

STATE OF NEW YORK

# Public Service Commission

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## PSC Seeks Public Input on National Grid Gas Rates

Albany, NY—10/21/08—The New York Public Service Commission will hold public statement hearings concerning a proposal by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid to increase gas service rates. The Company has proposed to increase rates by \$95.3 million. The Commission may grant, deny or modify any portion of the Company's rate proposals. Public statement hearings will be held as follows:

### Syracuse

**Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

**12:00 p.m.**

Syracuse City Hall

Common Council Chambers

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

233 E. Washington Street

Syracuse, NY

**6:00 p.m.**

Onondaga County Public Library

447 South Salina Street

Curtain Auditorium

Syracuse, NY

Schenectady **Thursday, October 30, 2008**

**6:00 p.m.**

The City of Schenectady

City Court, Room 209

105 Jay Street

Schenectady, NY

Schodack **Monday, November 10, 2008**

**6:00 p.m.**

Schodack Town Hall

265 Schuurman Road

Castleton, NY

### **Public Statement Hearings**

The public will have an opportunity to present their comments at the hearing before 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 this proceeding.

To speak at the hearings, it is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. All comments at the hearings will be transcribed and become part of the Commission's formal record. Each hearing session will remain open for at least one hour, and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

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.

### **Other Ways to Comment**

**Writing:** Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may comment by writing to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comment should refer to "Case 08-G-0609 National Grid Gas Rates."

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** You may call the Commission's 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 select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments.

**Internet:** Comments may also be made via the "PSC Comment Form," in the "Consumer Assistance" file accessed through the Commission's Web site at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us>.

All comments by these alternative methods should be submitted, or mailed and postmarked, no later than November 30, 2008. All such statements and comments will become part of the record, be made available for inspection in the Commission's file room and be reported to the Commission for its consideration.