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Mr. Bruckner:

We are writing on behalf of our constituents to strenuously object to National Grid's policy of refusing to install gas meters for new construction in the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, and on Long Island.

National Grid's public communications have stated that this is the result of a gas shortage, but it is very clear that the decision to deny new applications for gas meters was made after the Williams Pipeline Project (which would have had detrimental environmental impacts to water quality throughout New York and New Jersey) failed to pass its approval process.

National Grid sent out an email on July 8th of this year urging customers to contact their elected officials in support of the Williams/NESE pipeline. We have strong concerns that the denial of services and this email campaign is the result of National Grid trying to sway public opinion by keeping future service, and the ability of families keep warm during the winter, up in the air. It is unconscionable to attempt to lobby customers by denying them heat and the ability to cook food, as part of a corporate campaign for fossil fuel extraction.

As a utility provider, National Grid has a responsibility to provide firm alternative service to its customers, and to take reasonable methods to lessen capacity constraint, but instead you are holding residents of Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island hostage to your demands for unsafe, unsustainable drilling. As a result of your refusal to provide service, many potential customers now feel they have to look for alternative services, including switching to electric, which would put further strain on the ConEd grid, which has already experienced multiple major black outs this month.

It is of the utmost importance that you address this issue as fall and winter approach and residents need to heat their homes. Should this issue fail to be resolved as the seasons change these residents will find themselves in an even more untenable state.

National Grid must find a way to provide alternative service to Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. We urge you to reconsider your current refusal to issue new hook-ups, and to begin immediately installing gas lines in the homes of those who need them.

Sincerely,



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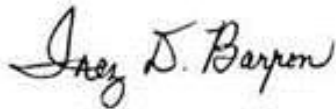
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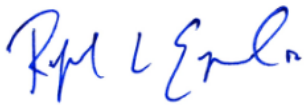
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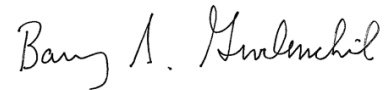
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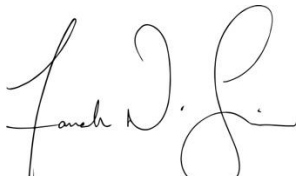
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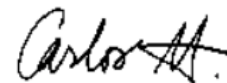
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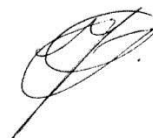
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