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July 6, 2015

Public Service Commission  
Hon. Kathleen Burgess, Secretary  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Agency Building 3  
Albany, NY 12223

RE: 14-E-0493 / 14-G-0494

Dear Ms. Burgess:

I am writing in opposition to Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc's rate increase proposal.

While I understand the need to maintain and upgrade infrastructure, I am opposed to increasing customer costs in order to do so. With tax payers struggling to make ends meet, and municipalities and school districts abiding by the state tax cap, a utility rate hike is an unnecessary burden on our communities.

I urge Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. to meet their infrastructure improvement needs through cost-cutting measures, much like their customers have been forced to do with their household budgets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Bonacic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**JOHN J. BONACIC**  
State Senator

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