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Kenneth Daly
President, National Grid New York operations
300 Erie Boulevard West
Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Mr. Daly,

I write to express my deep concern over National Grid's recent application to the New York State Public Service Commission requesting a rate increase in Upstate New York.

As a member of the State Assembly's Committee on Energy, I take very seriously the impacts of any rate increases on customers and their ability to afford their utility bill. Your proposal is expected to increase the average household utility bill by over \$22.00 per month. This is simply unacceptable. In my Assembly District, there are still families and seniors that struggle to pay their utility bills, especially during the colder months, and very often need to apply for assistance programs just to keep their homes heated and the lights on.

This proposal will have a significant impact on far too many families still struggling to get back on their feet. Many families have just now started to recover from some of the devastating impacts of the economic recession that was experienced over the past eight years.

I urge you to withdraw this application to the New York State Public Service Commission and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara
Representing Albany, Montgomery & Schenectady Counties