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**New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting  
and the Environment to Meet**

Albany, NY – 3/26/03 – The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Permanent Siting Board) has scheduled a meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. in the 19<sup>th</sup> floor Board Room at 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider a petition from Brookhaven Energy Limited Partnership (Brookhaven Energy) for an amendment to its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate). The Certificate granted by the Brookhaven Energy Siting Board on August 14, 2002, authorized Brookhaven Energy to construct a new 580-megawatt (MW) combined-cycle, natural gas-fired electric generating facility located on approximately 28 acres near the hamlet of Yaphank in the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York. Brookhaven Energy's petition seeks permission to allow the company to use different electric generation facilities and equipment from the ones certified by the Brookhaven Energy Siting Board. With use of the proposed new equipment, the facility would generate up to 540 megawatts of electricity. Brookhaven's petition was issued for public comment and no one has opposed it.

The meeting of the Permanent Siting Board is open to the public. However, because participants in the case pending before the Board already have been provided opportunities to comment on, and respond to, the company's petition, participants will not address the Board at the meeting. Individuals in New York City wishing to view a videocasting of the Permanent Siting Board meeting may do so in the Board Room at the NYS Department of Public Service's offices on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of One Penn Plaza, New York, NY. The videocasting will be for viewing and listening purposes only. **Pursuant to procedures established by the building management, anyone planning to view the meeting in the New York City Board Room must notify Jan Goorsky at 212-290-4361 no later than close-of-business on Monday, March 31, 2003, and must be prepared to show valid photo identification upon arrival at One Penn Plaza.**

In addition, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet. The Internet broadcast can be viewed through a subscription to NewYorkAdmin by accessing <http://www.NewYorkAdmin.com> from a computer capable of using RealPlayer. RealPlayer can be downloaded from the NewYorkAdmin site. The Siting Board has no financial interest in the website, its management, maintenance or administration.

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The Permanent Siting Board consists of the following state officials or their designees: Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission and the Commissioners from the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation, Health, Economic Development, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Copies of public filings relating to Brookhaven Energy's petition before the Permanent Siting Board, including the petition itself, are available from the Files Office, New York State Department of Public Service, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223 (518-474-2500). Requests for such filings should cite Case 00-F-0566. The Brookhaven Energy Siting Board's August 14, 2002, written decision granting Brookhaven Energy Limited Partnership a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct a new electric generating facility is available on the Department of Public Service's website at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us/articlex.htm>. Many libraries offer free Internet access.