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**State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment to Meet
-Meeting to Discuss Astoria Petition to Amend its Operating Certificate-**

Albany, NY—4/1/09—The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in the 19th floor Board Room of the New York State Department of Public Service at Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider the petition filed by Astoria Energy LLC and Astoria Energy II LLC (Petitioners) on November 12, 2008, seeking approval of amendments to the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) and a transfer of the Certificate to the Petitioners, jointly. The Certificate covers the construction and operation of a natural gas-fired, combined cycle generating facility located in Astoria, Queens.

The meeting of the Siting Board is open to the public. However, since participants in the matter pending before the Siting Board already have been provided opportunities to comment on and respond to the petition, participants will not address the Siting Board at the meeting.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible.

Individuals in New York City wishing to view the meeting may do so in the Board Room on the 4th floor of the Commission's offices at 90 Church Street, New York City. The videocasting will be for viewing and listening purposes only. **Pursuant to procedures established by the building management, anyone planning to observe the meeting in the New York City Board Room must notify Jan Goorsky at 212-417-2378, 48 hours in advance of the meeting, and must be prepared to show valid photo identification upon arrival at 90 Church Street.**

In addition to the video broadcasting of the meeting in the Commission's New York City offices, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet. The Internet broadcast can be viewed through NewYorkAdmin by accessing <http://www.NewYorkAdmin.com> from the NewYorkAdmin Web site. The Commission has no financial interest in the Web site.

Under Article X of the New York State Public Service Law, the Siting Board for this petition consists of the Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission or his designee, the Commissioners or their designees from the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation, Health, and Empire State Development, as well as the Chairman or his designee of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.