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To the Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess,

As the President of the Transport Workers Union Local 101, I represent 1,600 women and men employed by National Grid. Our members include field technicians and representatives who work hard everyday to increase the safety and efficiency of natural gas delivery in New York City. I am writing in support of National Grid's rate case proposal for its New York City (KEDNY) service area.

The demand for natural gas service in New York City is continuously rising. We need to ensure that we have a safe, reliable, and economical supply of natural gas to the growing number of residents and businesses in New York. Although National Grid has done a great job for the past 100 years, their systems need to be updated in order to ensure safety and reliability when expanding to serve the next generation of gas customers. Our members include job-site inspectors and technicians who ensure that gas lines are safely installed beneath our streets, so we know firsthand that improvements are needed in order to maintain the current level of safety and efficiency we all expect from National Grid. I realize the monthly delivery charge will rise as a result, but it is a necessary investment if we want reliable gas service for the years to come. Let's support economic growth and viability in our region, and the safety of Local 101 members, by supporting National Grid.

The KEDNY rate case proposal also presents opportunities for National Grid to advance its programs in public safety, customer service, consumer education, technology applications and economic development.

We need National Grid to provide the safe, uninterrupted supply of natural gas service we all rely on, but also to keep pace with new technology so it can better understand and serve our needs in the 21st century. The future and safety of our members depends on it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Michael Conigliaro
President