



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Electrical Service Upgrade Needed in Laurens

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ONEONTA, 02/23/12 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) has called on New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) to upgrade electrical service in the Town and Village of Laurens in Otsego County.

A number of constituents have contacted Senator Seward concerning frequent power outages. Seward recently convened a meeting with representatives from the Town and Village of Laurens, Laurens Central School District and NYSEG to discuss the unacceptable

situation.

**“Bringing the parties together for a face to face discussion was a beneficial first step,”** said Senator Seward. **“The discussion included a review of past problems and a conversation regarding some potential fixes – now NYSEG must act to improve service for those who live and work in Laurens.”**

Senator Seward, in a letter to NYSEG President Mark S. Lynch, states:

**“Residents have become so accustomed to power outages that they treat them as a way of life. In this day and age that is simply unacceptable. Further, this infrastructure inadequacy has become a detriment to attracting businesses to an already struggling community. Ratepayers are angry, and I share their growing resentment about the mediocre service they are receiving for the rates they are paying.”**

Seward says repeated power failures and unreliable service are unacceptable and if the situation is not rectified he will involve the New York Public Service Commission.

**“There are several improvement options worth exploring and I look forward to collaborating with local officials and NYSEG to provide a positive outcome for Laurens,”** Seward concluded.