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Subject: Raising Energy Bills

March 3, 2026

Town of Oneonta, New York

Attention: Town Board Members & Town Supervisor

3966 State Highway 23, West Oneonta, NY 13861

Re: Support of Draft Resolution – Escalating Cost of Electricity

To: Town Board Members: Patricia Riddell Kent, Brett Holleran, Teresa DeSantis, Joe Camarata & Town Supervisor Will Rivera

From: Cindy Utter, 175-181 Pony Farm Road, Oneonta, NY 13820

I am writing this letter in support of the Town Supervisor’s draft resolution addressing the escalating utility cost imposed by NYSEG. The continued rise in energy bills is placing a significant financial burden on homeowners and business owners throughout our community,

The green energy mandates enacted by the New York Legislature and Governor have resulted in additional charges appearing as line items on utility bills, along with ongoing rate increases. This added cost, which function effectively as surcharges to fund large scale energy initiatives, are compounding the financial strain already felt by residents and local businesses.

As a result of these mandates, the Governor’s appointees to the Public Service Commission have approved substantial rate increases for foreign owned utility

companies. These increases have reached levels that many average homeowners and small business owners simply cannot afford. Meanwhile, NYSEG continues to distribute significant dividends to its parent company, Iberdrola, raising legitimate concerns about affordability, accountability, and priorities.

At a time when families and employers are struggling with rising costs across the board, it is reasonable to question policies that further increase essential utility expenses. It is time for New Yorkers to demand greater transparency, fiscal responsibility, and balanced energy policies that protect our economic stability.

For these reasons I respectfully urge you, as my elected representatives, to support and pass the Town Supervisor's resolution. This effort aligns with a growing coalition of counties, municipalities and elected officials across New York who are advocating for fair and sustainable utility policies.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your service to the community.

Sincerely,

CIndy Utter