

**TOWN OF DERUYTER
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

March 12, 2026

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Town of DeRuyter are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of these increases are attributable *not* to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by New York State Electric and Gas (“NYSEG”) and National Grid (hereinafter collectively, the Town’s “Energy Providers”); and

WHEREAS, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received numerous complaints from Town residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude, and lack of transparency surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS, rural and low-density communities, such as the Town of DeRuyter, are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NYSEG and National Grid customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from the Town's Energy Providers, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to submit formal complaints, written comments, and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Town and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, National Grid, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities served by NYSEG and National Grid, and to encourage coordinated action among affected municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Edwin Coon	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Cedric Barnes, Jr.	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
James Tiffany	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Robert Jones	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Rex Vosburg	Supervisor	Voted	Yes/No

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: March 12, 2026

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF MADISON)

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of DeRuyter, Madison County, New York, **DO**
HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original thereof on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of DeRuyter, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting and that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town on March __, 2026.

REBECCA MARSHALL
Town Clerk

(SEAL)