FOR CONSIDERATION
November 12, 2025

TO: The Board of Trustees

FROM: Carrie Meek Gallagher

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval of a Resolution to Temporarily Pause Disenrollments from LIPA's Household Assistance Rate Program and to Temporarily Suspend Service Disconnections for Low and Moderate-income Customers Affected by the Federal Government Shutdown

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Requested Action

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Long Island Power Authority ("LIPA") is requested to adopt a resolution, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** temporarily pausing the disenrollment from the LIPA's Household Assistance Rate Program and temporarily suspending service disconnections for low and moderate-income customers within LIPA's service territory who are affected by the federal government shutdown and resulting state of emergency up to and through December 17, 2025.

Background

On October 1, 2025, the United States federal government shut down due to Congress's inability to pass appropriations, resulting in uncertainty over the status of many federally funded programs. On October 30, 2025, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order 54, which declared a statewide emergency due to the interruption in certain federally funded benefits that are estimated to result in the disruption of benefits for nearly three (3) million New Yorkers.[1]

PSEG Long Island's Household Assistance Rate, part of New York State's Energy Affordability Program, provides reduced electric rates to customers who receive certain federally funded benefits. The shutdown has disrupted federal funding and delayed the verification process managed by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, leaving many eligible households unable to recertify their benefits.

Pursuant to the LIPA Tariff for Electric Service (the "Tariff"), customers that provide documentation of enrollment in certain public assistance programs are eligible for the Household Assistance Rate Program that provides reduced electric rates to customers who receive a fixed discount on their electric bill. The Tariff requires that Program participants renew their eligibility and enrollment every fourteen (14) months.[2] The Tariff further

[1] N.Y.S. Executive Order 54, *Declaration of a State Wide Disaster Emergency Due to Federal Actions Related to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program* (Oct. 30, 2025) (the "State of Emergency").
[2] *Id.*

provides that the Authority may extend the time to enroll in the event a state of emergency affecting the service territory is declared."[3]

The New York State Department of Public Service ("DPS") General Counsel issued a letter directing utilities to "pause disenrollment from their respective [energy affordability programs] from November 1, 2025, though Thanksgiving, and continuing on until November 30, 2025."

Pausing the disenrollment from the LIPA's Household Assistance Rate Program, considering the State of Emergency is consistent with LIPA's Tariff and with the directive issued by the DPS' General Counsel that utilities pause customer disenrollment from their respective energy affordability programs.

The current delay in federal funding for these assistance programs will likely impact LIPA's low and moderate-income customers' ability to timely pay their pay their electric bills during this time of uncertainty. Therefore, in accordance with LIPA's mission, to deliver reliable and affordable service while protecting its most vulnerable customers, the Board is requested to suspend terminations for nonpayment until December 17, 2025.

Adoption of the Resolution would enable PSEG Long Island to implement these temporary measures, ensuring that approximately 39,000 customers enrolled in PSEG Long Island's Household Assistance Rate remain protected from loss of benefits or service interruptions while federal assistance programs are delayed.

Recommendation

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend approval of the above requested action by adoption of a resolution in the form attached hereto.

Attachments

Exhibit "A" Resolution

[3] *Id.*

Exhibit "A"

APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY PAUSE IN DISENROLLMENTS FROM LIPA'S HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE RATE PROGRAM AND TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS FOR LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME CUSTOMERS AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order 54 which declared a statewide emergency due to the Federal Government Shutdown ("Shutdown") that resulted from Congress's inability to pass appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution by the Board will enable PSEG Long Island to implement these temporary measures, ensuring that approximately 39,000 customers enrolled in PSEG Long Island's Household Assistance Rate remain protected from loss of benefits or service interruptions while federal assistance programs are impacted by the shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the shutdown has resulted in uncertainty over the status of many federally funded programs that will likely impact LIPA's low and moderate-income customers' ability to timely pay their pay their electric bills; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution by the Board will also enable PSEG Long Island to temporarily suspend service disconnections for low and moderate-income customers within LIPA's service territory who are affected by the federal government shutdown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the reasons given herein and in the accompanying Memorandum, the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Power Authority hereby approves a temporary pause of disenrollments from LIPA's household assistance rate program and a temporary suspension of service disconnections for moderate-income customers up to and through December 17, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Power Authority hereby authorizes and directs the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to undertake such actions as are necessary to enable PSEG Long Island to implement the temporary actions described above.

Dated: November 12, 2025