

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
RESOLUTION #14, 2026  
RESOLUTION CONCERNING RISING ELECTRIC COSTS  
MARCH 10, 2026**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 NYS Route 22, New Lebanon, New York, duly called and held on the 10th day of March 2026, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by Councilmember Powers

Seconded by Supervisor Houghtling

**A RESOLUTION URGING AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING STRONGER COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CONCERNING RISING ELECTRIC COSTS**

**WHEREAS**, residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Town of New Lebanon are facing repeated and growing increases in electric bills that are creating severe financial hardship for households and harming the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, much of these increases result not from higher energy use but from rising delivery charges, fees, and rate adjustments imposed by NYSEG; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Public Service Commission regulates and approves electric delivery charges and rate structures and is charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has received numerous complaints from residents who cannot afford basic electric service and who are concerned about the frequency, size, and lack of transparency of recent and ongoing rate increases; and

**WHEREAS**, rural and low-density communities like New Lebanon are disproportionately affected by delivery-charge increases and cost-recovery practices that do not sufficiently account for affordability, equity, and cumulative burden on ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections to be contrary to the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, continued reliance on fossil fuels increases greenhouse gas emissions that harm climate and can contribute to weather-related power outages;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of New Lebanon hereby urges the New York State Public Service Commission to promptly and thoroughly review electric delivery charges, recent rate increases, and cost-recovery

practices affecting NYSEG customers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board requests the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, require increased transparency from NYSEG, and demand verifiable cost-containment and operational efficiency before approving any future rate increases; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board requests the Public Service Commission to control the impact of the buildout of data centers on residential rates.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board opposes rate increases that transfer rising operational, infrastructure, or administrative costs to ratepayers without clear justification or sufficient protections for rural communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board urges NYSEG to give priority to procuring renewable energy over fossil-fuel generation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to file formal complaints, submit written comments, and provide supporting documents to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Town and its residents to challenge excessive electric costs and seek regulatory relief; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, the Governor of New York, members of the State Legislature, and neighboring NYSEG-served municipalities, and shall encourage coordinated action among affected towns; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted “Aye” or “Nay” for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Steve Powers	Aye
Councilmember Joanne Amlaw	Aye
Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling	Aye
Councilmember Susan Tipograph	Aye
Councilmember Chris Patterson	Recuse

The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of New Lebanon.

Dated: March 10, 2026

Marcie Robertson  
New Lebanon Town Clerk