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Dear Honored Members of the Senate,

I am in receipt of your recent letter regarding your request for an investigation into Brooklyn Union Gas Company's d/b/a National Grid NY and KeySpan Gas East Corp d/b/a National Grid's (collectively "National Grid") moratorium on natural gas services in Brooklyn. In your letter, you state that National Grid's recent denials of "new" gas connections warrant an immediate investigation into the Company's actions. You also indicate that you have received numerous emails, letters and calls from your constituents, that you are concerned about how National Grid is determining what qualifies as a new service connection, that people are facing unacceptable energy choices, and that National Grid is using its customers emails to encourage them to lobby their state legislators. Finally, you point to the recent investigation commenced by the Public Service Commission into Consolidated Edison's gas moratorium in Westchester County (Case 19-G-0080).

We have also received numerous communications from National Grid's customers and potential customers. I share your concerns on these issues. As a result, the investigation was broadened to encompass all of downstate New York, including Westchester County, the five boroughs and Long Island. A consultant was engaged to provide a thorough, independent analysis of the natural gas supply and demand balance in that region and determine whether Consolidated Edison and National Grid took appropriate actions to balance the need for

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reliability with customer and environmental impacts. A staff report summarizing the consultant's findings will be issued in the near future.

We look forward to continued engagement on these issues with you as we all work to achieve the ambitious goals in the recently enacted Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on Thursday, July 18, 2019. Please feel free to contact my office at any time for additional information on these subjects.

Should you have any questions, you may contact Tammy Mitchell, Director of the Office of Electric, Gas & Water by phone at 518-486-2462 or by email at Tammy.Mitchell@dps.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John B. Rhodes". The signature is stylized, with the first name "John" written in a cursive-like script and the last name "Rhodes" in a more blocky, capital-letter style.

John B. Rhodes
Chief Executive Officer

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