

Thank you Commissioners.

I am Jennifer Harrison a resident of Mastic.

Every Long Islander needs to pay attention to what is happening here today.

I, as a taxpayer, a ratepayer, and a Long Islander, I am here to express my strong opposition to municipalization.

History has shown that municipalization or more government can lead to higher costs - costs that Long Islanders cannot afford.

My family, like many others, depend on reliable and affordable utilities. With the current economic challenges, including rising costs and inflation, we simply cannot afford the risk of municipalization leading to increased energy costs.

Government-run utilities aren't always the most efficient and when costs begin to rise the burden always falls on ratepayers and taxpayers - a double hit to our wallets.

Government-initiated changes often come with high costs and complications, and if the service deteriorates, the burden falls on the taxpayers.

Government isn't known for being efficient. When the Government makes changes, it often costs too much and gets too complicated. If things go wrong and service goes down, then we end up paying for it.

I am concerned that we don't know what we're signing up for if municipalization occurs, it could mean a higher bill at the end of the month.

My family needs reliable, affordable utilities. We're already dealing with rising costs and inflation, we cannot afford the risk of municipalization and rising energy costs

They always say it will be cheaper and then 5, 10 years from now service is down and we're paying more taxes.

Transitioning to full municipalization can be expensive and could mean delays or disruptions in service. In startup fees alone ratepayers may end up paying more.

Government isn't experienced at running a utility. Are we going to have to wait for them to learn how to do their jobs before we can turn the lights back on?

Most importantly, this isn't about the name on the door, this is about the workers who climb lines in storms to keep the lights on and they and their futures are placed at risk with this big change .

We don't need higher taxes, we need things to stay the same otherwise ratepayers are going to bear the brunt of these costs and outages

I urge you to say NO to municipalization

Thank you