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Scott J. Mandel  
City Council President  
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May 10, 2013

Dear Council President Mandel:

On behalf of Governor Cuomo, I write in response to your letter of May 9 to the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). Your letter identified two important concerns that are affecting residents still struggling to recover from Superstorm Sandy: (1) who bears the cost of raising and relocating power lines to accommodate reconstructed homes that must be elevated, and (2) how LIPA will coordinate their power line work with local buildings departments to ensure that building permits can be processed for affected homeowners in a timely fashion.

I am pleased to report that the State of New York will dedicate a portion of the State's federal Sandy funding to cover the utility costs of elevating power lines in these situations so that homeowners and ratepayers are isolated from such costs. LIPA, in coordination with our office, has developed a plan to cover the utility costs of raising or relocating its power lines in their entirety without charging property owners, and to coordinate with your buildings department (and other affected buildings departments across Long Island) to ensure that building permits will not be delayed.

We understand that homes throughout the flood zone were severely damaged and will need to be rebuilt, and that many of these homes will need to be raised to meet applicable code requirements. We are fully committed to providing the assistance necessary to help homeowners rebuild in a mitigated fashion while also ensuring that ratepayers on Long Island do not shoulder the bills for related costs.

I have copied John McMahon, who will contact your office today to schedule a meeting to discuss LIPA's plan.

Thank you for your letter and your commitment to helping residents rebuild safely and rapidly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Kauffman".

Richard Kauffman  
Chairman of Energy and Finance, Office of the Governor

cc:

Marianela Jordan, Long Island Regional Representative for Governor Cuomo  
John McMahon, COO LIPA  
Scott Kemins, Commissioner of Buildings  
Jack Schnirman, City Manager