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## **PSC Seeks Public Comment on Heritage Hills Water Works Corporation's Proposed Rate Increase**

Albany, NY – 6/18/04 – The New York State Public Service Commission is seeking public comment regarding the Heritage Hills Water Works Corporation's request, filed August 20, 2003, for a \$439,100 (40.3%) increase in its annual revenues. A Recommended Decision prepared by an Administrative Law Judge was issued on May 10, 2004 recommending an increase of \$216,100 subject to certain updates.

The Commission may accept, reject or modify the Recommended Decision. The Commission will hold a public statement hearing to receive comments from the interested members of the public as follows:

Monday, June 28, 2004  
5:00 p.m.  
Activities Center  
Heritage Hills of Westchester  
Heritage Hills Drive  
Somers, NY

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearing. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak. The hearing 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.

TDD users may request that a sign language interpreter be present at the public statement hearing. To make a request, please call the New York State Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management office at (518) 474-2520 through the New York Relay Service at 1-800-622-1220 or have a representative call collect directly to the office. Disabled persons who require special accommodations other than a sign language interpreter may place a collect call to the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management office at (518) 474-2520. All requests should be made as soon as possible.

### Other Ways to Comment

Persons not wishing to speak at the public statement hearing, or who are unable to attend the hearing, may comment (in English or Spanish) on the Heritage Hills Water Rate proposal by mailing their written statements to the Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. These letters should reference "Case 03-W-1182 – Heritage Hills Water Works Corporation-Water Rates" and should be mailed in as soon as possible.

Other alternatives are available for submitting comments for consideration by the Commission:

**Toll-free Opinion Line:** Interested persons may call a special toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120 to voice their opinion. This phone line is set up to receive comments about the proceeding from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press "3" for "Water" to leave comments about the Heritage Hills rate proposal.

**The Internet:** Comments may be submitted via the Commission's website, located at [www.AskPSC.com](http://www.AskPSC.com) by filling in the electronic "Comment Form" located in the "Contact Us" file. Comments are downloaded regularly. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

All statements and comments received by the Commission will be placed in the public case file and be made available for public inspection in the Commission's file room and should be received no later than July 1, 2004. The Heritage Hills rate proposal can be viewed at the Commission's offices, Central Files, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Three Empire State Plaza or at:

Heritage Hills Library  
Activities Center  
Heritage Hills of Westchester  
Heritage Hills Drive  
Somers, NY