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PSC Seeks Public Input on Penelec's Electric Rates -Afternoon & Evening Hearings Scheduled March 15 -

Albany, NY—03/09/12—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced its intention to hold two public statement hearings in Waverly concerning a rate proposal that would, among other things, transition default service customers of Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec) to market-based generation supply rates, effective June 1, 2012.

The dates, locations and times for the two public service statement hearings are:

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Waverly Free Library
Community Room
18 Elizabeth Street
Waverly, New York 14892

3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

In Penelec's 2011 filings, the company estimated that an immediate and full transition to market-based generation supply rates would increase bills by more than 30 percent; therefore it proposed a transitional period to implement the new supply rates.

A Joint Proposal filed in February 2012, by Penelec and Staff of the Department of Public Service, provides for an increase in revenues of 25.6 percent; and market-based generation supply rates to be implemented over two years, so that bill increases would be limited to 12

percent or less on a class average basis for the period June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2014. The Commission may adopt or reject the Joint Proposal in whole or in part.

Public Statement Hearing

It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing or to make an appointment in advance in order to speak. Persons interested in speaking will be asked to complete a card requesting time to speak when they arrive at the hearing, and will be called in the order in which the cards are received. Speakers are not required to provide written copies of their comments.

Each session of the public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of one hour, and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the 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 may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Office at the (518) 474-2520 number.

Other Ways to Comment

Internet or Mail: Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may comment electronically to Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail or delivery to Secretary Brillling at the Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments should refer to "Case 11-E-0594 Pennsylvania Electric Company-Electric Rates."

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission's toll-free 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 refer to "Case 11-E-0594 Pennsylvania Electric Company-Electric Rates."

All comments provided through these alternative methods are requested by March 23, 2012. All Comments will be reported to the Commission for its consideration.

Comments submitted electronically, or by mail or delivery may be may be accessed on the Commission's www.dps.ny.gov Web site by searching Case 11-E-0594. Many libraries offer free Internet access.