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PSC APPROVES INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS — \$12.1M Available to Help Manufacturers Lower Energy Use—

Albany, NY—09/17/09—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved more than \$12 million in funding for three natural gas energy efficiency programs designed to serve the large industrial customer market segment, adding to the wide range of energy efficiency programs that have been approved this year by the Commission.

“Large industrial companies are very eager to find ways to lower their energy costs to help improve their competitive position,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “The energy efficiency programs we are approving today will help these important job-creating companies grow and prosper in New York.”

The programs approved today include energy efficiency initiative programs administered by National Grid for its upstate and downstate service territories. Additional commercial and industrial energy efficiency programs are planned for other parts of the state in the near future.

A National Grid service territory-wide approximately \$1.6 million program approved today is designed to provide large industrial customers (customers with a gas demand greater than 10,000 dekatherms) financial incentives and technical assistance to assess outdated and/or inefficient energy-using systems and recommend opportunities for replacement equipment and systems.

Meanwhile, National Grid programs valued at approximately \$10.5 million were approved for its KeySpan affiliates serving New York City and Long Island. These programs are designed for

industrial customers with gas usage greater than 12,000 dekatherms, and will provide technical assistance and financial incentives to help customers analyze their operations.

The three energy efficiency programs approved are expected to save about 268,000 dekatherms through 2011, or enough natural gas to heat more than 27,000 average-sized homes annually.

The approved funding allocations are being guided by the Commission's May 19, 2009 Order that established targets and standards for natural gas efficiency programs. That Order adopted a gas usage reduction target of 4.34 Bcf per year through the end of 2011. It's estimated that \$130 million will be required annually to meet the target.

The Commission's decision, when issued, may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us and entering Case Numbers 09-G-0363 or 07-M-0548 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number." Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).