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John B. Rhodes, Chairman
Department of Public Service
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 3
Albany, New York 12242

Dear Chairman Rhodes,

I am writing to you having just experienced yet another round of power outages leaving, once again, thousands of NYSEG customers in Northern Westchester and Putnam County in the dark. For many, this marks the tenth outage of the year.

The power was out, not because a tornado touched down, or a microburst devastated a neighborhood or a summertime nor'easter came through. The lights went out because it rained and the wind blew a bit.

Enough is enough. As the state agency who oversees the "affordable, safe, secure and reliable access to electric..." as stated within the PSC's mission statement, it is time for you to act.

It is clear NYSEG cannot deliver reliable power to its customers. Therefore, it is past time for your agency to reopen the franchise for this region to allow a capable power producer to take over.

The time for talk has passed. People do not want to see another meaningless investigation by your agency resulting in lip service and empty promises. It is the responsibility of NYSEG to keep the lights on, and it is your job to make sure they do it.

If you are unable or unwilling to accomplish this, I respectfully request, in writing, an explanation to be shared with the thousands of customers who deserve to know why New York State is not properly holding NYSEG accountable.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Terrence P. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Terrence P. Murphy
New York State Senator
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