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## **NEW YORK'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY GAINS CONTINUE — Strong Steps Made to Reduce Overall Energy Consumption —**

Albany, NY—3/17/11— The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today received a report from Department of Public Service staff detailing the latest successes of the Commission's landmark Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS) proceeding.

“Energy efficiency is the most cost-effective, and most immediate, way to reduce the burden of rising energy and environmental costs on residential and business customers,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “Our aggressive efforts to reduce electricity consumption by 15 percent by 2015 will enable customers to install energy-efficient equipment and appliances, help create clean energy jobs, and help reduce monthly utility bills.”

The fundamental objective of EEPS is to put in place new energy efficiency programs that will help reduce New York's electricity usage by 15 percent from forecast levels by 2015, with comparable results in natural gas efficiency, and to provide a variety of other environmental and economic benefits to New Yorkers. Programs under EEPS are available from the State's electric and gas utilities as well as the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

Through December, approximately \$190 million has been expended for EEPS program implementation and another \$74 million has been committed. Since June 2008, the Commission has provided funding for the electric portion of the EEPS Program totaling \$317 million annually through 2011. In May 2009, the Commission established targets for gas efficiency programs and

subsequently authorized expenditures totaling \$138 million annually. There are more than 100 energy efficiency programs for residential, commercial, and industrial customers now available.

The annualized energy savings for electric efficiency measure installations through December was about 864,000 MWh, up 30 percent from 662,000 MWh at the end of September, enough to meet the electricity needs of approximately 133,000 homes. The annualized gas energy savings for efficiency measures installed through December was about 1,455,000 Dekatherms, up 64 percent from about 885,000 Dekatherms at the end of September, enough to meet the natural gas usage of approximately 17,600 homes each year.

In light of the success of the EEPS initiative, the Commission today recommitted itself to the 15 percent reduction in energy consumption by 2015, and reaffirmed its general support for continuing EEPS. As part of the renewed commitment, the Commission will receive an in-depth review of the programs later this year. The review will focus on the scorecard reports provided by the program administrators, as well as input from program evaluations, the implementation advisory group and various stakeholders.

The report presented by staff today, when issued, may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) and entering Case Number 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).