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## **PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON NYSEG, RG&E RATE PROPOSALS** — Customer Input Will Help PSC Formulate Decision —

Albany, New York — 04/21/10 — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced it would hold public statement hearings on proposals by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) to increase rates.

NYSEG has proposed to increase rates by approximately \$169.7 million for electric delivery service and by \$63.4 million for natural gas delivery service. The proposed increases represent approximately 32.2 percent of NYSEG's electric delivery revenue and 39.5 percent of its gas delivery revenue.

RG&E has proposed to increase rates by approximately \$87.4 million for electric delivery service and by \$62.9 million for natural gas delivery service. The proposed increases represent approximately 27.1 percent of RG&E's electric delivery revenue and 47.1 percent of its gas delivery revenue.

The increases for both NYSEG and RG&E would become effective on September 25, 2010. Under New York State Law, the Commission must consider utility rate proposals and may adopt, reject, or amend any part of the requested changes in rates and services.

Four separate public statement hearings will be held at the following locations:

### **Tuesday, April 27 -- Rochester**

City Hall Common Council Chambers  
30 Church Street, 3rd floor  
Rochester, New York 14614  
**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 27 -- Geneva**

Geneva Community Center Black Box Theater  
160 Carter Road  
Geneva, New York 14456  
**5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 28 -- Binghamton**

Broome County Public Library Decker Room  
185 Court Street  
Binghamton, New York 13901  
**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 29 -- Lancaster**

Lancaster Village Municipal Building  
Auditorium  
5423 Broadway  
Lancaster, New York 14086  
**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

The public will have an opportunity to present their comments at the hearings before an administrative law judge assigned by the Commission to these cases. Verbatim transcripts of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of the proceeding.

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at a public statement hearing. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak. The hearings will remain open at least one hour and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made.

**Assistance Available:**

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should place a collect call to 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:**

In lieu of speaking at the hearings, you may submit comments by mail to the Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to “Cases 09-E-0715 and 09-G-0716, NYSEG Rates” or to “Cases 09-E-0717 and 09-G-0718, RG&E Rates.”

**Toll-free Opinion Line:** Comments may also be submitted through the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is designed 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 about NYSEG’s and RG&E’s rate proposal(s).

**The Internet:** Comments may also be submitted via the “PSC Comment Form” in the “Consumer Assistance” file accessed through the Commission's Web site at [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) or via the “Contact Us” link at [www.AskPSC.com](http://www.AskPSC.com). Many libraries offer free Internet access.

All statements and comments received by the administrative law judges and the Commission will be placed in the public case file and made available for public inspection in the Commission's file room in its Albany offices, Central Files, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Three Empire State Plaza.

All documents filed in these cases are available online at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us>. On the homepage, place the cursor over either “Electric” or “Natural Gas” and then click on either NYSEG or RG&E in the drop-down menu that appears.