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Hon. Dina M. DeGiorgio
Councilwoman – 6th District
Town of North Hempstead
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Dear Councilwoman DeGiorgio:

My staff and I appreciated the opportunity to meet on Friday, April 4, 2014 to discuss your concerns regarding the installation of new transmission poles by PSEG-Long Island in your community. We found the meeting to be productive and very informative.

As discussed, the Department of Public Service (DPS) has commenced an independent review to determine the reliability need associated with the ongoing project. We anticipate completing this reliability review by Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Upon completion, we will provide the officials that we met on April 4 you with the results. The results of the reliability study will help determine if there is any merit to stop the project.

The Department will also be conducting a review of the incremental costs associated with burying the power line in your community. We anticipate completing that study by mid-May. Upon completion, we will provide you with the results.

The Department will also be reviewing the public outreach process used to inform elected officials and the community about this project. Given the apparent issues that have arisen, we

will be making recommendations to PSEG-LI on ways to improve its outreach to elected officials and communities going forward.

Furthermore, we will ask PSEG-LI to send to the Department the reliability needs analysis used to form the basis of its decision to move ahead with the Port Washington to Great Neck overhead transmission project. We will then provide the results of the analysis to the officials we met on April 4 in a manner that protects the critical infrastructure information found in the report. Finally, we will ask PSEG-LI to put together a more comprehensive look at its reliability plans over next several years, and to have them share this 'blueprint' with local communities.

Through this process, we look to ensure communities remain informed about changes PSEG-LI is considering, while also including a thorough analysis of alternatives designed to meet reliability needs, such as energy efficiency, demand response and renewable energy options that would help reduce the impact on the local environment. For our part, we will ensure that the utility conducts an adequate and thorough outreach and education process regarding these long-term reliability need projects.

As we stated at our meeting, the Department is intent to ensure that its oversight of PSEG-LI will result in better service and improved reliability for electricity customers on Long Island.

Sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer