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Why does NYSEG want a price increase?

“Modernize aging grid, enhance reliability and improve storm recovery efforts”. NYSEG says they face substantial costs for repairing damage from storms (\$200 million)- this should be considerably less in 2025 since NYSEG hired people to virtually decimate neighborhoods by cutting down all their trees. If it doesn't, then why did they spend money to do it. We want an accountability on this issue since we had to pay \$190 to have the stumps grinded.

Interestingly, NYSEG is a subsidiary of AVANGRID (NYSE-AGR) that had a profit of \$1.12 Billion in 2024. There does not appear to break out NYSEG alone as Avangrid participates in a “virtual money pool to manage cash efficiently”—so what does that mean for us here in WNY? Avangrid provides electricity in NY,CT, Maine and Massachusetts, NY and PA and operates power generation (wind-solar) in numerous states.

NYSEG also says that their arrears totaled \$103 million in 2024. So, that is the first problem. People who can't or have not paid their bills. And, now with Trump eliminating HEAP, we expect this amount to go up. But, who can afford a 20 to 40% increase? Maybe if they lowered bills, more people could pay them.

Now add in the fact that NYSEG gets a lot of electricity from Canada (who Trump has totally alienated). In February 2025 Trump imposed a 10% tariff on Canadian energy imports and then in retaliation, Canada put a 25% tariffs on all energy to NY, Michigan and Minnesota. **In August, 2025 Canada said it would drop some retaliatory tariffs, effective September 1st which includes energy- electricity so this will no longer be a rationale for raising our rates.**

In determining a rate increase:

- 1. No impact from Canada as tariffs negated**
- 2. Less costs from damages to storms (as many of the trees have been cut down)**
- 3. New approaches to collecting past due bills**
 - 1. Use email, texts, QR codes, continued use of payment plans.**
 - 2. Group past due bills based on demographics- age and number of people in HH- how to help these people.**