

New York Is Facing an Energy Affordability Crisis⁴

Assemblyman Joe DeStefano Wants You To Know The Truth

Electricity prices for residential consumers have risen **58.1%** since 2019.¹

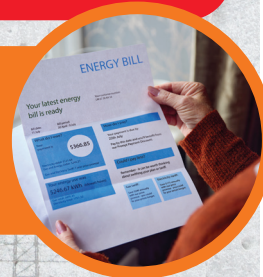


The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has expressed **concerns about grid reliability in the near future.**²



NYSERDA* confirms expenses could exceed **more than \$4,100 per household.**³

* New York State Energy Research and Development Authority



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Albany's own experts admit that mandates mean massive price hikes.^{5,6,7} Assemblyman Joe DeStefano is working to lower costs, restore reliability to our energy grid and protect taxpayers from costly mandates.^{4,5}

This is why I support the LOWER Plan, which would:

- ✓ **Return unused NYSERDA funds to ratepayers (A.8876-A)**
Sends surplus state energy funds back to residents as **utility bill credits**, helping lower monthly energy costs.
- ✓ **Allow school districts to opt out of the zero-emission bus mandate (A.2005)**
Gives local schools **flexibility to avoid costly mandates**, helping protect school budgets and local taxpayers.
- ✓ **Protect access to natural gas and other heating options (A.6796)**
Ensures homeowners and businesses can **continue using affordable heating systems**, preventing forced and expensive upgrades.
- ✓ **Require notice when energy supply rates spike (A.1270)**
Requires utilities to **alert customers when rates jump significantly** and connect them with bill assistance programs.
- ✓ **Develop protections against costly capital improvements** by having developers pay for infrastructure needs associated with new projects.

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