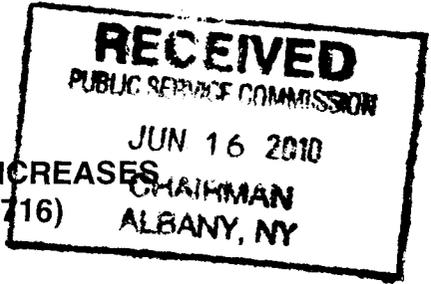


TO: MR. GARY BROWN, CHAIRMAN  
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Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223



RE: RG&E's and NYSEG's APPLICATIONS for DELIVERY RATE INCREASES  
(Cases # 09-E-0717 & # 09-G-0718, and #09-E-0715 & #09-G-0716)

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If the PSC approves this increase, you put the profits of an energy conglomerate ahead of community need. The federal government states that households should spend no more than 30% of their income on housing and utilities. Monroe County's low-income service workers already spend 70% or more of their budget on these two expenses *alone*. We cannot afford any increase in our utility bills! Local businesses will also suffer harm from this rate increase as our consumer base is depleted further by an increase that removes millions of dollars in purchasing power from our community.

Further, when you approved Iberdrola SA's buyout of RG&E and NYSEG in 2009, you stipulated that the company was liable for \$275 million in Public Benefit Adjustments (PBAs). Yet, ratepayers have not seen a dime of these so-called benefits, only one rate hike request after another. Don't allow Iberdrola to recoup the PBAs through a rate hike!

According to your charter, the Public Service Commission was established in 1907 to protect consumers from the potential abuse of monopoly power. I urge you to not abandon this responsibility. **Utility rates should go down, not up!**

Sincerely,

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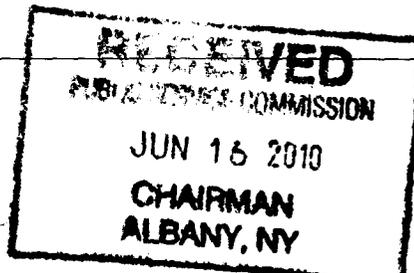
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