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## PSC Seeks Comment on a Joint Proposal to Increase O&R's Electric Revenues

Albany, NY—5/14/08—The New York Public Service Commission will hold public statement hearings concerning Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.'s (O&R) pending electric revenue increase application and an April 18, 2008 Joint Proposal of interested parties as follows:

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008**

Ramapo Town Hall, Council Room  
237 Route 59  
Suffern, NY  
**3:00 p.m.**  
*(ending not later than 5:00 p.m.)*

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008**

Rockland County Legislative Chamber  
11 New Hempstead Road  
New City, NY  
**7:30 p.m.**

### **THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008**

Middletown Thrall Library, Meeting Room  
11-19 Depot Street  
Middletown, NY  
**7:00 p.m.**  
*(ending not later than 9:00 p.m.)*

### **TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008**

Orange County Legislative Chamber  
255 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Goshen, NY  
**1:00pm**

Each hearing will remain open for at least one hour and will continue thereafter as necessary until the earlier of any time specified above or when all persons who wish to comment orally have been heard or other suitable arrangements are made.

### **Background**

In August 2007, Orange and Rockland initially proposed to increase its annual New York electric revenues by \$47.8 million or 7.7 percent over total New York forecast electric revenues before any rate change. The proposed increase, the company's first since 1993 for electric delivery service, would be effective for the year ending June 30, 2009. O&R also proposed additional annual New York electric revenue increases of \$10.0 million and \$5.1 million for the years ending June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011. The company's filings can be found at: <http://www.oru.com/aboutoru/tariffsandregulatorydocuments/index.html>.

In April 2008, O&R and several other parties filed a Joint Proposal reflecting their common contention that the company needs additional annual electric delivery revenue of \$23.287 million, \$9.526 million, and \$4.057 million for the three years starting July 1, 2008, July 1, 2009, and July 1, 2010. These parties propose that the additional needed revenue be received gradually, smoothing bill impacts for customers, by allowing annual revenue increases of \$15.591 million per year for the same three years.

The Commission may adopt, adopt with changes, or reject any of the pending proposals. The Commission also may adopt terms other than those proposed, including rate increases or decreases or tariff changes beyond those included in the pending proposals.

Copies of the Joint Proposal have been provided to the following libraries for public inspection:

Suffern Free Library  
210 Lafayette Avenue  
Suffern, NY

New City Library  
220 N. Main Street  
New City, NY

Pearl River Public Library  
80 Franklin Avenue  
Pearl River, NY

Albert Wisner Public Library  
2 Colonial Avenue  
Warwick, NY

Middletown Thrall Library  
11-19 Depot Street  
Middletown, NY

Goshen Public Library & Historical Society  
203 Main Street  
Goshen, NY

Monroe Free Library  
44 Millpond Parkway  
Monroe, NY

Additionally, the Joint Proposal and a summary of it are also posted on the Commission's [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) Web site by accessing the "What's New" section of the home page and referencing "Case 07-E-0949." Initial and reply statements by active parties concerning the reasonableness of the recent proposal will also be posted on this Web site when they are filed.

### **Public Statement Hearing**

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearings. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to 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 Management Office.

### **Other Ways to Comment**

In addition to the public statement hearings, comments (in English or Spanish) may be mailed to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to “Case 07-E-0949 – Orange and Rockland Electric Rates.”

**Toll-free Opinion Line:** Comments may also be submitted through the Commission’s Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is designated to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press “1” to leave comments about the proposal.

**The Internet:** Comments may also be submitted via the “PSC Comment Form,” in the “Consumer Assistance” file accessed through the Commission’s [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) Web site. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

Public comments should be submitted as soon as possible but must be received not later than June 23, 2008. All public statements and comments received timely will be reported to the Commission, placed in the official case file, and made available for public inspection in the Commission’s file room in its Albany offices, Central Files, 14<sup>th</sup> floor, Three Empire State Plaza.