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September 23, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I write to formally request that you intervene and call for the indefinite postponement of a pending decision by the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) to vote on whether to alter its structure and which company will be awarded a multi-million dollar management service contract.

The Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations held a hearing on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to investigate LIPA's pre-hurricane planning, response time, and failed customer support system. The subsequent testimony and questioning revealed a disturbing lack of communication between LIPA, National Grid and the affected municipalities and their residents.

The total mismanagement of Tropical Storm Irene and the recently announced \$600 million pension obligation facing LIPA mandates that an independent study on the current and future structure of the Authority must be conducted by energy experts immediately.

LIPA has indicated they will take an official vote on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a significant decision that warrants additional time to insure the optimum outcome is rendered for Long Island and its' energy ratepayers.



Only following a complete independent study and a thorough review of ongoing LIPA investigations should any official decision on LIPA's future be undertaken. Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,



Senator Carl L. Marcellino



Senator Owen H. Johnson



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Senator Jack Martins



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