

**Town Board Meeting
Town of Bergen
July 11, 2017**

I Audit of the bills 6:45pm, Call to Order 7:00pm.

Prayer Almighty God, grant us wisdom that we may remember as we work, that we are servants of our constituency and all our decisions should be in the best interests of the Town and its citizens, entirely unblemished by any thoughts of personal benefit. Bless us with tolerance and understanding for opinions differing from our own and help us keep an open mind in gathering information before voting on all issues. Help us overcome any ignorance of our duties and enable us to learn more of the intricacies of the roles we have assumed. May we rest assured to know You are with us and will guide us through all we do. Amen.

Pledge to the flag

II Privilege of the Floor: - None Scheduled

III Approval of Meeting Minutes for – June 27, 2017.

IV Communications:

1. Supervisors Report for June 2017
2. Summary Spreadsheets for June 2017
3. Town Clerks Report for June 2017
4. ZEO / CEO Report for June 2017
5. Standard Workday Resolution with corrected record for Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent.
6. Letter from A.O.T., Re: Position on NYS Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits Act (S.1411-b / A.711-b)
7. Notification of changes from Charter Communications
8. Notification from NYS Dept of Public Service, Re Niagara Mohawk Power Corp, dba National Grid rate changes and public hearings
9. Email & Sample Letter from GCEDC, Re: Legislation to allow PILO's to be factored in Tax Levy Growth Factor.

V Board Members' items for addition to the agenda

VI Reports:

- Zoning / Code Enforcement
- Highway
- Committees**
 - Buildings, Grounds & Facilities
 - Update on CDBG process
- Parks
- Local History & Museum
- Policies & Personnel

VII Old Business:

VIII New Business:

- Discussion / Approval of Resolution with corrected record for Town Clerk & Highway Superintendent
- Discuss sample letter from GCEDC.

IX Reports & Bills: - Action to file Town Clerks & Supervisors Report
- Detailed budget reports provided separately due to size
- Approve payment of the bills.

X Next Meeting Day: Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 25th , 7:00 pm in the Courtroom

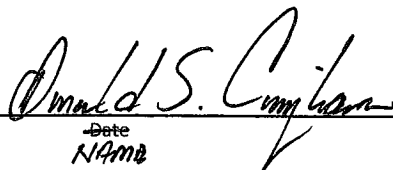
XI Adjournment.

TOWN OF BERGEN
MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR
June 2017

FUND #		No.	FUND	5/31/2017 BALANCES	Increases	Decreases	6/30/2017 BALANCES
A	GENERAL TOWNWIDE	200	CASH - CHECKING	236,446 07	54,237 27	54,060 46	236,622 88
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	343,271 58	36,282 16	94,161 28	285,392 46
		231	CASH - CASH RESERVE	-			-
		TOTAL	579,717 65 ✓	90,519 43	148,221 74	522,015 34 ✓	
B	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	200	CASH - CHECKING	4,416 91	1,727 19	1,727 19	4,416 91
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	383,792.84	1,847 00	4,149 60	381,490 24
		TOTAL	388,209.75 ✓	3,574 19	5,876 79	385,907 15 ✓	
DB	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	200	CASH - CHECKING	97,839 60	48,072 80	48,072 80	97,839 60
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	330,354 38		65,020 30	265,334 08
		TOTAL	428,193 98 ✓	48,072 80	113,093 10	363,173 68 ✓	
SM	FIRE DISTRICT	200	CASH - CHECKING	-			-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	2,576 01			2,576 01
		TOTAL	2,576 01 ✓	-	-	2,576 01 ✓	
SWA	DEBT SERVICE 2	200	CASH - CHECKING	-	-	-	-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	80,558 80			80,558 80
		TOTAL	80,558 80 ✓	-	-	80,558 80 ✓	
SWB	DEBT SERVICE 3	200	CASH - CHECKING	-			-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	58,269 56	-	16,756 87	41,512 69
		TOTAL	58,269 56 ✓	-	16,756 87	41,512 69 ✓	
VA	TOWN HALL RELOCATION	200	CASH - CHECKING	-			-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	40,015 49			40,015 49
		TOTAL	40,015 49 ✓	-	-	40,015 49 ✓	
VB	PEACHEY RD WATER DISTRICT	200	CASH - CHECKING	-			-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	34,875 76			34,875.76
		TOTAL	34,875 76 ✓	-	-	34,875 76 ✓	
TA	TRUST & AGENCY	200	CASH - CHECKING	44,550 63	40,262 67	39,995 54	44,817 76
		TOTAL	44,550 63 ✓	40,262.67	39,995 54	44,817 76 ✓	
L	LIBRARY	200	CASH - CHECKING	-	6,727 10	6,727 10	-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	159,588 23	1,629 69	6,727 10	154,490 82
		231	CASH - MONEY MARKET	20,801 99			20,801.99
		TOTAL	180,390.22 ✓	8,356.79	13,454 20	175,292 81	
		TOTAL ALL FUNDS		1,837,357 85 ✓	190,785 88	337,398 24	1,690,745 49 ✓

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of

June 2017

 07/10/17
 Date
 Name

Month: June 2017																							
PAYROLL		A		B		DB		SM		SWA		SWB		L		TA		VA		VB			
DEP & TRANSFERS																							
Pay 1	\$ 15 741 88	\$ 6 166 04	\$ 1 149 95	\$ 8 425 89																			
Pay 2	\$ 24 520 79	\$ 14 726 72	\$ 1 272 46	\$ 8 521 61																			
Pay 3	\$ -																						
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -																			
Total Dep & Trans	\$ 40,262.67	\$ 20 892 76	\$ 2 422 41	\$ 16 947 50													\$ 40,262.67						
DISBURSEMENTS																							
Pay 1 Net Pay																	\$ 10 054 31						
Pay 2 Net Pay																	\$ 15 888 77						
Pay 3 Net Pay																	\$ -						
Pay 4 Net Pay																	\$ -						
NYS retirement																	\$ 968 98						
Payroll Tax Liabilities																	\$ 10 134 37						
Aflac																	\$ 87 36						
Union																	\$ 220 00						
NYS Def Comp																	\$ 2 275 69						
Dental																	\$ 181 73						
Payroll billing credit																	\$ 184 33						
Total Disb	\$ 39,995.54																\$ 39,995.54						
ACCT BAL	\$ 44,817.76																						
CLOSING BAL		FUND		A		B		DB		SM		SWA		SWB		L		TA		VA		VB	
Cash Accts		CASH Balance		Townwide		Outside Village		Hwy Outside Village		Fire District		Water District		Peachey Water District		Library		Payroll/Rec		Town Hall Reloc		Peachey Water District	
Operating	\$ 338,879.39	\$ 236 622 88	\$ 4 416 91	\$ 97 839 60	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Payroll	\$ 44,817.76																	\$ 44 817 76					
Savings	\$ 1,307,048 34	\$ 285 392 46	\$ 381 490 24	\$ 265 334 08	\$ 2 576 01	\$ 80 558 80	\$ 41 512 69	\$ 175 292 81										\$ -		\$ 40 015 49		\$ 34 875 76	
Rec/Park Res		\$ -																					
Total All	\$ 1,690,745.49	\$ 522,015.34	\$ 385,907 15	\$ 363,173 68	\$ 2,576.01	\$ 80,558.80	\$ 41,512.69	\$ 175,292.81						\$ 44,817.76		\$ 40,015 49		\$ 34,875.76					

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
	Marriage License	Marriage License	2	35.00
		Sub-Total:		\$35.00
A1255	Clerk Fees	Certified Copies	2	20.00
		Unlicensed Dog Fee	1	5.00
	Conservation	Conservation	7	9.12
		Sub-Total:		\$34.12
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	22	110.00
		Female, Unspayed	6	108.00
		Male, Neutered	24	120.00
		Male, Unneutered	4	72.00
		Purebred Licenses	1	30.00
		Replacement Tags	1	3.00
	Late Fees	Late Fees	1	5.00
		Sub-Total:		\$448.00
B1560	Building & Zoning	Electric Inspection	2	80.00
		Sub-Total:		\$80.00
B2110	Building & Zoning	Building Permit	3	120.00
		Zoning	4	120.00
		Sub-Total:		\$240.00
B2130	Solid Waste	Garbage Bag	1583	3,166.00
		Transfer Sta. 10.00	64	640.00
		Transfer Sta. 5.00	10	50.00
		Sub-Total:		\$3,856.00
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$4,693.12
Amount paid to	N Y State Department Of Health			45.00
Amount paid to	NYS Ag & Markets for spay/neuter program			88.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			155.88
Total State, County & Local Revenues:				\$4,982.00
		Total Non-Local Revenues:		\$288.88

To the Supervisor

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk, Town of Bergen during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law

Supervisor

Date

Town Clerk

Date

Michele M. Smith 7/6/17

Cash Receipts Report

06/29/2017
5 54 20PM

From 06/01/2017 To 06/29/2017

For User All

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Payment Date: 06/01/2017**Module:** Permit**Transaction:** BP-0013-2017**Type:** Permit App**Payor:** Christopher Jolliff**Payment Amount:** \$60 00**Payment Type:****Payment #:****Payment Detail:**

Check #1676

00000167

\$60 00

Fee Type**Fee Amount**

Zoning Permit

\$30 00

Deck

\$30 00

Permit Group Totals: \$60 00**06/01/2017 Group Totals:** \$60.00**Payment Date: 06/05/2017****Module:** Permit**Transaction:** BP-0014-2017**Type:** Permit App**Payor:** todd audsley**Payment Amount:** \$95 00**Payment Type:****Payment #:****Payment Detail:**

Check #331

00000169

\$95 00

Fee Type**Fee Amount**

Zoning Permit

\$30 00

Acc Structure

\$65 00

Permit Group Totals: \$95 00**06/05/2017 Group Totals:** \$95.00**Payment Date: 06/19/2017****Module:** Permit**Transaction:** BP-0015-2017**Type:** Permit App**Payor:** Stefanie Miller**Payment Amount:** \$30 00**Payment Type:****Payment #:****Payment Detail:**

Check #1546

00000168

\$30 00

Fee Type**Fee Amount**

Zoning Permit

\$30 00

Permit Group Totals: \$30 00**06/19/2017 Group Totals:** \$30.00**Payment Date: 06/22/2017****Module:** Permit**Transaction:** BP-0016-2017**Type:** Permit App**Payor:** Churchville electric**Payment Amount:** \$40 00**Payment Type:****Payment #:****Payment Detail:**

Check #2121

00000170

\$40 00

Fee Type**Fee Amount**

res generator

\$40 00

Transaction: BP-0017-2017**Type:** Permit App**Payor:** Churchville electric**Payment Amount:** \$40 00**Payment Type:****Payment #:****Payment Detail:**

Check #2121

00000171

\$40 00

Fee Type**Fee Amount**

res generator

\$40 00

Permit Group Totals: \$80 00**06/22/2017 Group Totals:** \$80.00**Payment Date: 06/24/2017**

Transaction: BP-0019-2017

Type: Permit App

Payor: Thomas M Tiefel

Payment Amount:

\$55 00

Payment Type:

Payment Detail:

Check #1372

\$55 00

Payment #:

00000172

Fee Type

Fee Amount

Swimming Pool Insp

\$25 00

Zoning Permit

\$30 00

Permit Group Totals:

\$55 00

06/24/2017 Group Totals:

\$55.00

Totals:

Check

\$320 00

Grand Total:

\$320 00

Permit Status Report

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June 01, 2017 - June 29, 2017

For Permit Type All

Permit #	Applicant	Parcel Location	SBL#	Permit Type	Issued	Status
BP-0013-2017	Christopher Jolliff	7338 Cook Rd	9 -1-47 111	Res-Deck	6/1/2017	Open
BP-0014-2017	Charlie Cook	Charlie Cook 5898 west sweden rd	9.-1-48.2	Res-Acc Structure	6/5/2017	Open
BP-0016-2017	Joseph Nenni	6620 North Lake Rd	6 -1-37 112	Res-Generator	6/22/2017	Open
BP-0017-2017	Gerald Fulmer	8457 Peachey Rd	7.-1-49	Res-Generator	6/24/2017	Open
BP-0018-2017	Thomas Tiefel	7268 North Bergen Rd	9 -1-13 1	Res-Swimming Pool	6/29/2017	Open
BP-0019-20117	Charlie Cook	Charlie Cook 5898 west sweden rd	9.-1-48.2	Res.1-2 Family Dwelling	6/25/2017	Open

Total # Permits : 6

TOWN OF BERGEN

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RHONDA SAULSBURY

JULY 11, 2017

STANDARD WORKDAY CORRECTED RESOLUTION COUNCILWOMAN OFFERED RESOLUTION #8-2017 FOR CORRECTED STANDARD WORKDAY DAY REPORTING FOR TOWN CLERK AND HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN AND IT CARRIED BY A VOTE -0.

TOWN OF BERGEN RESOLUTION #8 -2017

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF BERGEN HEREBY ESTABLISHES THE FOLLOWING AS STANDARD WORK DAYS FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND WILL REPORT THE FOLLOWING DAYS WORKED TO THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BASED ON THE RECORD OF ACTIVITIES MAINTAINED BY THESE OFFICIALS TO THE CLERK OF THE BODY.

	NAME	STANDARD WORK DAY (HRS. / DAY)	TERM BEGINS/ENDS	PARTICIPATES IN EMPLOYERS TIME KEEPING SYSTEM. (Y/N)	LOG OR TIME SHEETS SUBMITTED (Y/N)	DAYS / MONTH (BASED ON RECORD OF ACTIVITIES)
ELECTED OFFICIALS						
TOWN CLERK	MICHELE SMITH	6	01/01/2016-12/31/2019	N	Y	21.96
RECEIVER OF TAXES	MICHELE SMITH	6	01/01/2016-12/31/2019	N	Y	INCLUDED ABOVE
APPOINTED OFFICIALS						
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	MICHAEL JOHNSON	8	01/01/2016-12/31/2019	N	Y	38.19

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ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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150 State Street Albany New York 12207 • Phone (518) 465-7933 • Fax (518) 465-0724

June 23, 2017

Dear Supervisor

We recently received some calls regarding our opposition of the ***New York State Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits Act (S.1411-b / A.711-b)***, which requires fire districts, fire departments and fire companies to provide a new benefit to eligible volunteer firefighters who develop certain forms of cancer and recently passed both the state Senate and Assembly. We value the service and security volunteers provide for our communities and regularly advocate for increased benefits. However, after careful deliberation and research, we submitted a memo of opposition to this specific bill, and I wanted to take this opportunity to explain how we arrived at our position as well as clear up some misconceptions we've been hearing about the proposed legislation.

- **Mandatory.** Unlike prior versions of the bill that gave municipalities the choice to opt out of providing this new benefit, this version of the bill was amended in the final weeks of session to make participation mandatory.
- **Unfunded.** The legislation does not establish or identify a state funding source, therefore, real property taxes levied in support of a town fire protection district, which are included in the towns' allowable levy limit under the tax cap, will pay for this benefit. In our memo, we suggested that the state adopt a state funded program similar to the one enacted in Michigan.
- **Lack of fiscal analysis.** This bill did not contain any local fiscal impact statement, research or estimates, therefore, we have no information on how much this legislation will cost local taxpayers.
- **VFBL-Provided Cancer Benefit.** Under the Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Law (VFBL), a volunteer firefighter who can demonstrate that he or she developed cancer as a result of his or her fire service is currently entitled to medical care and other financial assistance, which is funded by town taxpayers. This legislation provides an additional benefit that presumes that an eligible individual developed cancer as a result of their fire service regardless of whether they would be able to meet the requirements of the VFBL.
- **Uncertain Insurance Market.** Because this legislation amends the General Municipal Law rather than the VFBL, it is unclear what types of insurance products (if any) will be available to support this new benefit. We are also uncertain of what the premiums might cost.

Because there is already a law in place to provide coverage to firefighters who develop cancer from their volunteer duties, we ultimately had to consider the impacts this legislation would have on our members, many of which are already under inordinate amounts of fiscal stress from the tax cap and scores of other unfunded mandates. We do not stand alone in our concern, and other municipal organizations stated their opposition due to similar concerns. As always, we are available for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gerry Geist
Executive Director

07/05/17

June 30, 2017

Dear Municipal Official:

This letter gives notice that the following changes will be made to your channel lineup:

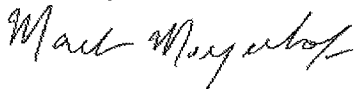
- Universal HD will cease transmission of this channel on all service levels on or about July 14, 2017
- The Olympic Channel will be launched on the SPP Tier 1 (Silver) level of service in SD & HD on or about July 14, 2017
- WROC – CBS on Starter TV will no longer be available on or about August 14, 2017 in the Alfred and Orleans/Niagara line ups. CBS programming will remain on WIVB

For a complete lineup, visit spectrum.com/channels.

To view this notice online, visit spectrum.net/programmingnotices

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 716-686-4446 or via email at mark.meyerhofer@charter.com.

Sincerely,



Mark Meyerhofer
Director, Government Affairs
Charter Communications

WNY

09/05/17



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June 30, 2017

Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

In April 2017, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, requested that the New York State Public Service Commission approve a proposed increase in its electric and gas delivery rates. National Grid serves approximately 3.2 million customers in 37 counties in Upstate, Central and Western New York State.

To ensure full public participation, the Commission will hold public statement hearings throughout National Grid's service territory to solicit input and public comments regarding the proposed increases. Each hearing will be preceded by an information session where a National Grid representative will describe the Company's filing and Department of Public Service Staff will explain the rate case process and how individuals can participate. The public comments will be considered by the Commission in deciding this case.

The enclosed fact sheet provides an overview of the Company's proposal, information on how to participate in the public statement hearings and available options to submit comments on the National Grid proceeding. Information about the rate proposal can be found at the Commission's www.dps.ny.gov web site. From the homepage, click on "Search," and enter the case number (17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

It is the Commission's intent to facilitate and encourage active and meaningful participation throughout all of its proceedings. We hope you will consider joining us at one of the hearings listed below.

Sincerely,

Michael Corso
Consumer Advocate

Enc.

07/05/17

The public statement hearing dates and locations for the National Grid rate proposal are as follows:

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, July 25	Schenectady County Community College Stockade 101 78 Washington Avenue Schenectady, NY 12305	Information Session – 1 pm Public Statement Hearing – 2 pm
Tuesday, July 25	Hilton Garden Inn Sage II Conference Room 235 Hoosick Street Troy, NY 12180	Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Thursday, July 27	Lake Placid Olympic Conference Center 2608 Main Street Lake Placid, NY 12946	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Monday, July 31	Nottingham High School Auditorium 3100 East Genesee Street Syracuse, NY 13224	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Tuesday, August 1	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Gallery Conference Room 1 Lafayette Square Buffalo, NY 14203	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm



Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid Proposed Rate Increase

In April 2017, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid requested that the New York State Public Service Commission approve a proposed increase in its electric and gas delivery service rates. National Grid serves approximately 3.2 million customers in 37 counties in Upstate, Central and Western New York State.

The utility's filing includes the utility's proposed new rates and the supporting documentation to justify its proposal. Once the filing was received, a formal rate case proceeding was initiated. Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff began an analysis of the Company's request to evaluate whether – or to what extent – a rate increase is justified. DPS represents the public interest in rate proceedings and evaluates such requests with the goal of ensuring safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates. Review of the National Grid filing is also underway by other parties to the proceeding.

SUMMARY OF THE RATE CASE

On April 28, 2017, National Grid filed for new electric and gas delivery rates to be effective beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019. According to the filing, the Company's proposal will enable National Grid to continue to provide safe and reliable electric and gas service. National Grid asserts that the rate request will also allow the Company to provide enhanced low-income customer programs, modernize the electric distribution system, and create programs providing customers with the opportunity to better manage their energy consumption.

Proposed Rates:

An electric or gas bill consists of two parts: delivery and supply. The *delivery* charge is the cost to transport the electricity or gas to customers throughout the utility's system. This fee is regulated by the Commission. The *supply* charge is the cost of the electricity or gas itself. This cost is determined by the competitive market place and is not controlled by the Commission or the utility.

Electric Rates: Under this proposal, National Grid requests an increase in annual electric delivery revenues by approximately \$326 million (a 22.8% delivery revenue increase or 13% increase in total revenues). If the proposed rate request were to be approved, the Company estimates that the monthly bill for electric service to a residential heating customer using 600 kWh per month will increase by approximately \$11.23 (21.8% increase on the delivery charge or a 13.9% increase on the total bill).

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Gas Rates: For its gas business, National Grid is requesting a delivery revenue increase of approximately \$81 million (24% increase in base delivery revenues, or 14% increase in total revenues). The Company projects that the requested increase in delivery revenues will result in a monthly bill increase of about \$10.38 (24.8% on the delivery charge or 14.9% increase on the total bill) for an average residential heating customer using 77 therms per month.

Rate Case Components:

- **Electric Transmission and Distribution System Improvements:** National Grid proposes several new or enhanced programs to increase the reliability, safety and resiliency of the electric transmission and distribution systems. The Company is proposing enhanced tree trimming to address reliability concerns arising from Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Additionally, National Grid's proposal includes expenditures to address new load growth on its system as well as aging infrastructure replacement.
- **System Modernization:** The Company proposes several new initiatives to modernize their electric distribution system. These initiatives, such as the development of a distributed generation interconnection portal, will enable new technologies to be integrated onto the system. Additionally investment in this area will provide for greater system visualization, and increased automation leading to improvements in outage restoration.
- **Low Income Programs:** National Grid proposes to enhance its low income programs, including providing tiered monthly bill discounts to customers who receive a Home Energy Assistance Program benefit and establishing a fuel conversion program to convert low-income customers living near a gas main at no cost.
- **New Programs:** National Grid is proposing new programs to engage customers. The Company plans to develop a residential solar marketplace to inform customers and match customers interested in installing solar panels with providers in the area. The Company is also proposing a geothermal heating and cooling project to explore the use of underground heat exchangers used in combination with advanced solar hot water panels.
- **Street Lighting:** National Grid proposes to make Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights the standard for replacement for luminaire failures in the event the failure cannot be remedied by simple maintenance such as a bulb replacement. The Company also plans on implementing an energy efficiency program that provides incentives to facilitate municipalities' conversion to LED street lights.
- **Leak Prone Pipe Retirement:** National Grid has approximately 675 miles of leak prone pipe (LPP) inventory. The Company proposes to accelerate current LPP retirement efforts to 50 miles per year, which will result in the retirement of the entire LPP inventory within fifteen years. The Company proposes to either increase, maintain or modify its existing leak backlog, emergency response, damage prevention and compliance measures.
- **Gas Business Enablement:** To address aged computer systems, manage regulatory compliance, standardize operational processes and enhance work management, the Company is proposing to develop new information systems programs collectively called Gas Business Enablement (GBE). According to National Grid, the benefits of the GBE system are providing more efficient asset management, operational effectiveness, establishment of standard processes and training for its employees and enhanced customer interaction.
- **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI):** National Grid proposes to replace its electric and gas metering technology with AMI and AMI-compatible technology that will provide customers with more detailed information regarding their energy consumption.

The full text of the rate case may be viewed online at DPS's www.dps.ny.gov website. From the homepage, click on "Search," and enter the case number (17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

For major gas and electric utility filings, the Commission is required to render a decision on the rate request within 11 months. Under New York State Law, the Commission must consider a utility's proposal and may adopt or reject it in whole or in part, or modify it by adopting changes proposed by participating parties, the general public or the Commission.

The Commission strongly believes that obtaining public input is a critical component of the rate setting process. Stakeholders such as consumers, government agencies and officials, public interest and environmental groups and industry representatives are invited to participate in the process, review the proposal and submit comments. An Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will preside over the gathering of public comments and all evidence relating to the rate request.

There are several ways to participate in the rate case process, including:

- **Provide Comments:** Comments submitted through the methods indicated below will be accepted at any point while this proceeding is pending. All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission:
 - **Via Public Statement Hearings:** The Commission will hold hearing in multiple locations in National Grid's service territory during July and August 2017. Interested members of the public are invited to attend the public statement hearings and provide comments regarding the proposal. The hearings will be preceded by an information session where a National Grid representative will describe the Company's filing and DPS Staff will explain the rate case process and how individuals can participate. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material in order to speak at the hearings.
 - **Via the Department's Website:** Comments may also be entered directly into the case via the www.dps.ny.gov website. Enter the associated case numbers (17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239) in the "Search by Case Number" field on the homepage of the website. After clicking to open the case, enter comments in the "Post Comments" section located at the top of the page.
 - **Via Mail/E-Mail:** Submit comments electronically to Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments delivered in these manners should reference "National Grid Rate Case" (17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239).
 - **Via Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to comment by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments about Cases 17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239 "National Grid Rate Case." Comments received via the Opinion Line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission for their consideration.

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- **Request Party Status:** Some individuals or groups participate in rate cases by becoming a party in the case. Generally, parties commit to contribute to the development of a complete record in a proceeding by conducting discovery, submitting testimony, briefs, or other formal written comments, and/or participating in evidentiary hearings, procedural conferences and other formal events conducted in the case. A request for party status can be submitted online through the Commission's www.dps.ny.gov website by searching for the case numbers and clicking the "Request for Party Status" link at the top of the Case page. Alternatively, a request form can be downloaded from the website or by writing to the ALJ, NYS Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223. The requestor will be provisionally given party status, subject to the right of other parties to object and subject to the determination of the ALJ.
- **Join the Service List:** Interested persons who wish to monitor the proceedings of a particular case can do so without the formal commitment to become a party to the proceeding. The persons who subscribe to the service list of a case will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulings. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Commission-issued documents by regular mail.

To register online, click on the "Subscribe to Service List" link at the top of the dedicated page for Cases 17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239. A "Service List and Mail Service List Request Form" can be downloaded from the site and the completed form sent by e-mail to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to: Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350.
- **Monitor the Case on the Commission Website:** Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive e-mail notifications can view our website at their convenience to check on the status of a case. For a given case, all documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and Commission issued documents are posted on the website. All comments submitted by the public are posted under the 'public comments' tab for the case.

Donald Cunningham

From: Rachael Tabelski [rtabelski@gcedc.com]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 4:44 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Please Support the Governor Signing of A.1841-A/ S.2122-A (Morelle/ O'Mara) PILOTs factored into 2% tax cap formula

June 26, 2017

Dear Elected Officials and School Superintendents:

Since the 2% tax cap legislation has been in effect there have been difficulties recoding Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) properties into the "Tax Levy Growth Factor" due to how the law was written. The referenced legislation has passed both the Assembly and the Senate in the 2017 session (A.1841-A/ S.2122-A Morelle/ O'Mara), and will generate additional revenue for school districts and other local governments. It will treat Industrial Development Agencies (IDA) projects the same as other property for purposes of the two percent real property tax cap.

Now we are asking you to **encourage the Governor to sign the legislation, and enact it into law.**

Please see the sample letter below and consider submitting a similar letter to the Executive Chamber. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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SAMPLE LETTER

Mr. Alphonso David, Esq.
Counsel to the Governor
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Dear Mr. David:

RE A 1841-A/ S 2122-A (Morelle/ O'Mara) relating to payments in lieu of taxes and the 2 percent real property tax cap

The Genesee County Economic Development Center (GCEDC) supports the above-referenced legislation, that would allow all property under a Payment In Lieu of Tax agreement (PILOT) to be factored into the calculation for the Tax Levy Growth Factor.

The GCEDC supports the premise of the two percent Real Property Tax Cap, and understands that taxing jurisdictions can increase their tax levy through “quantity changes,” such as new growth and significant additions to tax base. However, new growth subject to a PILOT agreement is excluded from the calculation for determining the Tax Levy Growth Factor.

As a result, communities that are successful in attracting new economic growth through incentives provided by an Industrial Development Agency (IDA) are penalized, thereby preventing taxing jurisdictions – especially school districts – from gaining tax revenue they would otherwise receive if the project did not receive assistance from an IDA.

In many cases, communities/government/schools end up paying for new or increased services and infrastructure to support new “growth” driven by economic development projects under PILOTs, but are unable to increase their tax revenue to prudently budget and fund the required added expenditures. The subject legislation would correct this inequity by allowing properties that are subject to a PILOT agreement to be included in the Tax Levy Growth Factor.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Hyde
President and CEO