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New York State Siting Board Schedules Meeting on NYPA Poletti Application

Albany, NY – 9/24/02 – The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, October 1, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. in the New York State Department of Public Service Board Room, 8th Floor, One Penn Plaza, New York City.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider an application filed by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) to construct a 500-megawatt (MW) combined-cycle electric generating facility adjacent to NYPA's existing Charles Poletti Generating Station in the Astoria Section of Queens County, New York City. As part of this Article X application, the Siting Board will consider Supplemental Joint Stipulations filed by the New York Power Authority and other parties to this proceeding resolving all outstanding issues raised by parties. The Siting Board in Case 99-F-1627 (Poletti Siting Board) may grant or deny NYPA's application and the Supplemental Joint Stipulations or grant a Certificate subject to conditions.

The meeting of the Poletti Siting Board is open to the public. However, since participants in the case pending before the Poletti Siting Board already have been provided opportunities to comment on and respond to the application and Supplemental Joint Stipulations, participants will not address the Siting Board at the meeting. **Pursuant to procedures**

established by the building management, anyone planning to observe the meeting in the New York City Board Room must notify Jan Goorsky at 212-290-4361 no later than close-of-business on Monday, September 30, 2002, and must be prepared to show valid photo identification upon arrival at One Penn Plaza. Individuals in Albany wishing to view the Siting Board's meeting may do so in the Board Room on the 19th floor of the New York State Department of Public Service's offices at Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York. The videocasting to the Albany location will be for viewing and listening purposes only. In addition, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet. The Internet broadcast can be viewed through a subscription to NewYorkAdmin by accessing <http://www.NewYorkAdmin.com> from a computer capable of using RealPlayer. RealPlayer can be downloaded from the NewYorkAdmin site. The Siting Board has no financial interest in the website, its management, maintenance or administration.

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Under Article X of the New York State Public Service Law, the State Siting Board for this application consists of the Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission or her designee and the Commissioners or their designees from the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation, Health, Economic Development, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and two additional members – one from the judicial district and the other from the county where the facility is proposed to be located. The two additional members are George Custance and Thomas F. Fitzgerald.

On August 18, 2000, NYPA filed an application with the Siting Board to obtain a Certificate under Article X to construct the generating facility. According to the NYPA's application, the proposed project site is a four-acre, undeveloped parcel of land located within NYPA's 47 acres of property in Queens. NYPA owns and operates the existing 825 MW Charles Poletti generating station on the 47 acres, which are part of a 291-acre parcel formerly owned by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

Copies of public filings relating to the application before the Poletti Siting Board, including the application itself, are available for inspection at the Files Office, New York State Department of Public Service (Department), 14th Floor, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500) and at the Department's New York City Files Office, 8th Floor, One Penn Plaza, New York, NY (212-290-4361). Requests to view such material should refer to Case 99-F-1627.