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Mr. David Daly
President and COO
PSEG Long Island
175 East Old Country Road
Hicksville, New York 11801

Dear Mr. Daly:

I am writing to you with regards to PSEG Long Island's Port Washington to Great Neck Overhead Transmission Project. As the state representative for the 16th Assembly District, I would like to express my concerns to you regarding this project.

While I understand that PSEG is working on a strict timeline to install the new transmission line in order to meet increased electricity demand for the summer, I am extremely disappointed with the lack of transparency and communication surrounding this project.

The installation of 80 foot poles and the aggressive tree trimming associated with this project has greatly impacted the residential and commercial areas of Port Washington and has the community in an uproar. Given the nature of this project, PSEG should have convened public forums in the affected communities prior to the start of this project. Greater efforts should have also been made in notifying area residents about the pole project and the reasons for it.

Another concern of mine is the aggressive tree trimming that has taken place in conjunction with the installation of the new poles. After receiving numerous complaints last week, I made a site visit to Port Washington to see the tree trimming for myself. In many instances, trees looked like they had been butchered. Although you had expressed at a meeting held on February 27, which was attended by my Chief of Staff, that PSEG would add vegetation to the areas affected by the aggressive tree trimming, PSEG has yet to communicate such intentions to the Port Washington community. Why hasn't PSEG communicated these plans to the Port Washington community?

I have expressed my disappointment with the lack of public discourse over this project with Governor Andrew Cuomo, both in person and in writing. An ongoing problem with LIPA was the utility's poor communication with the public and elected officials. This "Pole Project" has

only served to exacerbate the public's already depleted level of confidence in our electric utility and has certainly tarnished the image of PSEG.

It is my hope that in the future, PSEG will bring all the stakeholders to the table, including the public, before starting a project that has the potential for significant community impacts. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you as well as future PSEG projects planned in my district. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Schimel".

Michelle Schimel
Member of Assembly
16th District