

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE**  
**RESOLUTION 12144**

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**OPPOSING PSE&G RATE INCREASE TO SUBSIDIZE SOLAR PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, PSE&G has sent notification that it has filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) requesting an increase to the PSE&G Electric and Gas RGGI Recovery Charges; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for this increase in part include the Solar Generation Investment Program (Solar 4 All) and Solar Loan II Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, without notice or opinion from the residents, solar panels were installed on main roads and neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, in certain areas there are a large number of solar panels in a row that they are quite unsightly and cumbersome; and

WHEREAS, these solar panels were installed throughout New Jersey by PSE&G without thought to the aesthetic or quality of life effects on residents; and

WHEREAS, on its website, PSE&G states in its Solar 4 All program description that “Every one of the panels placed in service generates value from the sale of its electricity and capacity into the wholesale electric grid, the solar renewable energy certificates (SRECs) that it generates and the federal investment tax credits PSE&G attracts. PSE&G monetizes this value *and the dollars are returned to customers by offsetting the overall cost of the program*”; and

| <b>Council member</b> | <b>Motion</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| DeRosa, Anthony       |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| Frank, Douglas        |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| Giancarlo, Michael    |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| Hanlon, Marie         |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| MacEwen, John         |               |               |            |           |               |                |
| Pizzella, Frank       |               |               |            |           |               |                |

Adopted: August 14, 2012

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Susan Witkowski  
Municipal Clerk

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Max Arnowitz  
Mayor

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale finds it disingenuous that now PSE&G will raise the rates of its residents to subsidize the cost of installing those same solar panels that are supposed to, by their own admission, bring monetized value to their customers; and

WHEREAS, the Solar Loan program brochure states that “PSE&G will provide approximately \$247 million to finance the installation of solar power systems” for commercial, industrial, not-for-profit and governmental customers as well as residential customers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale finds it abhorrent that PSE&G is expecting its residential customers to finance a loan program for its business customers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale appeal to the Board of Public Utilities to not grant an increase to PSE&G that will be borne on the backs of our taxpayers who are already overburdened trying to make ends meet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Board of Public Utilities; Senator Cardinale; Assemblyman Schroeder; Assemblywoman Schepisi; Governor Christie; the New Jersey League of Municipalities; and all municipalities in Bergen County.