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LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN WARNS RESIDENTS ABOUT E-MAIL “PHISHING” SCAM

Be Aware of Fraudulent E-Mails Claiming to be from PSEG-Long Island

HUNTINGTON, NY – Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington, 16th L.D.), Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, is warning residents not to respond to fraudulent e-mails claiming to be from PSEG Long Island, seeking personal information. Residents are urged **not** to open any attachments, provide personal information, or click on any links contained in e-mails purportedly from the utility company. PSEG-Long Island does not send out e-mails seeking personal information, according to Dan Eichorn, vice-president of customer services. Scammers can use information obtained from residents to commit identity theft. The utility is asking customers who receive suspicious e-mails to delete them and report the incident to PSEG Long Island at 1-800-490-0025.

“Many of us have received e-mails that appear to be from utilities or other legitimate businesses,” Legislator Stern said. “Scammers are very creative and fraudulent e-mails often look genuine. Legitimate businesses **NEVER** seek personal data via e-mail or telephone. It is important to remain vigilant and refuse to disclose personal information to unsolicited inquiries.”