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JOINT LETTER FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS REGARDING NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED "RATE STABILIZATION PROPOSAL"

Re: Matter Number: 26-01149
Case Number: 26-G-0384

Petition of The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY and KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid for Authorization to Permit their Existing Base Tariff Rates to Remain in Effect During the Year Ending March 31, 2028 and Other Related Relief.

To: The Honorable Commissioners of the New York State Public Service Commission

Dear Commissioners:

We, the undersigned elected officials, write to express our urgent concerns regarding National Grid's "Rate Stabilization Proposal" currently before the New York State Public Service Commission in Case 26-G-0384.

National Grid has characterized this proposal as a "rate freeze" that will provide relief for customers. However, this characterization does not reflect the full impact of the proposal. Freezing current base delivery rates does not eliminate costs, prevent future spending, or guarantee affordability for customers. Instead, the proposal would allow National Grid to continue pursuing significant capital investments while potentially deferring costs for future recovery from customers, including carrying costs and interest.

National Grid had the option to continue operating under its existing rate plan. Instead, it has chosen to seek Commission approval of a new proposal and publicly frame that request as a benefit for customers. When a utility chooses to create a public narrative around a proposal with significant consequences for ratepayers, New Yorkers should have a transparent accounting of what is actually being proposed.

By categorizing its proposal as a rate freeze, the due process procedures of the Public Service Commission are not triggered as in the case of a major rate increase request. Consequently, an administrative law judge has not been appointed and the PSC's staff and National Grid are not required to respond to discovery requests.

We are not asking the Commission to prevent necessary investment or deny National Grid the opportunity to make its case. We are asking the Commission to ensure that any major utility spending proposal receives the level of review, transparency, and accountability that customers deserve.

Large utility capital investments should be subject to rigorous scrutiny:

- What investments are being proposed?
- Are those investments necessary and reasonable?
- Are there lower-cost or more efficient alternatives?
- Who benefits from these investments, and who ultimately pays?

These are the fundamental questions that a transparent regulatory process must answer before rate payers and our constituents are asked to bear additional costs.

We are also concerned that National Grid is seeking approval through a Petition process rather than a traditional Rate Case, raising questions about whether the proposal will receive the full evidentiary review and public transparency normally associated with major utility decisions.

The Commission's responsibility is not only to evaluate utility proposals, but also to ensure that the process itself is transparent and accountable. The public deserves clarity regarding the role of the Department of Public Service Staff in reviewing this proposal, the information relied upon by the Commission, and the basis for any decision affecting millions of customers.

We therefore respectfully urge the Public Service Commission to:

1. Ensure a complete and transparent public record in Case 26-G-0384, including all timely submitted public comments;
2. Provide clarity regarding the role of Department of Public Service Staff in reviewing this proposal and ensure appropriate transparency regarding the Commission's evaluation;
3. Make relevant information requests and responses available so that the public and interested parties can meaningfully understand the factual record before the Commission;
4. Reject National Grid's proposed "Rate Stabilization Proposal" unless and until they demonstrate, through a transparent and rigorous review process, that the proposal serves the public interest and protects customers from rate increases that may result from it.

New Yorkers are facing real affordability challenges. They deserve an energy system governed by transparency, accountability, and decisions made in the public interest. A proposal that delays scrutiny while shifting costs into the future does not represent meaningful customer protection.

We urge the Commission to execute its responsibility to protect New York ratepayers and ensure that Case 26-G-0384 receives the full and transparent review it requires by appointing an administrative law judge to oversee the proceeding and authorize use of the PSC's major rate case discovery procedures.

Sincerely,



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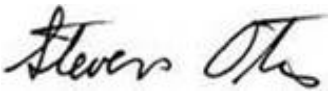

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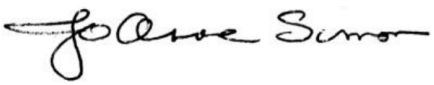

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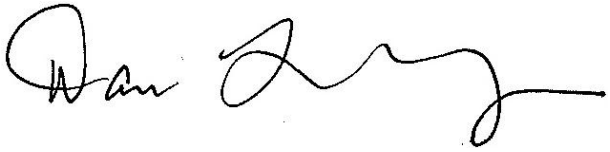

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