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LIPA Board of Trustees  
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Hon. Michelle L. Phillips  
NYS Public Service Commission  
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3  
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 20-00587 Tariff Filing of Long Island Power Authority  
to Modify its Tariff for Electric Service 2020

Dear LIPA Board Members and Secretary Phillips,

We are encouraged by the introduction of a Tariff enabling Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in LIPA territory and urge you to vote in support of it on May 20th.

As of March 1, 2020, more than 60 New York State municipalities and more than 200,000 customers are actively participating in a CCA program, of which more than half are powered by 100% New York State renewable electricity supply. As permitted by the Order approving Community Choice Aggregation, it is important that Long Island residents are no longer left behind. CCA authority was enabled for New York State on April 24, 2016 and while each of the six investor-owned utilities filed a CCA Tariff on August 5, 2016, LIPA did not.

The three municipalities that have already taken the first step and adopted the CCA enabling legislation represent 426 thousand households<sup>1</sup> and small businesses. Long Island municipalities are signaling their intention to participate in choosing the source of default electricity supply for residents and small businesses, accessing clean energy markets, and protecting consumers with fixed electricity rates without cancellation fees. If approved, the tariff represents a significant step towards enabling local autonomy and customer choice for Long Island communities. Unlike other New Yorkers, LIPA customers have historically been excluded from competitive electricity markets, and have not been afforded the choice of supplier, source, or pricing terms.

Further, the option of CCA on Long Island is essential for the success of New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 (CLCPA) declaring the environmentally critical standards of reaching 70% renewable electricity supply by 2030.

On Long Island, despite the lack of a utility tariff in place, the Towns of Southampton, Brookhaven, and Hempstead have led the way by passing the local law necessary to authorize a CCA program within their municipalities. These municipalities should be allowed to proceed.

Sincerely,

cc: LIPA Trustees