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PSC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NATIONAL GRID PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Albany, NY – 10/18/10 – The New York State Public Service Commission today announced it will hold public statement hearings concerning a proposal by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid to increase electric rates. The company has proposed to increase its revenues by \$390.6 million per year. Under the company’s proposal, customers would not experience an immediate increase in their bills; however, customers would continue to pay the Competitive Transition Charge (CTC) beyond the end of 2011, when this charge would have otherwise expired. The Commission may grant, deny or modify any portion of the company’s rate proposals.

The public statement hearings will be held as follows:

Syracuse, NY

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Onondaga County/City of Syracuse Criminal Courthouse
505 South State Street
1st Floor, Room 120
Syracuse, NY

Colonie, NY

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Colonie Town Hall
534 New Loudon Road
Latham, NY 12110

Buffalo, NY

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Common Council Chambers
65 Niagara Square, Room 1413
Buffalo, NY 14202

The public will have an opportunity to present their comments at these hearings before an Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Commission to this case. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

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.

Other Ways To Comment

Writing: Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may comment electronically to the Secretary at secretary@dps.state.ny.us. If you are unable to submit comments electronically, you may write to Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, NYS Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to "Case 10-E-0050 – Niagara Mohawk Electric Rates."

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. Callers should select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments.

Internet: Comments may also be made via the "PSC Comment Form," in the "Consumer Assistance" file accessed through the Commission's Web site at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us>.

All comments by these alternative methods should be submitted, or mailed and postmarked, no later than November 30, 2010. All such statements and comments will become part of the record, be made available for inspection in the Commission's file room and be reported to the Commission for its consideration.