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PSC MAKES CHANGES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROCEEDING — New Guidelines Reduce Paperwork; Program Target and Budget Adjustments Made —

Albany, NY—8/18/11— The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today adopted streamlined guidelines that reduces filing requirements for monthly scorecards, annual program and evaluations, as well as annual outreach and education reports for the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS) programs.

“These important changes in the program’s reporting requirements will significantly improve the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the data being reported,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “The revised deadlines for monthly scorecard reporting and annual program and evaluation reporting will provide EEPS program administrators additional time to audit program data for completeness and accuracy; improving the quality of information reported to the public and other stakeholders.”

The revised deadlines are as follows: monthly scorecard reports, now required to be filed no later than 14 days after the month ends, can be filed no later than 30 days after the month ends; annual program and evaluation reports, now required to be filed no later than 60 days after the year ends, can be filed no later than 90 days after the year ends; and annual reports of each calendar year’s outreach and education achievements, and updated plans, now required to be with the third quarter status report, can be filed no later than 90 days after the year ends.

In a related matter, the Commission reaffirmed that EEPS utility shareholder incentives will be based on performance for the years 2009 through 2011 for all utilities participating in EEPS, and

lowered energy savings targets and budgets for certain EEPS programs administered by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. and Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

The Con Edison and O&R programs with lowered energy savings targets and budgets include Con Edison's electric appliance bounty program (residential); residential direct install program; the commercial and industrial equipment rebate program; and the gas commercial gas efficient equipment rebate program; and O&R's electric commercial existing buildings program. Meanwhile, an EEPS "whitepaper" has been prepared by Staff that addresses the period 2012 through 2015, for consideration by the Commission this fall.

The Commission's decision 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 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).