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Honorable Yvette Aguiar, Supervisor
Town of Riverhead
200 Howell Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901

Re: LIPA 2021/2022 PILOTs for Parcels Located in the Town of Riverhead

Dear Supervisor Aguiar:

I am writing to request a meeting to discuss LIPA's desire to pay PILOTs for the tax year 2021-22 on the parcels it acquired from the former Long Island Lighting Company that are located in the Town.

As you may know, LIPA operates on a not-for-profit basis, and the LIPA Act establishes that these parcels are not subject to property taxes, but are subject to PILOTs, with certain limitations. Litigation is pending between LIPA, Suffolk County, and all of the towns in Suffolk County regarding payments made by LIPA after the adoption of the LIPA Reform Act in 2014 through and including the 2020-21 tax year.

Despite numerous conversations and letters, our respective attorneys have been unable to agree upon a process to allow LIPA to make its PILOTs for the current year.

I would like to avoid additional litigation and hope that we can together work towards a solution that meets the needs of all the taxpayers in the Town and LIPA's electric customers.

LIPA believes that the Town, as the assessing authority, is obligated to provide LIPA with a consolidated PILOT invoice, on behalf of all taxing jurisdictions within the Town and Suffolk County, containing all the necessary information for LIPA to confirm that the amount of its payments satisfy its obligations under the LIPA Act. LIPA further believes that the Town Receiver of Taxes is responsible for the coordination of PILOT invoices and the collection and distribution of LIPA's payments for all the amounts owed to the various taxing jurisdictions for each parcel, in a similar manner as it does for property taxes for each parcel.

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