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## LOW-INCOME ENERGY FORUMS ANNOUNCED

— Focus on Helping Financially Struggling Families Improve Energy Awareness —

Albany, NY—04//13—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) announced today that the Low-Income Forum on Energy (LIFE) will hold a series of day-long meetings across the State for frontline workers, advocates and policy makers to help address the challenges and opportunities facing low-income consumers as they seek affordable energy.

“LIFE provides a critical avenue for community leaders and service providers to share essential information that can help low-income New Yorkers maintain their utility service during these challenging economic times,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “The LIFE Regional Meetings will provide valuable information on energy assistance programs, updates on key programs, and will highlight certain regional best practices.”

Francis J. Murray, Jr., President and CEO, NYSERDA, said, “Governor Cuomo has made it a priority to ensure New Yorkers have access to affordable energy. I applaud the efforts of all participants in these meetings to address the needs of low-income households. The LIFE forums provide the opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices with the goal to serve this population more effectively.”

The six LIFE regional meetings, which run from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., provide an opportunity for participants to meet and network with others who share a commitment to helping low-income

energy customers.

The schedule for this year's regional meeting series is as follows:

Thursday, May 2 <i>NYC/Long Island</i>	Allegría Hotel, Long Beach 80 West Broadway Long Beach, NY 11561
Tuesday, May 7 <i>Capital District</i>	Saratoga Hilton 534 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Thursday, May 9 <i>North Country</i>	SUNY Canton Miller Campus Center Woodcock Conference Suite 2580 Route 68 Canton, NY 13617
Thursday, May 16 <i>Hudson Valley</i>	Holiday Inn 68 Crystal Run Road Middletown, NY 10941
Tuesday, May 21 <i>Western New York</i>	Erie Community College 4041 Southwestern Boulevard Building 5 Orchard Park, NY 14127
Wednesday, May 22 <i>Central New York</i>	Port Watson Mini Conference Center 131 Port Watson Streets Cortland, NY 13045

LIFE is the nation's longest running statewide dialogue on the energy needs of low-income customers and has built a reputation as an interactive exchange of ideas and resources. This year's regional meetings will build on lessons learned in prior LIFE conferences and will feature sessions on emerging energy issues, consumer education and information on some of the resource programs that assist low-income energy customers.

The registration fee for this year's meetings is \$45 for all registrants and includes all conference materials, lunch, and breaks. For information about LIFE and the 2013 Regional Meetings, including meeting agendas and registration information, please visit [www.lifenynews.org](http://www.lifenynews.org) or call 1-877-NYSMART, option 5. If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.