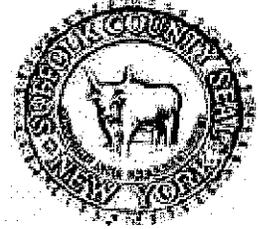




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**Comptroller Kennedy Opposes Double Dipping Attempt by PSE&GLI**

March 30, 2015 – Comptroller John M. Kennedy, Jr. is stating his opposition to the proposed 4% rate hike by PSE&GLI saying that the rates PSE&GLI has made the county and its ratepayers pay have only gone up since Hurricane Sandy and the handover from LIPA to PSE&G. “PSE&GLI has not given enough evidence that this rate hike for the residents of Suffolk County is necessary.” Comptroller Kennedy said “In fact PSE&GLI is double dipping from the taxpayers’ dollars by raising the rates on not only residents but also Suffolk County, whose revenue is derived from the taxpayers.” The Comptroller brings up another issue in the light of the 1.62% Property Tax Cap. “Many municipalities and other organizations have been struggling to keep their budgets within this cap. What gives PSE&GLI the right to feel it is exempt from that?”

<u>UTILITIES</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
LIPA	\$23,264,189.17	\$21,911,639.69	\$18,225,962.11	\$22,563,185	\$32,656
PSEGLI	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$395,382	\$23,934,628

*(Chart showing the yearly payments made by Suffolk County to both PSEG and LIPA. Note in the year 2013 was when the shift of payments occurred.)*

Comptroller Kennedy further notes that PSE&GLI was ranked one of the lowest performers in the region by J.D. Power Associates in Customer Satisfaction for the year 2014.

In addition to showing his opposition to the rate hike, Comptroller Kennedy has filed for intervener status with the New York State Department of Public Service to give him a better ability to protect the residents’ of Suffolk County.

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