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Mr. Rory Lancman Special Counsel for Ratepayer Protection 3 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223

Dear Mr. Lancman,

We are writing to request that you open a formal investigation into the recent and unannounced rate increase by ConEd customers. Residents within the Town of Yorktown, including seniors living on fixed incomes, have been saddled with electric bills that grew by 200%.

We are urging you to look into this situation and administratively require utilities to notify ratepayers when the supply rate increases by at least 100%. These provisions are detailed in A.3888/S.4628 which will, at the very least, require proper notification when fluctuating economic factors put residents in harms ways.

The Public Service Commission approved a rate hike for ConEd customers in 2020. The electrical rate hike for residential customers was scheduled for span over three years of 7.5%, 8.8% and 7.2%. While our community disagreed with the rate hike we appreciated the Public Service Commission's due diligence and hearing process, which included a public meeting at our Town Hall.

There current economic conditions, including record inflation across the country, is having a direct impact on the daily lives of our residents. However, challenging economic conditions is not an excuse for the lack of transparency and respect that local ratepayers are being shown.

We urge you to intervene.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Slater, Supervisor

Tom Diana, Councilman

Ed Lachterman, Councilman

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Sergio Esposito, Councilman