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April 2, 2012

Via E-mail only

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Re: Case 11-T-0654 – New York State Electric & Gas Corporation – Natural Gas Pipeline, Big Flats to Horseheads, Chemung County.

Dear Mr. Draghi:

I am attaching a notice of public statement hearings and opportunity for public comments in Case 11-T-0654, which New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (“Company”) must publish one time in the Elmira-based *Star Gazette* at least two weeks prior to the April 26, 2012, public statement hearings in the referenced case.

Our overall objective, as I am sure you understand, is to provide maximum public awareness of the public statement hearings and the alternative opportunities for public comment. Accordingly, the notice must be placed in a prominent location in the body of the newspaper (*not* the legal notices section) and formatted and printed in type size large enough to attract attention and make it easy to read. If there are any questions about whether the Company’s publication plans would comply with these requirements, please contact me to discuss the matter before the Company implements those plans.

At the public statement hearings, please provide an affidavit of proof of publication. The affidavit should be accompanied by a single newspaper page on which the published notice appeared. A photocopy of the newspaper page is not acceptable. At the public statement hearings, please also provide an additional affidavit for proof of service of the attached notice on all landowners of property located within 150 feet of the edge of the proposed right-of-way of the proposed pipeline, as required by the Commission’s Order Requiring Hearing (issued

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March 13, 2012; Confirming Order issued March 16, 2012) in Case 11-T-0654 (“Hearing Order”). The latter affidavit must also provide proof of service of the further notice that the Hearing Order notes the Company agreed to serve on all owners of, and holders of liens on, properties for which NYSE&G has not already obtained the property rights necessary for the project.

As reflected in the attached notice, representatives of the Company are invited to be available to provide information about its proposed project and answer questions at the information sessions that will precede the scheduled public statement hearings. (This invitation does not include the Company’s making a presentation at the information session, but only its availability to respond to requests from the public for information about the project and the locations of project facilities.) If the Company plans to do so, please consult and coordinate with Department of Public Service staff in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Howard A. Jack
Administrative Law Judge

Attachment

STATE OF NEW YORK
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April 2, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON
NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC AND GAS CORPORATION PROPOSAL TO BUILD
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN BIG FLATS AND HORSEHEADS, NEW YORK

(Case 11-T-0654)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the New York State Public Service Commission seeks public comment on an application by New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSE&G) for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need, under Article VII of the Public Service Law, to build a 4.9-mile-long eight-inch diameter natural gas pipeline and associated above-ground facilities in the Towns of Big Flats and Horseheads, Chemung County, New York. The pipeline will extend from Inergy's Seneca Lake Gas Storage Facility West Pipeline near the intersection of Yawger Road and Upton Road in the Town of Big Flats to connect with NYSE&G's distribution system at Gardner Road, just west of Westinghouse Road, in the Village of Horseheads. Associated facilities include metering and pressure regulating stations near either end of the proposed pipeline.

As part of the comment process, the Commission will hold public statement hearings. The hearings will give interested members of the public an opportunity to state their views personally before an Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case. A court stenographer will make a word-for-word transcript of the hearings, which will become part of the record of the proceeding.

Staff of the Department of Public Service will conduct a short informational session before each public statement hearing, to describe the Article VII process and answer questions about it. Representatives of NYSE&G will also be invited to the information sessions, to be available to provide information about its proposed project and respond to questions.

The information sessions and public statement hearings will be held at these places, dates, and times:

Horseheads Highschool, South Wing
Multimedia Center
One Raider Lane
Horseheads, NY 14845
Information Session: April 26, 2012 -- 3:00 p.m.
Public Statement Hearing: April 26, 2012 -- 3:30 p.m.

Horseheads Highschool, South Wing
Multimedia Center
One Raider Lane
Horseheads, NY 14845
Information Session: April 26, 2012 -- 7:00 p.m.
Public Statement Hearing: April 26, 2012 -- 7:30 p.m.

You do not have to be present at the start of a public statement hearing or make an appointment in advance in order to speak. If you wish to speak, you can fill out a very brief request card when you arrive at the hearing. Speakers will be called in the order in which they turn in request cards. **You** do not have to provide a written copy of your comments, but you may if you wish.

Each public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of one hour. The afternoon hearing will close no later than 5:00 p.m. The evening hearing will remain open until 9:30 p.m., if necessary to hear people who wish to speak. If not all of those who wish to speak have been heard by that time, the administrative law judge will make other reasonable arrangements to include their comments in the record.

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. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call to that number through the New York Relay Service at 711.

Other Ways to Comment

If you cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to comment about this case to the Commission.

Writing: You may submit written comments through the Department of Public Service website or by e-mail. To use the website, go to www.dps.ny.gov, click "Search," enter "11-T-0654" in the box labeled "Search For Case/Matter Number," click again, and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page. Or you may send e-mail comments directly to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov. You may also send comments by postal mail or private delivery to: The Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments sent that way should refer to "Case 11-T-0654 - NYSE&G - Big Flats to Horseheads Natural Gas Pipeline."

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may also comment orally, by calling 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. Callers should press "1" to leave comments and should refer to "Case 11-T-0654 - NYSE&G - Big Flats to Horseheads Natural Gas Pipeline."

Comments provided through any of these alternative methods must be submitted, or mailed and postmarked, no later than Wednesday, May 2, 2012. Written comments, and summaries of telephone comments, will become part of the record that the Commission will consider in this case. You can view all comments submitted electronically or in writing -- as well as transcripts of the public statement hearings, when completed -- by visiting the Commission's website at www.dps.ny.gov, then searching Case 11-T-0654. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

This matter is being heard in Case 11-T-0654 - Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

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Pursuant to Article VII Section 121-a of the Public Service Law for Approval to Construct a 4.9 Mile Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline and Associated Facilities in the Towns of Big Flats and Horseheads and the Village of Horseheads, Chemung County.

(Signed)

JACLYN A. BRILLING
Secretary