Whereas, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc., (hereinafter “O & R”) as a subsidiary of an investor-owned company, must demonstrate profitability to its shareholders; and

Whereas, O&R must very occasionally request from the Public Service Commission (hereinafter “PSC”) a rate increase in order to sustain said profitability in light of increasing government fees, increasing property taxes, expanding services, inflation, and other variables; and

Whereas, the Town of Chester Town Board believes that a 6% increase to electric delivery and an 18% increase in natural gas delivery is excessive given the financial hardship that many of Chester’s taxpayers presently face; and

Whereas, the Town of Chester Town Board believes that O&R can meets its financial responsibility to its shareholders with a far lower rate increase.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Town of Chester Town Board to oppose the O&R rate increase as it presently stands and urges the PSC to limit any increase to a more reasonable and sensitive level; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of the resolution will be sent to the Secretary of the NYS Public Service Commission, Assemblyman James Skoufis, Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. and the President of Orange County Association of Towns/Cities/Villages.

Date: January 14, 2015

Moved by: Jerry Murray  2nd by Robert Valentine

Vote: 5-0  Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine, Supervisor: Alex Jamieson

MOTION CARRIED

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Chester this 14th day of January, 2015.

Linda A. Zappala, Town Clerk