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RESOLUTION NO. 012-24

URGING THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REJECT NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS.

WHEREAS, National Grid has submitted a request to the New York State Public Service Commission (NYS PSC) asking for a rate increase of 15% for electricity and 20% for natural gas to take effect April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, these rate increases have to go through the NYS PSC for approval; and

WHEREAS, National Grid blames this rate increase on the cost of materials to build and maintain transmission networks, devaluation of the U.S. dollar, and ongoing increases to contractor costs; and

WHEREAS, New York's electricity prices per kilowatt hour are approximately 5.97% higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, said proposed rate increases are a consequence of the New York liberal democratic green energy policies pushing incentives and mandates which ultimately pass the financial burden onto consumers; and

WHEREAS, New York State is responsible for the conditions that have led to the proposed rate increases with its high-cost and price-insensitive energy policies that are detached from the fiscal realities of the ratepayers and consumers; and

WHEREAS, the higher rates will be burdensome on customers at a time when taxpayers are economically strapped through the high cost of inflation; and

WHEREAS, with the high cost of inflation, residents living in the 19-county area represented by the Inter-County Association of Western New York, including retirees, seniors, those on fixed incomes, not-for-profits and people with disabilities, are living paycheck to paycheck, struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, another increase in another necessity will only create a heavier burden to the burden these citizens are already bearing; and

WHEREAS, this is just another reckless, cost insensitive green energy initiative that is being forced on National Grid by irresponsible New York State energy policies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, hereby urges the New York State Public Service Commission to reject the excessive rate increases proposed by National Grid for electric and gas; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York hereby condemns National Grid for its proposed excessive electric and gas rate increases; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York vehemently urges Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to protect the citizens of New York State from these proposed excessive rate increases; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the New York State Senate; all members of the New York State Assembly; the New York State Public Service Commission; and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Orleans County on the 16th day of August, 2024.

Dated: September 12, 2024
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York