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Griffo statement on Public Service Commission approving National Grid rate increase

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"I am disappointed that the Public Service Commission (PSC) voted today to approve a rate increase for National Grid gas and electric customers.

While I recognize that there are considerable costs involved with delivering safe and reliable energy service, this increase will further burden New Yorkers who are already struggling financially.

It is also interesting that the governor has the gall to criticize the PSC for approving the increase but yet is responsible for either the appointment or reappointment of most of the commission's members - including selecting its chair.

New Yorkers need significant relief, real action and policies that make life more affordable. They do not need hollow words from an executive trying to shift the blame from her problematic policies that have resulted in rising energy costs and

made the state unaffordable."

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