Public Statement Hearings Set On PSEG LI Integrated Resource Plan

ALBANY — The New York State Department of Public Service (Department) today announced that it will hold public statement hearings concerning the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The IRP was prepared by PSEG Long Island LLC (PSEG LI), and provided by the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) to the Department on April 24, 2017.

The purpose of the IRP includes forecasting future load and energy use in the LIPA service territory, identifying supply and demand side resources to meet load, and evaluating alternative resources that could deliver reliable energy to customers. The IRP considers many factors among others: supply diversity, system resiliency, compliance with federal and State regulatory policy, environmental impact and the cost of various repowering proposals. Public Service Law Section 3-b provides for oversight of LIPA and PSEG LI by the Department to ensure the provision of safe and adequate transmission and distribution services at rates set at the lowest level consistent with sound fiscal operating principles.

Public Statement Hearings

Members of the public and other interested persons are invited to attend public statement hearings at which time they may provide their comments concerning the IRP. PSEG LI and LIPA representatives will also be conducting informational sessions prior to the start of each public statement hearing. The IRP is available on the Department’s website at www.dps.ny.gov by searching for Matter Number 17-00696. The public statement hearings will be held as follows:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017
William H. Rogers Legislative Building
Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium
725 Veterans Memorial Highway
Smithtown, New York 11787

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. — Informational Sessions
1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. — Public Statement Hearings
Thursday, June 22, 2017
Theodore Roosevelt Executive & Legislative Building
First Floor – Legislative Chambers
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, NY 11501

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. — Informational Sessions
1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. — Public Statement Hearings

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the hearings. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card which will be available at the door. The public statement hearing will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings and will be posted on the Department's website.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, the other ways to provide your comments to the Department are described below. Comments should refer to "Matter No. 17-00696 – LIPA and PSEG LI Integrated Resource Plan,” and are requested by June 30, 2017. All comments will be posted to the Department’s website and become part of the record in this Matter.

Via the Internet or Mail: The public may enter comments directly into the matter file from the Department’s website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking on "Search" at the top of the page and then entering “17-00696" into the “Search by Case Number” field. In the open matter, access the screen to enter comments by clicking on the "Post Comments" box at the top right of the page. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Department and can be read on the website by searching by the matter number, as described above, and clicking on the “Public Comments” tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Department’s Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. Callers should reference “Matter No. 17-00696 – LIPA and PSEG LI Integrated Resource Plan.” This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary will be reported to the Department.

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