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LOW-INCOME ENERGY FORUM MAY 28-29

—New Energy Initiative and Low Income Energy Programs to be Addressed —

Albany, NY—05/22/14—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) today announced that the Low-Income Forum on Energy (LIFE) will hold a statewide conference to address issues confronting low-income consumers on Wednesday and Thursday, May 28 and 29, at Hilton Albany, 40 Lodge Street in Albany, New York.

“LIFE provides a critical avenue for community leaders and service providers to share essential information that can help low-income New Yorkers maintain their utility service during these challenging times,” said Commission Chair Audrey Zibelman. “The LIFE conference will provide valuable information on the Commission’s groundbreaking consumer-focused energy restructuring initiative, as well as on energy assistance programs to help New York’s most vulnerable consumers.”

The two-day LIFE conference provides an opportunity for frontline workers, advocates, energy efficiency contractors, and policymakers to meet and network with those who share the same commitment in helping low-income energy customers. The forum will also feature the presentation of the 2014 LIFE Achievement Awards to noted individuals who have helped

address the needs of low-income New Yorkers as they deal with the challenges of energy affordability.

“I commend the participants of this year’s LIFE forum for their efforts to advance innovative solutions to make energy more affordable for families who need assistance the most,” said John B. Rhodes, President and CEO, NYSERDA. “Through these efforts and those of our colleagues throughout State government, we are making sure consumers are provided with the tools to better manage and reduce their energy costs aligning with Governor Cuomo’s vision of an affordable, clean-energy economy.”

At 16 years, LIFE is the nation’s longest-running statewide dialogue on the energy needs of low-income customers, and it has built a reputation as an interactive exchange of ideas and resources. The conference will feature sessions on consumer protections, low cost or no cost energy saving actions, emerging energy issues, technical trainings, policy discussions, and information on some of the resource programs that assist low-income energy customers.