Albany, NY—06/15/12—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) invites the public to comment at two hearings on a petition by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) to allow the company to extend its pipelines east from the former Seneca Army Depot in order to provide natural gas service to the Romulus Central School District property at Main Street and to other potential customers on sites neighboring the proposed pipeline extensions. The Commission may approve, modify, or reject NYSEG’s proposal in whole or in part.

The date, location and times for the hearings are:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012**
Romulus Central School – Cafeteria
5707 Route 96
Romulus, NY 14541
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

It is anticipated that the extension of service would occur in two phases—phase one to reach the school by September 2012 and phase two to be completed in 2013. Gas service to the school was approved by voters as part of a capital improvement project to substitute high efficiency gas heated boilers for older oil heated boilers currently in service.

NYSEG stated in its petition to the Commission that the customer additions along the extended pipeline would provide revenues sufficient to cover the projects’ costs without the need for a
surcharge on existing gas customers, and gas supplies are adequate to avoid disruption of service to existing firm gas customers.

**Public Statement Hearings**

Public statement hearings on these matters will be held before an Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Commission to hear this case.

There will be an opportunity for informal discussion before each hearing session. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will adjourn at 6:00 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. session will adjourn no earlier than 8:00 p.m. and will remain open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

At 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., each session may start with a procedural conference so that any person may present and explain proposals regarding the procedures to be followed by the Administrative Law Judge and the Commission in this case.

To speak at the hearings, it is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. All comments at the hearings will be transcribed and become part of the Commission's formal record.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users can contact that office to request a sign language interpreter, by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711.

**Other Ways to Comment**

**Writing:** Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may comment electronically to Hon. Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail or delivery to Secretary Brilling at Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comment should refer to "Case 12-G-0194 – NYSEG – Romulus Pipeline Projects."
**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Press "1" to comment, mentioning the NYSEG Romulus pipeline projects.

All comments by these methods must be received by the Secretary no later than June 20, 2012. All such comments, together with all statements transcribed at the public statement hearings, will become part of the record, will be posted for public viewing on the Commission’s website at www.dps.ny.gov, and will be reported to the Commission for its consideration. In addition to the statements and comments, all other documents issued or submitted in this case can be found on the above website by searching for Case 12-G-0194. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

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