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National Grid Rate Case Joint Proposal Virtual Public Statement Hearings Set

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced that it will hold two virtual public statement hearings on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, concerning a joint proposal with proposed changes in the gas delivery rates and practices of The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY (KEDNY) and KeySpan Gas East Corp. d/b/a National Grid (KEDLI).

On May 14, 2021, KEDNY and KEDLI filed a Joint Proposal with the Commission seeking approval to increase their annual gas delivery revenues over three years. In addition to the companies, the other signatories to the joint proposal include Trial Staff of the Department of Public Service, the Environmental Defense Fund, Estates NY Real Estate Services LLC, NY-Geo, Bob Wyman, and the Long Island Power Authority.

Under the terms of the joint proposal, annual gas delivery revenues for the companies would not increase in rate year 1 (April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021). In rate year 2 (April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022) and rate year 3 (April 1, 2022, to March 1, 2023), KEDNY's annual gas delivery revenues would increase by \$40.61 million and \$41.87 million, respectively (an increase of 2 percent in total revenues for each year); and KEDLI's annual gas delivery revenues would increase by \$23.34 million and \$24.91 million, respectively (an increase of 1.8 percent in total revenues for each year).

The joint proposal continues the customer surcharges for hazardous waste site investigation and remediation costs, for demand response, energy efficiency and long-term capital projects to address gas supply constraints, and for replacement and repair of leak prone gas pipes. It also includes funding for gas operations safety and training programs.

The actual bill impacts of the joint proposal on any particular customer class will vary based upon revenue allocation and rate design. Under the joint proposal, KEDNY's total average monthly total customer bills in Rate Year 1 will not increase, but in rate years 2 and 3, customer bills will increase by approximately \$5.56 (or 3.77 percent) and \$4.89 (or 3.26 percent), respectively, for customers using 102 therms per month. KEDLI's total average monthly customer bills will increase by approximately \$5.35 (or 3.71 percent) and \$5.45 (or 3.73 percent), respectively, for customers using 102 therms per month.

The full text of the joint proposal and further information in these proceedings, including pre-filed testimony and exhibits, may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service web page, www.dps.ny.gov, by searching under Case 19-G-0309 or 19-G-0310.

Under New York State Law, the Commission may adopt or reject the joint proposal, in whole or part, or modify it. Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) are presiding over the gathering of public comments and all evidence relating to the joint proposal.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public statement hearings will be held before ALJs Maureen F. Leary and James A. Costello, as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Information Session: 1:00 P.M. Public Statement Hearing: 2:00 P.M.	DATE: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Information Session: 6:00 P.M. Public Statement Hearing: 7:00 P.M.
Electronic Access: www.webex.com Event Number: 173 169 6394 Password: June9-1pm	Electronic Access: www.webex.com Event Number: 173 653 0733 Password: June9-6pm
Phone-Only Access: (518) 549-0500 Access Code: 173 169 6394	Phone-Only Access: (518) 549-0500 Access Code: 173 653 0733

Those wishing to comment on any aspect of the Joint Proposal will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record at the virtual public statement hearings. **Any person wishing to provide a public statement must pre-register electronically or by telephone by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.**

To register electronically: Participants who would like to provide a statement and will log in to a hearing electronically may register to do so by visiting www.webex.com by the date and time indicated above, click “Join” at the top right-hand corner of the screen, enter the appropriate event number listed above, and provide all requested information.

When logging in to participate in a hearing at the appropriate date and time, participants should visit www.webex.com, click “Join” at the top right-hand corner of the screen, and input the appropriate event number listed above.

Participants will be asked to “select audio system.” It is recommended that participants opt to have the system “call me” or “call using computer.” The “call me” option will require participants to enter their phone numbers.

To register by phone: Any participant who is not able to log in to a hearing electronically may participate by phone. Call-in participants wishing to make a statement at a hearing must register to do so by the date and time indicated above by calling **1-800-342-3330**, following the prompts to the appropriate hearing and then providing the following information: first and last name, address, and phone number.

On the appropriate day and time of the hearing, dial **(518) 549-0500** and enter the relevant access code, listed above, to join the hearing.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the hearing. The ALJs will continue the hearing until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to

include their comments in the record. Time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all attendees an opportunity to be heard. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of these cases.

To listen to the hearings: Any person who would like to listen to the hearings but would not like to make a statement may access the hearings without registering. The hearings will be livestreamed on the internet and available for viewing on the Department of Public Service's YouTube channel on the date and times listed above. To access the YouTube channel, visit the Department's website, www.dps.ny.gov, and click on the YouTube icon at the bottom of the homepage. In addition, any person without internet access may listen to the hearings by phone by calling **(518) 549-0500** and entering the applicable access code.

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. Users of Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading the English language are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to comment about these cases to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 19-G-0309 - The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid" or "Case 19-G-0310 - KeySpan Gas East Corp. d/b/a National Grid." **Although comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding, they are requested by August 2, 2021.**

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," search using case number 19-G-0309 or 19-G-0310 in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then click on "Post Comments" located at the top of the page; or send comments by email to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Honorable Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record and considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. These calls are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

To become a registered DMM user, apply for party status, or subscribe to the service list, please either (1) go to www.dps.ny.gov, click "Search", enter the case number that you wish to follow or become a party to (19-G-0309 or 19-G-0310) in "Search by Case Number" field, and then click on the appropriate button in the upper right hand corner of the page (either "Subscribe to Service List" or "Request for Party Status"); or (2) see the instructions and guidance located at <http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/B785AE8643B0B8D9852576A9005E090D?OpenDocument>.