

**Name:**

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**Comment:**

Dear Members of LIPA's Board,

I'm writing to ask that you vote NO on the new PSE&G contract. Waiting for the Attorney General's investigation will simply confirm LIPA's own investigation. PSE&G left over 500,000 of us without power for too long during Isaias.

I am on a very expensive medication that costs thousands a month. This medication needs to be refrigerated. Because PSE&G never upgraded their computer systems, I was left clueless as to when the lights would go back on. I didn't know whether the outage would be short-lived and I could keep my medication on ice, or whether I needed to plan for a friend who was willing to hold my medication for several days.

And then to add fuel to the fire, PSE&G lied to hide their incompetency. We need LIPA to respond to its ratepayers, not PSE&G to respond to its investors by trying to save money at our expense.

We desperately need upgraded technology and infrastructure – simply doing a better job of tree trimming before they take down the lines, not after, would be a step in the right direction.

Please vote NO! Power is not a luxury. In our world today, everyone should have access to affordable – and reliable – power. The time for public power is NOW!