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**LIPA FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST PSEG LONG ISLAND AFTER
FAILED PERFORMANCE DURING TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS**

UNIONDALE, NY – The Long Island Power Authority today filed a formal complaint in the New York State Supreme Court against PSEG Long Island for breach of contract and specific performance related to Tropical Storm Isaias. The filing is a direct recommendation from the LIPA Board of Trustees and the New York State Department of Public Service.

The complaint seeks \$70 million in damages related to PSEG Long Island’s inadequate design, implementation, and testing of its outage management and communications systems, which failed during the storm, and the absence of business continuity plans in the face of such failures during a major weather event. LIPA is also asking the Court to order PSEG Long Island to immediately fix these systems.

“LIPA is seeking relief from the courts because we have an obligation to protect customers. PSEG Long Island must immediately fix these failed information technology systems and abide by its contract,” LIPA Chief Executive Officer Tom Falcone said. “PSEG Long Island has collected nearly half a billion dollars from Long Island customers over the past seven years while failing to meet its basic obligations.”

The complaint reflects the seriousness of PSEG Long Island’s breaches of its contractual obligations. PSEG Long Island’s failures have harmed Long Island customers and this litigation is necessary to make sure the company – not Long Island ratepayers – is held financially accountable.

Additionally, the LIPA Board and DPS Recommendation called for an evaluation of LIPA’s options in terminating or renegotiating the PSEG Long Island contract. Next week, at the December 16th Board Meeting, LIPA will report on its “Phase I” Options Analysis Report.

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ABOUT LIPA

LIPA is a not-for-profit public utility with a mission to enable clean, reliable, and affordable electric service for our customers on Long Island and the Rockaways. As result of the LIPA Reform Act of 2013, the LIPA contracts with PSEG Long Island, a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated, to operate LIPA’s electric system under a 12-year contract.