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June 27, 2017 – Today, Senator Ken LaValle and Assemblyman Fred Thiele demanded that PSEG-Long Island (PSEG-LI) bury overhead electrical lines between Riverhead and Eastport. The lawmakers believe the PSEG-LI decisions were made without regard to the residents, the character of the area, and the environmental impact of the newly installed poles and large foundations. Additionally, Senator LaValle and Assemblyman Thiele stated that the installation of the new, larger diameter and taller poles were made without adequate disclosure as to the size of the structures.

Senator Ken LaValle said “Once again, PSEG-LI has failed to consider the community and the environmental impact of their actions. I have long fought to maintain the rural character of all of the hamlets in my senate district. Our communities deserve reliable power, but these industrial towers are not the method to deliver it. As representatives of our constituents, Assemblyman Thiele and I are demanding that the new towers be removed in their entirety, and that the electric cables be buried under ground.”

Assemblyman Fred Thiele said, “This is not the first time we have had difficulty with PSEG transmission lines. This is merely the first time in these communities. Enough is enough. These poles are completely at odds with the rural character of our area and must be removed. The only acceptable solution is to remove the current structures and bury the electric cables. PSEG-LI needs to learn not to desecrate our beautiful communities.”

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