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**Permanent State Siting Board to Meet December 22
-Will Consider Petition for Amending AES NY, LLC Certificate -**

Albany, NY – 12/18/03 – The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) has scheduled a meeting for Monday, December 22, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. in the 19th floor Board Room of the New York State Department of Public Service at 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider a Petition to Amend the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need issued by the Siting Board under Article VIII of State Public Service Law on December 29, 1978, that authorized the construction of an 850-megawatt (MW) coal-fired electric generating facility in the town of Somerset, Niagara County, New York. The actual size of the generating facility was later reduced to 625 MW. The Petition seeks to allow the use of petroleum coke blended in with the coal that is currently used as fuel in the generating facility and to modify the slope and height of a portion of its solid waste disposal area on the property.

The meeting of the permanent Siting Board is open to the public. However, since participants in the case pending before the Siting Board already have been provided opportunities to comment on and respond to the petition, participants will not address the Siting Board at the meeting. Individuals in New York City wishing to view a videocasting of the Siting Board meeting may do so in the Board Room at the New York State Department of Public Service's offices on the 8th floor of One Penn Plaza, New York, NY. The videocasting will be for viewing and listening purposes only. **Pursuant to procedures established by the**

building management, anyone planning to view the meeting in the New York City Board Room must notify Jan Goorsky at 212-290-4361 in advance of the meeting, and must be prepared to show valid photo identification upon arrival at One Penn Plaza.

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 NewYorkAdmin site, its management, maintenance or administration.

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Under Article X of the New York State Public Service Law, the permanent Siting Board for this petition consists of the Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission or his designee, the Commissioners or their designees from the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation, Health, and Economic Development, and the Chairman of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.