

The State promised us, when they closed down Indian Point, that they had a plan but fact is they didn't.

The State told us when they closed down Indian Point our electricity rates wouldn't go up.

But all these seniors and small businesses behind me are here because that's obviously not true.

The fact is the State has led us into an energy crisis that is creating a financial emergency for families, seniors on fixed incomes and small businesses.

All the things they said wouldn't happen are in fact happening.

Homeowners all over our community are opening back breaking utility bills with no explanation, no warning and with no help from the State or the utility companies.

We asked ConEdison to come to Tuesday's Town Board meeting – they didn't.

We asked ConEdison to meet with members of Jefferson Village Owners Association to answer their questions and offer some help – they didn't.

But I'll tell you what they did do – they requested another round of rate hikes for electric and gas customers to the tune of nearly 30%!

And the reason? To pay their property taxes!

Let's not forget that in 2020 the State approved ConEd's request for electric and gas hike to the tune of 28.5%.

It is time for accountability. It is time for transparency. It is time we stop breaking the backs of homeowners and businesses with these outrageous bills.

The Town of Yorktown has formally requested the Special Counsel for Ratepayer Protection to investigate the latest round of bills from ConEd – some of which spiked 200% with no warning or explanation!

The Town of Yorktown has sent a letter to the Public Service Commission formally opposing the latest rate hike proposals and we have requested that the PSC hold a public hearing right here in our Town Hall on the matter.

Lastly, the Town Board will be bringing Sustainable Westchester to our meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to explore the fixed price options through the Westchester Power Program which will protect ratepayers from these back breaking bills.

We are facing record inflation and for the State to even consider a rate hike, coming off of a three year rate hike, during these times just proves how out of touch and insane New York State has become.