

**CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION No. 2025-77**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ATLANTIC CITY
ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES**

WHEREAS, Atlantic City Electric has been approved for another significant rate increase that will impose an undue financial burden on the residents and businesses of Brigantine; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City Electric rate increases come at a time when many families and small businesses are still recovering from economic challenges, making higher utility costs especially burdensome; and

WHEREAS, these rate hikes will disproportionately impact low-income families, senior citizens on fixed incomes, and small business owners who rely on affordable energy to sustain operations; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) is responsible for regulating utility rates and ensuring that any increases are justified, transparent, and in the best interest of ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the NJBPU has repeatedly approved rate increases without sufficient oversight, transparency, or justification, failing to adequately protect consumers from excessive utility costs; and

WHEREAS, concerns remain regarding whether the additional revenue generated from these rate hikes will be used for meaningful infrastructure improvements and increased service reliability, or if it will continue to fund misguided energy policies, including failed offshore wind projects that have cost billions without delivering real benefits to New Jersey ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, instead of focusing on an energy policy that ensures affordability and reliability, state regulators have prioritized an agenda that has led to wasteful spending on failed Green New Deal initiatives, while consumers are left facing higher electricity bills; and

WHEREAS, Brigantine residents and businesses deserve fair and reasonable utility rates and improved service reliability without unjustified financial hardship caused by politically motivated energy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brigantine stands in opposition to any rate increase that places an unnecessary burden on the community while failing to provide clear benefits to ratepayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Brigantine, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The City of Brigantine formally opposes the recent rate increases by Atlantic City Electric.

2. The City urges the NJBPU to reject any rate increase that does not directly benefit ratepayers through improved service and reliability rather than funding failed Green New Deal initiatives.
3. The City calls on the NJBPU to increase transparency in the rate-setting process and ensure meaningful public engagement before approving any future increases.
4. The City demands stronger regulatory oversight to prevent excessive corporate profits at the expense of New Jersey residents and businesses.
5. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Governor Phil Murphy, Atlantic County officials, and Atlantic City Electric.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brigantine remains committed to advocating for affordable, reliable energy solutions for its residents and businesses that do not include costly and ineffective offshore wind projects.

Adopted this, 19th day of March, 2025.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

Christine Murray
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 Acting City Clerk

Recorded Vote:	MOTIONS	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Sera		✓			
Riordan		✓			
Kane					✓
Bew		✓			
Lettieri	*	✓			
Haney	* *	✓			
Virgilio		✓			