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## **PSC, NYSERDA SPONSOR LOW-INCOME FORUM ON ENERGY —LIFE Statewide Conference Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—**

Albany, NY—5/14/08—The New York State Public Service Commission, in cooperation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), today announced a Low-Income Forum on Energy (LIFE) conference that will bring together organizations and individuals for a unique statewide dialogue to explore *Climate for Change: A Better LIFE* and the challenges and opportunities facing low-income energy customers.

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LIFE — the nation's longest running statewide dialogue whose participants are encouraged to exchange information and collaborate among those involved in assisting low-income energy customers. The conference will be held May 20-21 at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Colonie, New York.

Garry Brown, Chairman of the Public Service Commission, said "Rising and historically high energy prices pose significant challenges for many consumers, particularly low-income households. Energy efficiency is likely to be the most cost-effective, and more immediate, means to reduce the burden of rising energy not only for low-income customers, but for other customers as well. Given that reality, New York has embarked on one of the most aggressive initiatives of its type in the nation to dramatically reduce electricity use and to curb greenhouse gas emissions produced from electricity generation."

Vincent A. DeLorio, NYSERDA Chairman said, "NYSERDA's firm commitment to seeking solutions to New York's energy and environmental problems, while also improving the State's economy, strongly supports LIFE's dedication to serving the needs of low-income residents, especially in times of rising energy costs. In partnership with the Public Service Commission we can help bring this important message to light."

The 2008 statewide LIFE conference features a keynote presentation by Paul DeCotis, the Deputy Secretary for Energy, as well as presentations on a variety of issues, including: updates on energy efficiency and revenue decoupling mechanism proceedings, keeping low-income households and communities informed about new efficiency and renewable technologies, green collar workforce development, and creating new, sustainable energy alliances.

The registration fee for the two-day conference attendance will be \$125 for individuals representing not-for-profit and community-based organizations; and \$145 for all other registrants. A conference agenda and registration form are available online at <http://www.lifenynews.org> or by contacting Libby Belardi at (412) 431-5087 or e-mail at [lblardi@gove.org](mailto:lblardi@gove.org).