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Westchester County Board of Legislators
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Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

I respectfully request that your Honorable Board enact the attached "AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to request party status in New York State Electric & Gas Corporation's electric and gas rate cases currently pending before the New York State Public Service Commission."

The New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") a regulated utility providing electric and gas services in Westchester County, is currently in the last year of a three-year authorization, to increase rates annually for gas and electric services in the Upstate New York and Westchester region. This increase was authorized by the New York State Public Service Commission ("the Commission") in 2023, leading NYSEG to post significant annual revenue and income gains, while County residents have struggled with necessities.

NYSEG recently submitted a petition to the Commission requesting authorization to increase gas and electric rates starting May 1, 2026. The proposed increase would cause electricity and gas rates to rise by 23.7% and 33.5%, respectively. The Commission will decide on the final rates after a months-long administrative process.

As a part of this administrative process, the Commission allows interested municipalities, like the County, to become parties in a utility company's rate case. Unlike members of the public, parties in a rate case can contribute to the development of a complete record in a proceeding by conducting discovery, submitting testimony and other formal written comments, and participating in evidentiary hearings and conferences. Accordingly, to best advocate on behalf of County residents, it is necessary for Westchester County to request party status in NYSEG's electric and gas rate cases currently pending before the Commission (25-E-0375 and 25-G-0378).

In light of the aforementioned, I respectfully urge that your Honorable Board adopt the attached Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth W. Jenkins", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed Act, which if enacted by your Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to request party status in New York State Electric & Gas Corporation's ("NYSEG") electric and gas rate cases pending before the New York State Public Service Commission ("the Commission") (25-E-0375 and 25-G-0378).

Your Committee is aware that NYSEG, a regulated utility providing electric and gas services in Westchester County, is currently in the last year of a three-year authorization, to increase rates annually for gas and electric services in the Upstate New York and Westchester region. This increase was authorized by the Commission in 2023 and came shortly after the Commission authorized three years of increases in 2019. Over this six-year period, NYSEG has posted significant annual revenue and income gains, while County residents have struggled with necessities.

Your Committee is informed that NYSEG recently submitted a petition to the Commission requesting authorization to increase gas and electric rates starting May 1, 2026. The proposed increase would cause electricity and gas rates to rise by 23.7% and 33.5%, respectively. The Commission will decide on the final rates after a months-long administrative process.

Your Committee is advised that the Commission allows interested municipalities, like the County, to become parties in a utility company's rate case. Unlike members of the public, parties in a rate case can contribute to the development of a complete record in a proceeding by conducting discovery, submitting testimony and other formal written comments, and participating in evidentiary hearings and conferences.

Your committee has determined that to best advocate on behalf of County residents, it is necessary for Westchester County to request party status in NYSEG's electric and gas rate cases (25-E-0375 and 25-G-0378).

Your Committee, after careful consideration of the subject matter, recommends adoption of this Act and recommends authorizing the County to submit the necessary forms and documentation to request party status in NYSEG's electric and gas rate cases pending before the Commission (25-E-0375 and 25-G-0378).

An affirmative vote of the majority of the Board is required to pass this legislation.

Dated: July __, 2025
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

ACT NO. ____ - 2025

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to request party status in New York State Electric & Gas Corporation's electric and gas rate cases currently pending before the New York State Public Service Commission.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester is hereby authorized to request party status in New York State Electric & Gas Corporation's electric and gas rate cases currently pending before the New York State Public Service Commission (25-E-0375 and 25-G-0378).

§ 2. The County of Westchester, through a duly designated representative, is hereby authorized to submit the necessary forms and documentation to request party status in in New York State Electric & Gas Corporation's electric and gas rate cases currently pending before the New York State Public Service Commission (25-E-0375 and 25-G-0378).

§ 3. Effective date. This Act shall take effect immediately.