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PSC Seeks Comment on Central Hudson Rate Proposal

Albany, NY—3/5/09—The New York Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold public statement hearings on a proposal by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson) to increase rates by approximately \$36 million for electric delivery service and \$14 million for natural gas delivery service. The proposed electric increase represents approximately 17 percent of electric delivery revenue and 28 percent of gas delivery revenue. The increases would become effective on July 1, 2009.

The Commission may adopt, reject, or amend any part of Central Hudson's request.

The date, times and location for the public statement hearings are:

Thursday, March 12, 2009
Common Council Chambers
Municipal Building, Third Floor
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12602
3:00pm and 6:00pm

*(Free parking will be available in the City Hall Parking Garage at 62 Civic Center Plaza.
Hearing participants must get their parking tickets validated at the hearing.)*

Public Statement Hearings

The public will have an opportunity to present their comments at the hearing before a member of the Public Service Commission and/or an Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Commission to this case. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of the 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. The hearing will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made.

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

In addition to the formal hearings, comments may be mailed to Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to "Cases 08-E-0887 and 08-G-0888, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation – 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 select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments about Central Hudson's rate proposal.

The Internet: Comments may also be submitted via the "PSC Comment Form" in the "Consumer Assistance" file accessed through the Commission's Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us or via the "Contact Us" link at www.AskPSC.com. The rate filing of Central Hudson is available online at: www.cenhud.com/rateproposal2008/testimony_exhibits.html. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

All statements and comments received by the Administrative Law Judges and the Commission will be placed in the public case file and be made available for public inspection in the Commission's file room in its Albany offices, Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza.