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**VILLAGE OF CHITTENANGO RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY**

WHEREAS, residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Village of Chittenango are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NATIONAL GRID; and

WHEREAS, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received numerous complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude, and lack of transparency surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS, rural and low-density communities such as the Village of Chittenango are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Chittenango formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough

and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NATIONAL GRID customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from NATIONAL GRID, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit formal complaints, written comments, and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Village and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NATIONAL GRID, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities served by NATIONAL GRID, and to encourage coordinated action among affected towns and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, by the Village Board of Chittenango.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Colleen Baldwin	Trustee	Voted	Yes/No
Melinda Kopp	Trustee	Voted	Yes/No
Wayne Horning	Trustee	Voted	Yes/No
Russell Wehner	Trustee	Voted	Yes/No
Lou Cianfrocco	Mayor	Voted	Yes/No

