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INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS APPROVED — Millions Available to Help Large Manufacturers Improve Energy Efficiency —

Albany, NY—08/20/09—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved \$24.4 million in funding for an electric and natural gas energy efficiency program to improve the energy efficiency of large-scale industrial customers, a substantial incentive to these economically important, job-sustaining large manufacturing companies.

“Improving energy efficiency is of critical importance to large industrial companies as they compete in a global marketplace,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “We are proud to find ways to help improve the energy efficiency of highly valued industrial consumers. We are confident these programs will enable these companies to prosper and create much-needed regional employment opportunities.”

The Commission approved an electric energy efficiency program to be administered by National Grid and a natural gas program to be administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Additional industrial programs will be considered at a future Session.

National Grid’s \$13.1 million electric energy initiative program is designed to provide large industrial customers (with a load of 2 megawatts or greater) with financial and technical assistance to replace inefficient energy-using equipment and systems. Rebates will be available for qualifying lighting systems, lighting controls, energy management systems and economizer controls, air compressors, and variable frequency drives. Incentives will also be available for customized (or highly specialized) energy efficiency measure installations.

NYSERDA's \$11.2 million industrial and process efficiency program is designed to serve all industrial gas customers in New York State, with emphasis on large gas customers with electric demand of 2 MW or more. The new funding approved for natural gas efficiency improvements will be combined with previously-approved electric funding for NYSERDA's existing Flex Tech Industrial Process program to integrate gas and electric efficiency efforts.

NYSERDA's program will focus on key manufacturing sectors in New York such as: chemicals and pharmaceuticals, printing and publishing, automotive, food processing, and forest products. Data centers are also included since their energy use profile is similar to manufacturing. In addition, agriculture, mining, extraction, and water and wastewater facilities will be targeted because they have process-oriented operations. Incentives will be available for both electric and gas energy efficiency projects in all of these sectors to reduce the energy used per unit of production.

NYSERDA and National Grid will incorporate reports on these programs into the quarterly program and evaluation reports, annual program reports and evaluations, and monthly scorecard reports already required for the other Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard programs they administer.

The Commission's decision today, when issued, may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us and entering Case Number 08-E-1132, 08-E-1133 09-G-0363, and 07-M-0548 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number." Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).