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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

August 26, 2024

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the significant increases in energy bills that many of my constituents in South Jersey have reported receiving from Atlantic City Electric and Exelon.

Over the past few months, my office has compiled substantial data from thousands of residents, which indicate that their energy bills have sometimes tripled compared to the same period last summer. Such increases, especially at a time of severe economic hardship on nearly all expenses, are unacceptable and have placed an undue financial burden on many families in our community.

Given these alarming reports, I demand that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) hold a public hearing in South Jersey to allow residents to voice their concerns directly to the Board.

Furthermore, I urge the NJBPU to conduct a thorough investigation into the potential impact of the installation of smart meters on these energy bills as well as whether there is a correlation to these price increases that are related to the offshore wind turbine installations in our region. My office will be happy to share the price increase data we have compiled from residents of South Jersey as mentioned earlier in this letter as part of this investigation.

Until a thorough investigation has been conducted and Atlantic City Electric and Exelon provides satisfactory explanations for these increases, a moratorium needs to be placed on any further rate increases.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your prompt response and am hopeful that the NJBPU will take swift action to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Van Drew", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Van Drew
Member of Congress