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SENATOR MICHAEL N. GIANARIS
12TH DISTRICT
DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER

November 8, 2021

Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor
New York State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

I write to express my opposition to the Public Service Commission's (PSC) recent decision to approve a rate hike in the downstate National Grid region. I am asking that you conduct a review of their decision, which I believe is flawed and does not comport with the spirit or letter of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

The PSC did not perform any accounting of National Grid's greenhouse gas emissions yet summarily concluded the rate hike complied with CLCPA, which the PSC acknowledges applies to rate hike cases. National Grid's stated reason for this rate hike is to pay for the North Brooklyn Pipeline and additional fossil fuel infrastructure projects.

We have seen the devastation the climate crisis has ravaged on Queens and other coastal areas. We cannot afford to continue investing in fossil fuel infrastructure. Ratepayers in frontline communities paying more money for this infrastructure are perversely forced to contribute to the ongoing destruction of their own neighborhoods.

I appreciate your ongoing commitment to achieving the goals outlined in the CLCPA and your efforts to work together to combat the climate crisis. I look forward to the results of your review of this decision from the PSC.

Sincerely,


Senator Michael Gianaris
Deputy Majority Leader

