

ENERGY CRISIS

Why did New York suffer more under the blackout than Connecticut or New Jersey?

Republican Governor George Pataki & Republican-backed deregulation laws.

* The “piecemeal, poorly thought-out deregulation process” backed by Gov. Pataki has made New York the most energy instable state after California. (Wall Street Journal, 2001, Village Voice, August 2003)

* New York has “one of the most troublesome transmission logjams” in the country, but deregulation removes incentive to upgrade the grid. In fact, deregulated New York has spent only \$90 million on transmission improvements while the grid that serves New Jersey got \$700 million in improvements. (Wall Street Journal, 2001, Village Voice, August 2003)

* Without transmission improvements, more power plants will do nothing to solve the problem. Conservation would help, but Pataki has cut conservation programs 70 percent. (New York Times, 2001, Village Voice, August 2003)

* Deregulation has resulted in a 43 percent rise in electricity costs.

* President Bush is still resisting efforts for regulation of upgrades, even after the blackout. (Washington Post, August 17, 2003)

REPUBLICANS NOT WELCOME

Why do the governor and the president support a system where we pay more to get less?

In September 2004, the Republicans are holding their national convention in New York. Tell them that we don't want them or their energy policies.

BIKES!

What's with all the bikes?

Critical Mass is a direct-action protest against the dominance of cars in New York. In a city where 53.9 percent of all pollution comes from cars, trucks and SUVs, (New York Post, August 20, 2003) streets filled with bikes instead of cars would make us all healthier and happier. Critical Mass is an opportunity for bicyclists and pedestrians both to see what the city would be like if it was more bike-friendly—quieter, cooler, less asthmatic, and a more pleasant place to be.

Tell the Republicans we don't need their cars, their energy instability, or their convention.
New Yorkers say: **REPUBLICANS NOT WELCOME.**

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