

Long Island Power Authority's

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since I had the privilege of becoming LIPA's Chief Executive Officer. To say it has been an eventful year would be an understatement. There has rarely been a dull moment, and I have had the opportunity to see LIPA, our customers and the communities we serve from a very different perspective.

Over the past year, we have worked through important decisions about the future of our electric system and our partnership with PSEG Long Island, strengthened our focus on affordability and reliability, continued to advance clean energy, and made investments that will help prepare our grid for the challenges ahead. We also launched the 2027 Integrated Resource Plan, an effort that will help guide how we meet Long Island's energy needs for years to come.

But as I reflect on this first year, what stands out most to me is not a particular project or decision. It is the people.

I have spent much of my career working on issues that affect Long Island, but serving as LIPA's CEO has given me an even deeper appreciation for the responsibility that comes with providing an essential service to more than 1.2 million customers. Every decision we make ultimately comes back to the people who depend on us to keep their homes and businesses powered, their communities moving and their economy growing.

That is why the Community Advisory Board is so important. The CAB gives us an opportunity to listen directly to people from across Long Island and the Rockaways—to hear different perspectives, understand community concerns and learn what matters most to the people we serve. Those conversations are especially valuable as we undertake long-term planning through the IRP and consider how best to balance reliability, affordability, and our transition to a cleaner energy future.

This past year has reinforced for me that there are no simple answers when it comes to the energy challenges facing our region. Demand is changing. Technology is changing. Energy policy is changing. Our communities are changing. Through all of that change, our responsibility remains the same: to make thoughtful, intentional, informed decisions that put our customers first.

I am grateful to the members of the Community Advisory Board for the time, insight, and commitment you bring to this work. Your willingness to ask questions, offer different perspectives and engage in difficult conversations makes LIPA stronger and helps us better understand the communities we serve.

As I begin my second year, I am excited about what we can accomplish together. There is important work ahead, and I look forward to continuing the conversation with you—and to listening, learning, and working together to build a reliable, affordable and increasingly clean energy future for Long Island and the Rockaways.

Sincerely,

Carrie Meek Gallagher

RECAP of JUNE CAB MEETING



The Community Advisory Board met on June 18th for a discussion that included updates on LIPA's clean-energy initiatives, the development of the 2027 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), industrial solar development, programs designed to support a reliable and affordable energy system and PSEG Long Island's storm readiness efforts.

The meeting began with an update on the 2027 IRP, including its scope, schedule and public engagement process. The IRP will evaluate future energy needs and a range of potential resource strategies, with consideration given to cost, reliability and emissions reductions. The process includes modeling and draft plan development, public review and comment, development of the final plan and, ultimately, consideration and adoption by the LIPA Board of Trustees next year.

Additionally, the meeting highlighted LIPA's progress in advancing clean energy across Long Island. The presentation noted that more than 1,239 megawatts of solar photovoltaic capacity has been deployed across Long Island, with solar installed at approximately 10 percent of Long Island homes. Our region has surpassed CLCPA solar targets and produced nearly 900GWh of energy, equivalent to the output of a fossil fuel power plant burning 1.4 million barrels of oil. Behind-the-meter solar across LIPA's territory reduced last year's summer peak by 5%.

Other clean-energy accomplishments discussed included the territory-wide deployment of LIPA's advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) network. The presentation noted that AMI has resulted in approximately \$100 million in operational savings, 2,000 tons reduction in emissions, improved outage detection and operational visibility. It also highlighted Long Island's electric vehicle adoption (87,902 EVs over a 10-year period), 37% above the average NYS adoption rate. And finally, the CAB was informed that Long Island has realized a customer savings of \$4.2B (1.36% load savings per year) since 2014 through Building Efficiency & Electrification (BEE) programs.

RECAP of JUNE CAB MEETING

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CAB members heard about Powering Suffolk Forward, a partnership between LIPA and Suffolk County to evaluate opportunities for large-scale solar development in major industrial areas. The initiative is examining rooftop solar potential, interconnection considerations and opportunities to streamline permitting and deployment. Approximately 50 potential solar sites have been identified through geospatial analysis, and a government stakeholder working group has been established to help identify additional opportunities. A final feasibility report will recommend potential implementation pathways and pilot projects.

The meeting also included an update on a Request for Information (RFI) issued by PSEG Long Island on behalf of LIPA to identify renewable and non-emitting energy solutions that could enhance long-term system reliability. Responses to the RFI are under review. Areas identified for consideration include energy efficiency and demand response, load-shifting measures, virtual power plants, distributed renewable resources and other non-emitting generation technologies.

Finally, the CAB received an update on LIPA's residential Time-of-Day rate program, which encourages customers to shift electricity use away from weekday peak hours of 3–7 p.m. and toward lower-cost periods. The presentation reported an estimated 32 MW reduction in peak demand on the system's highest-load days and average annual customer savings of approximately \$23 for customers reducing their peak-hour usage. As of January 31, 2026, approximately 900,138 customers were enrolled in the program, representing a 95 percent participation rate.

The meeting demonstrated LIPA's continued focus on preparing for Long Island's future energy needs while advancing clean energy, maintaining reliability and providing value to customers. The CAB will continue to provide a forum for community perspectives and engagement as these initiatives move forward.





CAB MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Jeannine G. Maynard, MSW, LCSW

Co-Facilitator at Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition (GUAAC)
Uniondale Community Council, Inc.

Tell us a little about yourself and your organization. What's the most exciting project you're working on right now?

I am a committed community person, advocate and liaison. I co-facilitate GUAAC (The Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition) and I am the Uniondale Community Land Trust Vice President /Clerk. I am involved in many amazing projects. Two of the most visible are the GUAAC Campaigns for a strong and unified Uniondale identity and the current U-CLT Land Trust Project, building a permanently affordable modular home for a family as a modular-build proof of concept in this area.

As a leader on LIPA's Community Advisory Board, what opportunities or initiatives do you believe are critical to reaching New York's clean energy goals?

The age of Long Island's energy infrastructure, especially considering local energy demands and resilience, is essential to address with updates now. I believe municipalities and public buildings can be held to higher standards of leadership and efficient practices as examples. Policy and financial incentives to assist improvements for businesses and homeowners are key tools to reaching Long Island families. The communication and trust factors connecting people with the necessary services are key to any successful program implementation. Workforce opportunities are also a way to bring relevant discussions to younger demographics and increase the flow of information in and around families and decision makers.

What's something about you that might surprise people—any unique hobbies or hidden talents?

I love being a grandma, I love to read. I come from a multi-racial family with a strong sense of purpose and justice. I enjoy tea parties, tinkering with home crafts, the great outdoors, and fix-it projects.

FAST FACTS

Jeannine G. Maynard, MSW, LCSW, currently serves as the Co-Facilitator and Founder of the Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition (GUAAC), Vice President & Clerk of the Uniondale Community Land Trust, member of the Uniondale School District Bond Oversight Committee, and the Co-chair of the Sands NY Community Environmental Sub-Committee. She also serves on the leadership team of the Transportation Diversity Council, Inc.

She was the 2023/2024 honored recipient of the Hofstra University Center for Civic Engagement's Michael D'Innocenzo Award for Outstanding Contribution to Constructive Public Dialogue on Long Island.

She is a life-long Nassau County resident and a Uniondale area community activist, living in the Uniondale UFSD area of Hempstead for more than 37 years.

Ms. Maynard retired in late 2022 as a New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), directing behavioral health programs at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Brooklyn. Prior to her time as a LCSW, she was a Uniondale Community Council Youth Project Program Director for more than 15 years, where she developed as a local community leader.

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Moody's Outlook Upgrade to Positive and Affirmed Ratings Support LIPA's Efforts to Ensure Long-Term Customer Affordability

In July, Moody's Investors Service upgraded LIPA's ratings outlook from stable to positive, while all three of the nation's major credit rating agencies affirmed the Authority's strong credit ratings, reflecting continued financial strength and helping finance critical investments in the electric system at the lowest practical cost for customers.

Moody's Investors Service	Fitch Ratings	S&P Global Ratings:
A2	A+	A
Upgrade to Positive Outlook	Stable Outlook	Stable Outlook

The rating actions reinforce investor confidence in LIPA's financial position and support a long-term strategy of balancing fiscal sustainability, infrastructure investment, and customer affordability.

"These independent ratings affirm the disciplined financial policies that LIPA's Board of Trustees has consistently maintained over many years," said LIPA Chief Executive Officer Carrie Meek Gallagher. "Maintaining strong credit ratings helps lower borrowing costs, allowing us to invest in a safe, reliable, and resilient electric system while minimizing costs for our customers. Fiscal sustainability is one of the most important ways we deliver long-term affordability."

LIPA has maintained a long-standing commitment to prudent financial management through responsible debt practices, strong liquidity, appropriate financial reserves, and thoughtful long-term financial planning. These policies preserve access to the capital markets on favorable terms and help ensure LIPA can continue investing in the electric system while managing costs responsibly.

Strong credit ratings also provide direct benefits to customers. Because electric infrastructure is financed over decades, lower borrowing costs reduce the overall cost of capital investments, helping moderate long-term pressure on electric rates while supporting continued investment in reliability, resiliency, and clean energy.

Over the past decade, LIPA's disciplined financial strategy has generated significant savings for customers through strategic refinancing, securitization transactions, and proactive debt management. Most recently, LIPA's 2025 refinancing of its USDA bonds is expected to generate approximately \$120 million in net present value savings, bringing cumulative savings from USDA refinancing transactions to nearly \$700 million. Together with other debt management initiatives, these actions have produced hundreds of millions of dollars in savings while strengthening LIPA's financial position.

"Strong credit ratings are more than a financial benchmark -- they create real value for our customers," said LIPA Chief Financial Officer Donna Mongiardo. "Lower financing costs provide greater financial flexibility, reduce the cost of long-term infrastructure investments and help us continue delivering safe, reliable and affordable electric service."

The rating actions reflect the continued confidence of the nation's leading credit rating agencies in LIPA's financial profile and reinforce the Authority's long-term strategy of maintaining a strong balance sheet, investing prudently in critical infrastructure, and delivering value to customers through sound financial management.

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LIPA Takes Action to Address Rising Electricity Prices While Strengthening Grid Reliability

LIPA recently announced two actions that will help address concerns about rising electricity prices while improving reliability and grid stability, advancing LIPA's commitment to provide reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy for customers across its service area.

Seeking fair and reasonable transmission rates

In a recent filing, LIPA requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) address transmission rates set by the Neptune Regional Transmission System ("Neptune"), a transmission cable connecting Long Island to the PJM regional electricity market via New Jersey, which LIPA believes no longer reflects competitive market conditions. The complaint asks FERC to intervene by determining that individually negotiated rates are no longer appropriate in LIPA's service area, and to establish a cost-based, regulated rate structure consistent with other FERC-regulated utilities.



LIPA contends that changing market conditions have reduced competitive alternatives available to Long Island customers and that Neptune's rates should therefore be reviewed under FERC's negotiated rate policy. LIPA is requesting that rates be based on an appropriate cost-based framework that is fair to both electric customers and suppliers while ensuring reliable service.

Expanding supply through new competition

In a parallel initiative, LIPA, through PSEG Long Island, has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals for temporary generation resources that can be deployed quickly, operate during periods of system need, and be removed when no longer required, while LIPA continues to pursue long-term clean energy, storage, and reliability initiatives.

The solicitation invites new market participants who can expand available generating capacity, improve system reliability, and provide customers with the benefits of meaningful competition among suppliers, without long-term commitments or major investments. Interested bidders can go to [Proposals & Bids - PSEG Long Island](#) for full details.

Protecting customers while maintaining reliability

Together, these actions seek to balance increasingly challenging market conditions by relieving the pressure of rising costs while easing constraints on the Long Island electrical system.

"Our responsibility is to provide reliable electric service at the lowest reasonable cost," said Carrie Meek Gallagher, LIPA's CEO. "When market conditions change, we have an obligation to pursue every available option to protect customers, promote competition among suppliers, and ensure rates remain just and reasonable."

Gary Stephenson, Senior Vice President, Power Supply at LIPA, added, "Market-based rates can deliver value when effective competition exists. However, when market conditions change, regulatory safeguards are necessary to ensure customers continue receiving reliable service at fair and reasonable prices."

LIPA will continue working with regulators, existing suppliers, prospective developers, and other stakeholders to ensure a reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean supply of electricity for the communities it serves.

IN THE **COMMUNITY**

WICE NY Long Island: Celebrating Women in Energy and Communications

LIPA CEO Carrie Meek Gallagher joined women leaders from across the energy and communications industries at a recent WICE NY Long Island networking event, where she spoke about the importance of mentorship, leadership, and women supporting women. The evening provided an opportunity for members to connect, share experiences, and celebrate the growing leadership of women across the energy industry.

Carrie spoke about how important support, guidance, and having someone to listen is for leaders. She also encouraged the audience to open doors for other women as they pass through their own. WICE's strong network of women provides an incredible support system that helps members' voices be heard while building a future with more women at the table.

Carrie thanked WICE NY for creating a space where women can connect, learn from one another, and build the next generation of leaders in energy and communications.



IN THE COMMUNITY

LIPA and United Way of Long Island are investing in the next generation of Long Island leaders.

Through the Dreams for Youth Scholarship Program, LIPA provided \$50,000 in scholarships to 30 students from 25 Long Island communities pursuing higher education in STEM, energy, skilled trades, and other fields. The 2025–2026 scholarship recipients were recognized for their academic achievement, leadership, community service, resilience, mentorship, and commitment to their communities. Collectively, they will attend more than 12 colleges and universities across the region and beyond.

LIPA CEO Carrie Meek Gallagher and United Way of Long Island President and CEO Theresa Regnante celebrated the students and emphasized the importance of investing in a talented workforce prepared to meet Long Island's future energy and economic needs. LIPA is proud to partner with United Way of Long Island to help these exceptional students turn their goals into opportunities—and strengthen Long Island's future workforce.



The CBIZ Workplace Challenge

Team LIPA had a great night at the 2026 CBIZ Workplace Challenge! Team members ran alongside colleagues at PSEG Long Island to support local charities and help make a difference in our communities across Long Island. LIPA CEO Carrie Meek Gallagher encouraged everyone to persevere through the inclement weather, making it an evening celebrating fun, fitness, and teamwork.



2027 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

Status Update

Thank you to all the CAB members that joined us for a briefing on our 2027 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), in early June. Please know that LIPA and PSEG Long Island continue to work on the IRP, a 13-year study that will help guide Long Island's energy future. The IRP is intended to provide a comprehensive, forward-looking assessment of the resources and investments needed to maintain reliable, affordable and increasingly clean electricity as Long Island's energy needs evolve. The study is considering electricity demand, electrification, economic growth, the aging generation fleet, transmission constraints, supply-chain challenges and the evolving clean-energy landscape.

The initial phase of the IRP included development of a draft scope of work and an extensive public engagement process. LIPA held public comment sessions in June and accepted written comments through June 30, 2026. LIPA received comments from residents and ratepayers, community organizations, environmental and clean-energy advocates, labor organizations, businesses, elected officials and energy industry stakeholders. LIPA and PSEG Long Island are now completing their review of those comments, preparing responses, and updating the scope of work to reflect the issues and recommendations raised.

As the next step, LIPA expects to present the public comments, responses and a final Scope of Work to the LIPA Board of Trustees in September. The Board's consideration of the revised scope will help establish the framework for the next phase of the IRP analysis.

Following completion of the scoping process, the IRP is moving into its modeling and plan-development phase. The analysis will evaluate four scenarios—Existing Trajectory, Clean Resources, Least Cost and a Hybrid Approach—to understand how different resource strategies perform under a range of future conditions. The scenarios will consider resources including renewable energy, energy storage, demand response, energy efficiency, transmission and dispatchable generation, with the objective of understanding the tradeoffs among reliability, customer costs and emissions.

The modeling and development phase is expected to continue through early 2027, followed by the release of a Draft 2027 IRP for public review and comment in spring 2027. A final IRP is expected to be presented to the Board for adoption in June 2027. This next round of public review will provide another opportunity for customers, the CAB and other stakeholders to evaluate the analysis and provide input before the plan is finalized.



2027 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

What LIPA Heard from the Community

During the public comment period, LIPA heard a broad range of perspectives on Long Island's energy future. While commenters differed on the specific resources and approaches they believe LIPA should pursue, there was significant interest in ensuring that the future electric system remains reliable, affordable and increasingly clean.

Affordability was one of the most consistent themes. Stakeholders emphasized the importance of carefully evaluating the costs of new generation, transmission, distribution, energy storage and other infrastructure and understanding how those investments will affect customers. Several commenters encouraged LIPA to consider not only upfront costs, but also longer-term operating costs, fuel costs, reliability benefits, emissions impacts and the potential costs of delaying needed investments.

Clean energy and renewable resources were another major focus. Many commenters encouraged LIPA to continue expanding renewable energy, including offshore wind, solar and energy storage. Several stakeholders specifically urged LIPA to maintain offshore wind as an important component of the future resource mix, while others encouraged greater use of residential and utility-scale solar and battery storage. Some commenters also asked LIPA to consider emerging technologies that could become commercially viable during the IRP's planning horizon.

At the same time, commenters emphasized that the transition to a cleaner energy system must improve electric system reliability. Stakeholders raised concerns about Long Island's aging generation fleet, extreme weather, transmission constraints, growing electricity demand and the need to have resources available when electricity is needed most. Some commenters supported repowering or modernizing existing generating facilities, while others urged LIPA to focus as quickly as possible on non-emitting resources and avoid investments that could extend reliance on fossil fuels.

The comments also highlighted the importance of transmission and distribution infrastructure. Stakeholders discussed the need for additional transmission capacity, distribution upgrades, interconnections, substations, storm hardening and other investments to support future demand and deliver energy where it is needed. Several commenters also raised concerns about the availability and cost of major equipment and the increasingly long lead times for generation and transmission infrastructure.

Workforce and economic development were additional themes, particularly among labor stakeholders. Commenters emphasized the importance of having a skilled workforce available to build, operate and maintain Long Island's future energy infrastructure and encouraged strong labor standards and opportunities for local workers.

Other stakeholders encouraged LIPA to remain flexible as technology and market conditions evolve. Suggestions included evaluating emerging technologies, learning from other regions and public power utilities, considering different approaches to resource ownership and procurement, improving public education about the electric system, and ensuring that large new energy users appropriately contribute to the infrastructure and reliability costs associated with their demand.

LIPA appreciates the thoughtful and diverse input received throughout the public comment process. The comments provide important perspectives that will help inform the IRP as LIPA evaluates different resource pathways and the tradeoffs among reliability, affordability, clean energy, feasibility, timing and customer impacts. The goal is to develop a practical, data-driven plan that prepares Long Island for its future energy needs while remaining responsive to changing technologies, market conditions and the needs of the customers and communities LIPA serves.

For more information and updates on the 2027 IRP, visit LIResourcePlan.com.



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Understanding What the Propel NY Energy Transmission Project Brings to Long Island

Propel NY Energy, an approximately 90-mile underground and submarine electric transmission project developed by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and New York Transco that covers Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, Bronx, and Westchester, has received significant media coverage over the past few months. While some of these articles present different perspectives, Propel NY is an important project for meeting our future energy needs on Long Island.

Propel NY addresses a pressing transmission need and supports significant upgrades to our electric grid that will reduce energy bottlenecks, improve resiliency, improve flexibility, and help power flow into our region. It includes new transmission lines and three new substations on existing utility-owned property, which will help strengthen the transmission backbone connecting Long Island to the rest of New York State. These upgrades help the electric system withstand extreme weather events, prevent outages, and provide access to power generation from more affordable and sustainable sources, which is particularly important to keep customer bills from increasing while supporting New York's clean energy transition.



To illustrate this, think of Propel NY as adding two new lanes in each direction to the Long Island Expressway. On almost every day of the year, those new lanes would make travel faster, reduce congestion, and improve everyone's commute. Construction would bring temporary inconvenience, but once complete, the benefits would be felt day after day.

Some press coverage of Propel NY notes that it will not completely eliminate transmission constraints on the hottest summer day, when electricity demand here on the Island reaches its annual peak. Just as extra lanes on the LIE can't eliminate a traffic jam on the day before Thanksgiving, the busiest days of the year would still see congestion because the demand is simply extraordinary. It doesn't mean the project wasn't worthwhile—it means no single project solves every problem. LIPA, through the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process, is rigorously evaluating all available resources to secure Long Island's future energy needs.

Customer affordability is front and center of every LIPA decision. Propel NY represents a \$3.26 billion investment, but the cost is shared across all New York ratepayers. This is a good deal for Long Islanders, who will gain significant benefits once the project is operational, even though we have contributed only 13% of the total investment.

When more suppliers can compete to provide electricity, prices are lower than they would otherwise be. When transmission bottlenecks are reduced, customers benefit from a more diverse mix of competitively priced energy resources. Reduced wholesale energy costs are passed directly on to our customers' energy bills.

A stronger transmission system helps keep electricity affordable, which is increasingly important as New York's energy needs continue to grow. Electricity demand is expected to increase as homes and businesses electrify heating systems, electric vehicles become more common, and economic development creates new demand for power.

For Long Island, Propel NY makes sense. It's a strategic investment that will benefit Long Island families, businesses, and future generations of ratepayers.





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