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NORTHRUP: END UTILITY MONOPOLIES, ELIMINATE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CABLE TV COMMISSION

John Northrup, Libertarian Party candidate for Governor, today called for elimination of the State Department of Public Service, the Public Service Commission and the Cable TV Commission to put an end to "state enforced utility monopolies which eliminate consumer choice, keep prices high, and discourage new technologies."

The proposal was the latest in fulfillment of Northrup's pledge to abolish at least one state agency a week for the duration of the campaign. Northrup said he was naming two agencies this week because "time is running short and there are far too many worthless and harmful agencies left to eliminate before the election." He contrasted his specific budget cutting proposals which have already totalled more than a billion dollars per year, with the failure of his opponents, Lehrman and Cuomo, to let the taxpayers know where they stand on state spending. "What do you expect from the representatives of the Democrats and Republicans who together have increased state spending more than one thousand percent and three times faster than the cost of living in the last twenty five years?" said Northrup.

Northrup further commented that "the Public Service Commission is integral in establishing utilities as government created monopolies, and the Cable TV Commission does the same thing with its franchises. They both cause higher prices, lower quality of service and reduced freedom of choice for consumers."

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Even though the Cable TV Commission is the smaller of the two agencies, its policies are perhaps more significant in promoting big government according to Northrup, citing the requirement imposed on cable television companies to provide a "government access" channel which is "nothing more than a propaganda channel, particularly when government agencies must approve subscription rates based on the cable operator's playing ball with the politicians in power."

Northrup called for removal of laws which impede the ability of gas, electric, telephone, cable TV and water companies to compete for the consumers' choice. "Elimination of these two agencies will save the taxpayers about \$30 million in direct costs. The indirect savings will be many times greater," predicted Northrup, a Syracuse CPA.

The Libertarian Party is the nation's third largest. It stands for a free market economic policy and an end to government interference in the personal lives of individuals.