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Senator Schumer Opposes National Grid's North Brooklyn Pipeline Coalition says "Now it's time for NYS to reject rate hike"



(Photo credit: Ken Schles)

Brooklyn, New York - Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer announced his opposition to National Grid's North Brooklyn Pipeline today at a press conference outside of the corporate utility's Greenpoint fracked gas storage depot.

The No North Brooklyn Pipeline Coalition released the following statement:

"We thank Senator Schumer for standing with our communities and the thousands of New Yorkers who have opposed the North Brooklyn Pipeline because it continues a history of environmental racism and violates our city and state climate laws. From New York City Councilmembers all the way to the US

Senate Majority Leader, we are strongly united against any new fracked gas projects in our communities. Now it's time for New York State to reject National Grid's rate hike which would make us pay for the pipeline, and to finally make tangible plans to move off fossil fuels.

The fight against this pipeline has shown that BIPOC community members are the true climate leaders here and our state regulator can't bow down to the huge gas companies raking New Yorkers to fatten their profits any more. We demand that the gas is shut off from phases 1-4 of the pipeline, that phase 5 is never built, the Greenpoint LNG expansion is halted, and that we don't pay a single cent for any new fracked gas projects!"



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The opposition from Senator Schumer comes just days before the Public Service Commission is set to vote on August 12 in Albany on a proposal from National Grid to raise monthly bills to pay for the pipeline and other fracked gas projects.

Residents' opposition has temporarily stopped construction of Phase 5 of the pipeline, and parts of the LNG expansion, but National Grid has not given up on those projects. They plan to pursue them and raise monthly bills even more by applying surcharges to fund these unnecessary and toxic projects.

Over 250 community members and growing have joined a Gas Bill Strike and are withholding \$66 from their gas bill, the amount the average customer will pay for the pipeline over time. The coalition is holding a big “We Won’t Pay for the Pipeline” [rally and march](#) tomorrow August 7, at 5pm at Brooklyn Borough Hall.



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