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PSC Seeks Public Input on O&R Electric Rates -Afternoon & Evening Hearings Scheduled March 15 and March 28-

Albany, NY—03/09/12—The New York State Public Service Commission announced its intention to hold four public statement hearings in Goshen and Ramapo concerning the rates for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.'s (O&R) electric service. O&R's proposal would increase rates by \$31.4 million effective July 1, 2012, and an additional \$6.5 million and \$16.5 million effective July 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014, respectively.

The dates, locations and times for the four public service statement hearings are:

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Orange County Government Center
Emergency Services Building, Auditorium
22 Wells Farm Road
Goshen, New York 10924
4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Ramapo Town Hall
237 Rt. 59
Suffern, New York 10901
4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

O&R in its proposal stated that there were a number of reasons why the additional revenue was necessary, including: (1) costs associated with additions to utility plant in service, (2) increases in operating expenses to cover changes in the cost of required work (e.g. salary and wages, tree

trimming, stray voltage testing), (3) increased property and other taxes, (4) increased financing costs, and (5) costs for restoration of service following Hurricane Irene and an October 29, 2011 snowstorm.

Public Statement Hearing

It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing or to make an appointment in advance in order to speak. Persons interested in speaking will be asked to complete a card requesting time to speak when they arrive at the hearing, and will be called in the order in which the cards are received. Speakers are not required to provide written copies of their comments.

During the 8:00 p.m. session on March 28, 2012, the public may also participate by telephoning (845)-357-0102 or by sending comments via e-mail to PSChearing@ramapo.org, and may view a streamed live broadcast of the hearing at the Town of Ramapo's internet site www.ramapo.org or on Cablevision Channels 75, 77, or 78 or Verizon FiOS Channel 32.

Each session of the public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of one hour, and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact 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 (518) 474-2520 number.

Other Ways to Comment

Internet or Mail: Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may comment electronically to Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, at 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. Comments should refer to “Case 11-E-0408 Orange and Rockland Utilities – Electric Rates.”

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission’s toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should refer to “Case 11-E-0408 Orange and Rockland Utilities—Electric Rates.”

All comments provided through these alternative methods should be submitted, or mailed and postmarked, no later than April 13, 2012. All such statements and comments will become part of the record and be reported to the Commission for its consideration.

All submitted comments may be accessed on the Commission www.dps.ny.gov Web site by searching Case 11-E-0408. Many libraries offer free Internet access.