PSC Seeks Public Comment on Grid Transmission Line
-New Four-Mile Natural Gas Pipeline in Towns of Ballston and Malta-

Albany, NY—01/06/12—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold two public statement hearings, each preceded by an information forum, on the application of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid to construct approximately four miles of 12-inch diameter steel gas transmission pipeline from the Town of Ballston to the Town of Malta in Saratoga County.

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

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

Town of Malta
Town Hall
2540 Route 9
Malta, NY 12020

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Public Information Forum
3:00 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

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6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Public Information Forum
7:00 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

The proposed new pipeline would allow National Grid to serve the GLOBALFOUNDRIES, Inc. manufacturing plant located on the Luther Forest Technology Campus. It would be situated entirely within Saratoga County, running generally from west to east from a proposed new tap
point on National Grid’s existing E13 pipeline in the Town of Ballston, to its terminus at the inlet of a proposed new gas regulator station to be located in the Town of Malta.

**Public Statement Hearings**

Interested members of the public are invited to attend the information forums to receive updated information and responses to questions from the Department of Public Service (Department) and National Grid. Following each forum, members of the public may provide their comments regarding the proposed pipeline at the public statement hearings to be held before an Administrative Law Judge.

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material to speak at the hearings. Members of the public wishing to comment will be called upon after completing a card requesting time to speak. Each hearing will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made. A verbatim transcription of the public statement hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of the Commission’s proceeding in this matter.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to the Department’s Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department’s Human Resource Office at the previously mentioned telephone number.

**Other Ways to Comment**

In additional to the formal public statement hearings, comments on National Grid’s application may be provided electronically by interested members of the public to Honorable Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or mailed or delivered to Secretary Brilling at the Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments should refer to “Case 11-T-0462: National Grid – Ballston to Malta.”

Comments may also be submitted through the Commission’s toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This telephone number is designed to take comments about pending cases from in-
state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press “1” to leave comments and refer to Case 11-T-0462.

The public comment period will remain open through February 17, 2012. All public comments will become part of the record and will be posted and available for viewing on the Commission’s www.dps.ny.gov Web site. Persons interested in National Grid’s filings and related documents may view them at www.dps.ny.gov. From the Department’s homepage, under the caption “What’s Hot,” “Natural Gas,” click on the link for “National Grid – Ballston to Malta Gas Pipeline.”

National Grid’s application for the proposed pipeline can also be viewed at the Ballston and Malta Town Halls and libraries.

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