



January 15, 2025

- *Case 24-G-0045: In the Matter of a Staff Investigation into a Liquid Natural Gas Incident at the Greenpoint LNG Facility Occurring on August 17, 2022, in the Service Territory of The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY.*
 - *Case 24-G-0248: In the Matter of a Review of the Long-Term Gas System Plans of The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY, KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid, and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid.*
 - *Case 20-G-0131: Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Gas Planning Procedures.*
 - *Case 23-G-0225: Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY for Gas Service.*
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Dear Commissioners and Staff,

We are writing to express our deep disappointment and concern regarding the handling of the National Grid LNG facility explosion on August 17, 2022. As a party actively advocating for the retirement of the Greenpoint LNG facility, Sane Energy Project should have been informed of this explosion immediately, as it directly relates to our ongoing efforts to highlight the facility's safety risks. Instead, we only learned about this because we saw a copy of tomorrow's consent agenda.

The lack of communication and transparency in informing our organization about this incident is unacceptable. As an active stakeholder advocating for the retirement of the Greenpoint LNG facility, Sane Energy Project should have been made aware of this explosion immediately. We urge the Public Service Commission to prioritize timely and open communication with relevant stakeholders to ensure community safety and trust.

The explosion, which led to injuries and the evacuation of the entire facility, highlights the urgent needs to address the hazards associated with aging gas infrastructure. It is crucial to note that National Grid has repeatedly demonstrated a lack of transparency and accountability in its operations. This incident further underscores the need for an expedited phaseout of fossil fuel facilities and a transition to cleaner, safer energy solutions.

In light of this incident, we demand the following actions:

1. Remove this matter from the January 16, 2025 Consent Agenda and prioritize a thorough investigation into the explosion's root causes and the implications for the future operation of the Greenpoint LNG facility.

2. Submit this case to the two ongoing Long-Term Gas Plan dockets (Case 20-G-0131 and Case 24-G-0248) to consider the safety issues surrounding gas infrastructure and the urgency of transitioning to renewable energy sources.
3. We urge the Public Service Commission to take a firm stance against National Grid's lack of transparency and to recognize the growing risks associated with aging fossil fuel facilities. It is imperative that we shift our focus and resources toward renewable energy solutions that prioritize the well-being of our communities and the environment.
4. Demand that National Grid publicly disclose a detailed plan outlining the measures it will take to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. This plan should also include steps to improve the safety and security of its aging gas infrastructure across the state.
5. Request that National Grid be required to conduct an independent, third-party audit of all its LNG facilities within the state of New York to assess their operational safety and compliance with relevant regulations. The findings of this audit should be made public and addressed promptly.
6. Call for establishing a community advisory panel consisting of local residents, environmental advocates, and other stakeholders. This panel would serve as a liaison between National Grid and the public, ensuring that the concerns of those directly affected by the company's operations are heard and addressed.

We would like to bring attention to [Sane Energy's initial comment in Case 24-G-0248](#), where we called upon the Commission to order National Grid to convene a working group that includes all relevant stakeholders to discuss the potential retirement of the Greenpoint Facility, **which, regrettably, was not given due consideration by DPS Staff or National Grid, as confirmed through a subsequent email exchange.**

This oversight not only undermines our efforts but also underscores the necessity for more transparent communication and genuine stakeholder engagement in energy infrastructure and public safety matters.

We trust that the Commission will give due consideration to our demands and take the necessary steps to ensure that the safety and well-being of the community are prioritized in all matters related to National Grid's operations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to a swift and decisive response from the Commission to protect the safety of New Yorkers and facilitate a responsible transition to clean energy.

Sincerely,
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