



June 26, 2026

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips,  
Secretary New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

**RE: Case 20-G-0131 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Gas Planning Procedures**

Dear Secretary Phillips,

In June 2025, the Legislature passed S.8417/A.8888, to eliminate the “100-foot rule” for new natural gas hookups, which costs New Yorkers hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Governor Kathy Hochul signed the bill into law on December 19, 2025.

Currently, all ratepayers of a gas utility are required by law to subsidize the first 100 feet of new gas lines for residential customers, at a cost of \$600 million every year, which compounds many times as it is paid off on gas bills for years down the road, increasing profits for utility shareholders while driving up everyone’s monthly bills. Once this legislation takes effect at the end of 2026, new residential applicants must pay the full material and installation costs for gas service, as opposed to forcing their neighbors to pay for it. This repeal of the “100-foot rule” is a win for New York’s utility customers, for cleaner air, and for a livable climate.

Updating regulations to align with this law will be a victory for utility bill affordability and the climate. It will save customers money, end an unfair subsidy to expand polluting infrastructure that is misaligned with New York’s climate goals, and promote the transition to clean, modern, affordable energy.

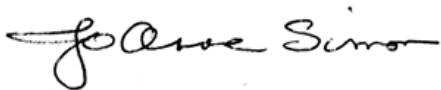
We strongly support the Department of Public Service staff’s Draft Revisions to Part 230 of Title 16 of the Public Service Law, ending the “100-foot rule.” These revisions, when implemented, will carry out the goal of this law, and end the unfair and outdated requirement for existing customers to subsidize new gas hookups.

Customers who want new gas connections can pay for them, and current customers will save money by no longer being required to pay for someone else’s gas line extension. These Draft Revisions align Public Service Law with the requirements of the legislative update signed into law December 19, 2025, and we urge the swift adoption of these revisions.

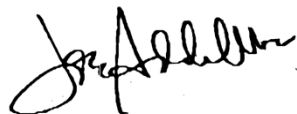
Sincerely,



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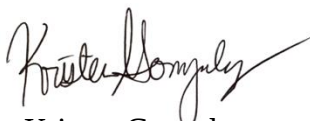
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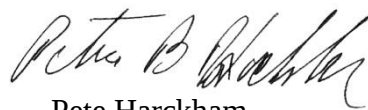
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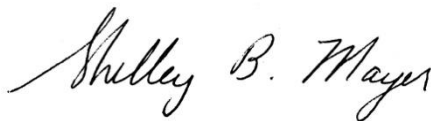
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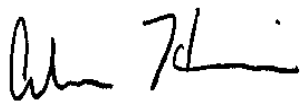
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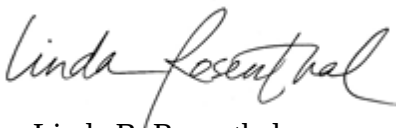
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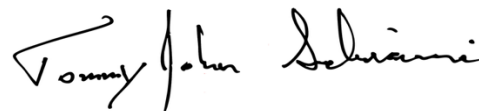
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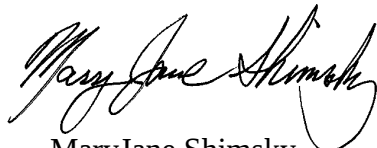
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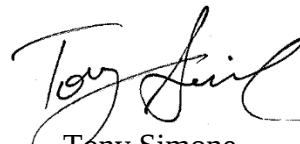
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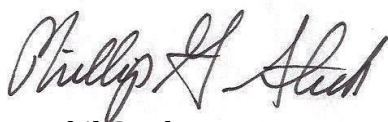
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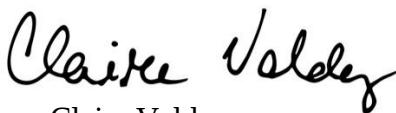
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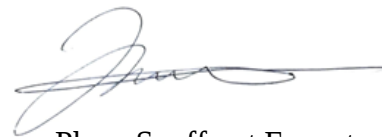
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