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of

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To: New York State Public Service Commission

From: Avoca Village Board of Trustees

RE: Memorialization of the Village of Avoca in Opposition of the Proposed
NYSEG Rate Increase Request

Date: October 10, 2025

The Avoca Board of Trustees has been made aware that on June 30, 2025 New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) requested from the Public Service Commission (PSC) an overall rate increase. It is reported that the revenue of NYSEG is approximately \$2 billion annually and NYSEG is now seeking an electric rate increase of 18.4% which is an increase of 35% in delivery charges alone to take place May 1, 2026. This is following years of increases in the past where many of our village residents are barely able to pay their utilities while the company garners significant profits. Where natural gas is provided by NYSEG, a 22% increase is requested and a 39% increase in delivery charges according to their own June 23, 2025 filings.

The Village Board Trustees represent residents in a rural community where power is supplied to them by New York State Electric and Gas. The beautiful and natural landscape of our surrounding hills are now filled with renewal windmill power and the Village is currently being targeted for a large solar array which will partially be within our village. Windmills and solar arrays are being advertised and pushed to reduce energy costs, not increase the already overwhelming financial burdens placed on residents just to supply the necessary energy to their households. NYSEG is intending to be 70% supplied by renewable energy by 2030 and carbon free by 2040 and now claims to be facing \$19 billion in costs in updating infrastructure. The projected increase now increase requested by NYSEG greatly outpaces the last three cost of living increases of 2.5% in 2024, 3.2% in 2023 and 8.7% in 2022.

The Village of Avoca Board of Trustees has discussed the notice put forth for the proposed cost increases by NYSEG and the elected officials of the Village of Avoca strongly opposes the increase rates suggested by NYSEG. The Village of Avoca Board of Trustees is requesting the Public Service Commission deny the requested rate increase following the 22% increase for NYSEG over the last three years. It is sincerely hoped that this request for consideration on this matter does not fall on deaf ears and the residents of a small community's voices will be heard, the same residents who daily lives would be detrimentally impacted if this proposed rate increase is approved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Village of Avoca Board of Trustees

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