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NYRI EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON WEB

— Hearing on Internet Effort to Increase Public Awareness —

Albany, NY—3/13/09—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced today the broadcast on the Internet of the evidentiary hearing for the application of New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. (NYRI) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law for a High Voltage Direct Current Electric Transmission Line running between National Grid's Edic Substation in the Town of Marcy, and Central Hudson Gas & Electric's Rock Tavern Substation in the Town of New Windsor.

The evidentiary hearing will commence on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. and will continue day-to-day as required. The Internet broadcast of the evidentiary hearing can be viewed through New York Admin by accessing <http://www.NewYorkAdmin.com> from a computer using RealPlayer. RealPlayer can be downloaded from the NewYorkAdmin Web site. The Commission has no financial interest in the Web site, its management, maintenance or administration.

The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to enter into the record the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of interested parties and to allow cross-examination of parties concerning their testimony before Administrative Law Judges Michelle L. Phillips and Jeffrey E. Stockholm. The pre-filed testimony is available at the Commission's Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us by accessing Case 06-T-0650, New York Regional Interconnect in the "What's New" section of the homepage.

Previously, 13 information forums and public statement hearings were held for members of the public during the period October 20 through November 6, 2008. Members of the public still wishing to comment on NYRI's proposal may write to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1250. Your comments should refer to "Case 06-T-0650—NYRI Transmission Line Proceeding."

Also, comments by members of the public may 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 select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments about the electric facility proposal.

Comments may also be submitted via the "PSC Comment Form" in the "Consumer Assistance" section accessed through the Commission's Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us or via the "Contact Us" link at <http://www.AskPSC.com>. Many libraries offer free Internet access.