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Via Electronic Mail

The Hon. Susan Serino
New York State Senate
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Re: Matter 22-00346 - In the Matter of 2022 Winter Supply Price Volatility Review.

Dear Senator Serino:

On behalf of Governor Kathy Hochul and Chair Rory M. Christian, thank you for your comments of February 16, 2022, in which you ask that, in light of high winter utility bills, taxes and fees related to utility and energy services be suspended. You state that while there are factors beyond the control of New York State and utilities, other factors, such as taxes and fees on utility bills, are not, and that their suspension is necessary to provide ratepayers with additional monies at this time.

Finally, you ask that these bill increases be investigated. To this end, I note that the Department of Public Service has commenced such an investigation in the matter set forth above.

I appreciate your interest in these important issues. Your comments have been included among those submitted in this matter, and thus are part of the Department's record in this proceeding. Documents regarding this matter can be found on the Department's website (www.dps.ny.gov) by searching the matter number set forth above. Please be assured that they will be carefully considered by the Department as it continues its work in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary