

Supervisor Romaine to Testify Against National Grid's Proposed \$174 Million Rate Increase for Gas Customers

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine will testify before the Public Service Commission to oppose National Grid's proposed \$174 million rate increase for gas customers on behalf of the residents of Brookhaven Town. This increase would mean a 16% rise in gas costs with a pre-determined 10% National Grid profit margin for 2017. The Supervisor called the increase "astonishing," especially in light of the price of natural gas being at its lowest level in ten years. He also said that although proposed improvements to gas lines and storm hardening are commendable; ratepayers should not shoulder the cost. Brookhaven has been made a party in this case and will argue against this rate increase.

A copy of the Supervisor's testimony is attached

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