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Comment Sought on New Gas Rates for National Grid’s New York City & Long Island Customers

Public Hearings Convened to Receive Public Input on Proposed Rate Increase

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced it would hold informational forums and public statement hearings in New York City, and on Long Island to receive comments on a proposal by The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY (KEDNY) and KeySpan Gas East Corp. d/b/a National Grid (KEDLI) to increase gas rates for customers.

On April 30, 2019, KEDNY and KEDLI filed amendments to their gas tariff schedules, proposing to increase their annual gas delivery revenues effective March 28, 2020. KEDNY proposes to increase its annual gas delivery revenues by \$236.8 million (an increase of 19.3 percent in gas delivery revenues and 13.6 percent in total revenues). KEDLI proposes to increase its annual gas delivery revenues by \$49.4 million (an increase of 6 percent in gas delivery revenues and 4.1 percent in total revenues). The actual bill impacts of these proposed changes on any particular customer class will vary.

Under New York State Law, the Commission may adopt, reject or modify in whole or in part the KEDNY/KEDLI proposals. In considering the proposals, the Commission will review the positions proposed by the participating parties and the general public. Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) will preside over the public statement hearings, the gathering of public comments, the evidentiary hearing, and all evidence relating to the proposals.

Opportunities for public information and comment will be held, as follows:

KEDNY:	KEDLI:
<p><u>Wednesday, July 31, 2019</u> City University of New York Law School Auditorium 2 Court Square Long Island City, New York 11101</p> <p>Information Session: 1:00 P.M. Public Statement Hearing: 2:00 P.M.</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, July 31, 2019</u> Nassau County Legislative Chambers Theodore Roosevelt Executive Legislative Building 1550 Franklin Avenue Mineola, New York 11501</p> <p>Information Session: 1:00 P.M. Public Statement Hearing: 2:00 P.M.</p>

<p><u>Wednesday, July 31, 2019</u> Brooklyn Borough Hall Borough Hall Courtroom 209 Joralemon Street Brooklyn, New York 11201</p> <p>Information Session: 6:00 P.M. Public Statement Hearing: 7:00 P.M.</p> <p><u>Wednesday, August 21, 2019</u> St. George Library Center 5 Central Avenue Staten Island, NY 10301</p> <p>Information Session: 1:00 P.M. Public Statement Hearing: 2:00 P.M.</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, July 31, 2019</u> Suffolk County Legislature William J. Lindsay County Complex William H. Rogers Building #20 Rose Caracappa Auditorium 725 Veterans Memorial Highway Smithtown, New York 11787</p> <p>Information Session: 6:00 P.M. Public Statement Hearing: 7:00 P.M.</p> <p><u>Thursday, August 1, 2019</u> Suffolk County Legislature Evans K. Griffing Building Maxine S. Postal Auditorium 300 Center Drive Riverhead, New York 11901</p> <p>Information Session: 1:00 P.M. Public Statement Hearing: 2:00 P.M.</p>
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Further information and KEDNY’s and KEDLI’s pre-filed testimony and exhibits in these proceedings may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service web page (www.dps.ny.gov) by searching under Case 19-G-0309 (KEDNY) and Case 19- G-0310 (KEDLI).

At the public statement hearings, those wishing to comment on the KEDNY/KEDLI rate proposals will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance in order to speak at the hearing.

Persons wishing to comment will be asked to complete a card requesting time to speak when they arrive at the hearing and then will be called in the order in which the cards are received.

Speakers may, but are not required to, provide written copies of their comments.

Each public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of one-half hour and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to submit comments. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record.

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.”

Internet or Email: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on “Search,” search using case number “19-G-0309” or “19-G-0310” and then click the “Post Comments” button at the top of the page; or email comments to the Secretary for the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov.

By Mail or Hand Delivery: Alternatively, comments may be mailed or delivered to the Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Commenters also may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Comments provided through the Toll-Free Opinion Line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the ALJs and to the Commission for their consideration.

Comments submitted via these alternative means are requested by **August 26, 2019**, although comments will be accepted throughout the proceeding.

Written comments received by the Department will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Written comments may be viewed online (go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," search using case number "19-G-0309" or "19-G-0310," and then click on the "Public Comments" tab).