long Island needs a reliable energy system, and the evidence is painfully clear that PSEG cannot do the job.

We need to establish new standards for accountability and resilience for electrical service, and to have a system that meets those standards with dependable, clean power.

It is time to end decades of expensive failed public-private partnerships and to transition to a fully public system. Replacing one private utility with another will just replicate the same issues of a private monopoly putting profits over people and planet.

Public power works: Across the country, public utilities have proven to be 13% more affordable and twice as reliable. We need an affordable, rapid, and just transition to renewable energy, and time and again investor-owned utilities have shown that they cannot and will not provide one. We need a publicly owned utility to be able to phase out gas and build affordable renewable heat now, and to invest in real grid maintenance and reliability instead of neglecting it for profit.

I urge you to end the contract with PSEG and immediately begin the transition to a fully public power system on Long Island.