

# LIPA LIES

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## Long Island Energy Surveillance

**ABOUT US...** We are a newly formed volunteer watchdog group of civic activists providing the sunlight Long Island ratepayers need to protect themselves from LIPA abuses. We are FOILING current LIPA transactions, money management, personnel changes, fuel adjustments, EPA correspondence, etc. Hopefully spotlighting this information in real time will help local elected officials stop the abuses. Membership is free and your help is appreciated. To join email us.

**OUR GOAL** is to encourage elected officials to provide the oversight and protection ratepayers need.

**OUR BELIEF** is that LIPA political appointees abuse the public trust with impunity.

**OUR MISSION** is to replace the LIPA Board with ratepayer elected officials.

LIPA Trustees are appointed by the Governor, Senate Majority Leader and Speaker of the Assembly. They have no allegiance to ratepayers. In fact, they merrily enrich energy barons, Wall Street tycoons, political friends and family at ratepayer expense every chance they get.

LIPA current abuses include:

- Answering the Governor's cry for financial restraint with a rate increase
- Entering into \$6 Billion contracts without public knowledge or scrutiny
- Signing contracts that will force ratepayers to pay \$billions for energy we don't need
- Agreeing to contracts that lock ratepayers into fossil fuel for generations
- Locking in fuel purchase prices at \$millions more than current prices
- Increasing 2009 fuel purchase costs by \$93 million despite declines in fuel prices
- Increasing electric bills by at least 80% without public scrutiny
- Banking approximately \$1,650 per ratepayer in reserve and liability accounts as they turn off ratepayer lights
- Saddling ratepayers with \$billions of perpetual debt
- Using Power Supply surcharges to booster Delivery & System surplus while avoiding PBS scrutiny
- Using cancer causing waste oil burning plants despite an overabundance of clean energy
- Paying penalties rather than cleaning up toxic sites that have the potential to kill ratepayers
- Polluting Long Island's water supply
- Doing little to protect the grid from windstorms and adamantly refusing to move the grid underground
- Paying huge salaries (90 employees Salary+Benefit Cost \$16,118,000 = \$180,000 per employee)
- Paying exorbitant consultant contracts to political connected friends
- Using ratepayer money to buy off critics with special deals
- Giving away ratepayer paid for property as though it was their own

Can you imagine our County Executives or Legislators treating us in the same fashion? If not, you understand why we need an elected board beholden to the ratepayers instead of a board appointed to pick our pockets.

Sincerely,



For Long Island Energy Surveillance

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