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PSC Seeks Public Comment on Central Hudson Electric and Gas Rate Proposal

Albany, NY—February 27, 2006—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced a series of public statement hearings to seek public comment on Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation's (Central Hudson) request to increase its annual electric and gas revenues.

According to Central Hudson's July 2005 filing with the Commission, the proposed rate revisions are designed to produce an overall increase of about \$52.8 million (13%) in annual electric revenues, and about \$18.1 million (15%) in annual gas revenues. The company's request may be approved, modified, or rejected by the Commission. The locations, dates, and times, of the public statement hearings are:

Poughkeepsie – Monday, March 13, 2006

3:00 PM

Dutchess County Office Building

Legislative Chambers, 6th floor

22 Market Street

Poughkeepsie, NY

Fishkill – Monday, March 13, 2006

7:00 PM

Fishkill Town Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room

807 Route 52

Fishkill, NY

Newburgh – Tuesday, March 14, 2006

3:00 PM

Newburgh Town Hall

1496 Route 300

Newburgh, NY

Kingston – Tuesday, March 14, 2006
7:00 PM
Kingston City Hall – Council Chambers
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or submit written material to speak at the public statement hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. All comments at the hearings will be transcribed and become part of the Commission's formal record. Each hearing session will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible.

Other Ways to Comment

Persons not wishing to attend or who are unable to attend the public statement hearings may comment (in English or Spanish) on the proposed rate revisions by mailing their written statements to: Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Statements should reference "Cases 05-E-0934 and 05-G-0935" and should be submitted or mailed no later than April 17, 2006.

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

Toll-free Opinion Line: Interested persons may call a special toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This phone line is set up to receive comments about the proceedings from in-state callers, 24 hours-a-day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments about Central Hudson's rate proposals.

The Internet: Comments also may be submitted via the "PSC Comment Form" in the "Contact Us" file accessed through the homepage of the Commission's Consumer Web site. The Web site address is <http://www.AskPSC.com> and comments are downloaded regularly. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

All statements and comments received by the Commission are placed in the public case file and made available for public inspection in the Commission's file room. Statements and comments should be received no later than Monday, April 17, 2006. The company's filing can be viewed at the Commission's Offices, Central Files, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY or by visiting the Commission's <http://www.dps.state.ny.us> Web site.