

Hello my name is Joe Chvasta from Woodbury. I am a parent, volunteer and full-time worker in the insurance industry. I am here to say that I support the work of this Commission. The findings of the draft report only reconfirm what many have pointed out for years: Long Island and Rockaway ratepayers will be better off without PSEG.

Our household of 4 has seen repeated rate increases by PSEG in the last five years with our annual electric cost climbing 34% from 2018 until this year. Last year our 1500 square foot home has electric costs of over \$4,000 a year. When will these increases stop?

PSEG-LI is an investor-owned utility that pays \$80 million a year to its high-priced executives. It sends its profits to its stockholders whose only interest is their rate of return on investment. Ending the public-private model means saving these management fees and investing in the utilities themselves.

A restructured LIPA must spend more of its revenues for the benefit of our communities. LIPA should lower utility rates, especially for low-income households, seniors on fixed income, and small businesses. And it should improve identification of and service to customers with special needs. We also need a more equitable rate structure and to explore ending power shutoffs for low-income customers who can't pay.

Everyday ratepayers need to have more of a say in how rates are determined. We need a utility that is more responsive to the needs of our communities, which the draft report says will be possible with a fully public LIPA

A public LIPA would create programs that will help low income households save money and reduce energy consumption by retrofitting homes and apartments with heat pumps, solar panels, and battery storage at a subsidized rate.

Community Programs work, earlier this year we signed up with Community Power which is a fuel cell farm producing energy. The program reduces CO2 by 38% and water usage by 99.9%. As a consumer we are saving 10% and there is no hassle and customer support that picks up when you call. Why can't this be available for everyone?

I support the work of Reimagine LIPA and the service provided by IBEW to serve the public.

I believe in the environment and clean energy

I believe in a rate structure that is fair and affordable to all households.

I only believe that this will only happen if LIPA is owned and managed by the public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.