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PSC HOLDS TECH CONFERENCE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY --Meeting to Provide Overview, Assessment of Renewable Initiatives--

Albany, NY—10/23/09—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) previously announced it will hold a technical conference to explore issues associated with the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program. Issues to be discussed include benefits and costs of the program, program design and implementation, and an assessment of the potential for the development of additional renewable energy resources and associated costs.

The technical conference will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, in the 19th floor boardroom of the Commission's Albany office at Three Empire State Plaza, and video broadcast in the videoconference room on the 4th floor of the Commission's offices at 90 Church Street, New York City. Pursuant to procedures established by the building management, anyone planning to observe the meeting in the New York City videoconference 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.

The technical conference will commence at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. An agenda for the conference, including presenters, is below. Presentations by invitation only.

In addition to the video broadcasting of the technical conference in the Commission's New York City offices, the conference will be broadcast live on the Internet. The Internet broadcast can be viewed through NewYorkAdmin by accessing <http://www.NewYorkAdmin.com> from a computer capable of using RealPlayer. RealPlayer can be downloaded from the NewYorkAdmin Web site. The Commission has no financial interest in the Web site, its management, maintenance or administration.

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The Agenda for the conference is as follows:

Agenda

RPS Technical Conference-October 28

10:00 AM to 10:15 AM – Opening Remarks. Garry Brown, Chairman, NYS Public Service Commission

10:15 AM to 10:30 AM – New York's RPS Program. Francis J. Murray, Jr., NYSERDA, President and CEO

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM – Panel 1: Renewable Energy Potential. Opportunities and Costs

1. (10:30 AM to 11:15 AM) - RPS Main Tier - Overview of the Main Tier supply curve. How is it constructed, assumptions, and results. Bob Grace, Sustainable Energy Advantage
2. (11:15 AM to 12:00 PM) - Challenges to achieving 25% by 2013 or 30% by 2015.
 - a. Developing renewable energy facilities in New York. John Calaway, Pattern Energy
 - b. Financing a renewable energy project. John Stark ,GE Energy and Financial Services
 - c. Wind reliability, deliverability and transmission issues. John Buechler, Zac Smith, New York Independent System Operator

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM to 2:45 PM – Panel 2: Assessment of Benefits and Costs.

1. (1:00 PM to 1:20 PM) - Importance of Renewable Energy Programs. Jeff Deyette, Union of Concerned Scientists
2. (1:20 PM to 1:50 PM) - Measurable benefits and other Important Considerations of the RPS Main Tier. John Williams/Energy Analysis, NYSERDA and Mark Reeder, DPS
3. (1:50 PM to 2:10 PM) - Customer Sited Tier Resource Potential and Costs - Overview of the CST Market Potential Study, Program Structure and Costs. Jeff Peterson, NYSERDA
4. (2:10 PM to 2:30 PM) - Bill Impacts. Jeff Hogan, DPS
5. (2:30PM to 2:45 PM) - Customer Impacts. Multiple Intervenors

Break

3:00 PM to 4:45 PM – Panel 3: Program Design and Implementation. What changes are appropriate to improve the program’s effectiveness?

1. (3:00 PM to 4:15 PM) Industry/Government experts on program design issues. Eric Thumma, Iberdrola; Joe Oates, Con Edison; Eric Miller, Invenergy; Chris Wissemann, Deep Water Wind; James Gallagher, New York City Economic Development Corporation; and Fred Zalcman, Sun Edison.
2. (4:15 PM to 4:45 PM) Lessons Learned and Recommendations. Kevin Hale, Jeff Peterson, NYSERDA and Tina Palmero, DPS

4:45 PM to 5:00 PM – Summary and Key Takeaways: Garry Brown, Chairman NYS Public Service Commission

Documents concerning the Renewable Portfolio Standard may be obtained by visiting the Commission Document Section of the Commission’s Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us and entering the case number 03-E-0188 in the input box labeled “Search for Case/Matter Number.” Many libraries offer free Internet access. Documents may also be obtained from the Commission’s Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).