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## **PSC SEEKS INPUT ON ROCKVILLE CENTRE ELECTRIC RATES**

**— Last Rate Increase Sought in 2003; Joint Proposal Seeks 11.1% Increase —**

Albany, NY—05/24/12—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced it will hold a public statement hearing concerning a proposal by the Village of Rockville Centre (Village) to increase electric rates and charges.

The public statement hearing will be held as follows:

**TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012**

Village of Rockville Centre

Village Court

1 College Place

Rockville Centre, NY 11570

**6:30 p.m.**

On October 27, 2011, the Village filed revised rates designed to recover approximately \$3.4 million in additional annual revenues, which would constitute an overall 16.87 percent increase in rates. The Village last filed for a rate increase in 2003. The Village explains the need for the increase as reflecting inflation and increased costs of retirement, medical, labor, tax equivalence and debt service.

Following an audit by the Department of Public Service and settlement discussions between the Village and the Department, a Joint Proposal was filed May 2, 2012, by Department Staff and the Village.

The terms of the Joint Proposal, if accepted by the Commission, would replace the increase filed by the Village with an increase of approximately \$2.3 million or 11.1 percent. Individual customers may experience higher or lower rate increase percentages. The Joint proposal is available on the Department's Web site at:

<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Common/ViewDoc.aspx?DocRefId={20588618-7C2A-41C6-8E86-064BE8EB29BB}>

### **Public Statement Hearing**

The public will have an opportunity to present their comments at the hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearing. 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 Office at the previously mentioned number.

### **Other Ways to Comment**

**Internet or Mail:** In addition to the formal hearings, comments may be sent electronically to Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov), or mailed or delivered to Secretary Brillling at the Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to "Case 11-E-0590 – Rockville Centre 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 designed to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments.