



# County Legislature

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Patricia Acampora, Chairwoman  
New York State Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Dear Chairwoman Acampora:

I am writing you today to urge you to deny Orange and Rockland Utilities recent request to raise their electric delivery rate.

This rate increase will translate into an almost 11% increase on the average homeowners bills each month. This is an unacceptable and unfair burden to place on the working class families that live in Orange County.

My constituents are fire fighters, police officers, teachers and hospital workers. I assure you that none of them have seen an 11% increase in their salary this year. To think they can afford such a steep increase in their utility bill is absurd.

Thank you for taking the time to address this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory W. Townsend  
Member, Orange County Legislator  
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