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STATEMENT FROM MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO

ROCHESTER, NY — RG&E must improve their service, billing and customer issues. I have advocated for that improvement by opposing the RG&E rate increase directly with the Public Service Commission. I have also met several times with the new local management and with the CEO of AVINGRID to address the legitimate concerns of Monroe County residents. However, creating a public utility is an extremely complex issue that is beyond the scope of Monroe County. It could have billions of dollars of implications for taxpayers.

- RGE is the largest property tax payer in the county, contributing annual taxes north of \$100 million dollars to the county, city, towns, villages and school districts.
- The company has \$4 billion in assets that would need to be acquired, in addition to obligations for maintenance, repairs, environmental cleanups and operations of multiple gas plants and the electric power infrastructure.
- RGE spans 9 counties from here to the Pennsylvania border, requiring buy-in from all municipal governments in the current RGE service area in order to make any changes.

For the reasons stated, I do not feel spending \$1 million county taxpayer dollars on such a public utility study is warranted.

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