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The time has come to make a change. When The Governor and LIPA first brought in PSEG Long Island in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, it was an idea whose time had come to embrace the promise of a public/private partnership that could grow and provide Long island with the best of both worlds. For a time it was on track to be. But in the last several years, PSEG LI has fallen flat again and again, and not lived up to the promises made to make LIPA better, more transparent, more communicative and more resilient.

Other places have municipalized and expanded things like solar generation and vastly improved grid reliability, while keeping rates below their state's average.

Municipalization would save \$70 Million a year- that could be spent on resiliency, needed grid upgrades, clean energy investments, or pay down the debt.

Under state review and regulation, it could focus on reliability, accountability, transparency, communication and resiliency, and make those mandatory. State oversight would open us up to funding that is currently not available for many different programs as well.

Municipalization would give Long Islanders a say in their utility for a more democratic grid. Different models for this are available for the board to choose, from a more traditional board structure to a university-based one, but all with input from all stakeholder groups, from local organizations to environmental advocacy groups

In light of this, and the reluctance of PSEG LI to improve their accountability and operations, it is time to move on from PSEG LI and the public-private partnership that did not live up to its promise.

The time has come for a strong, publicly run LIPA.