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PSC APPROVES INCREASE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVES

— Individual Project Funding Cap Increased to \$1 Million for On-Site Wind —

Albany, NY – 02/13/13 – The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today authorized the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to increase the maximum incentive amount from \$400,000 currently available up to \$1 million per installation for the on-site wind program to help boost program participation.

“Since the inception of New York’s renewable energy program, the customer-sited tier has been an important component in encouraging customers to install their own ‘behind-the-meter’ renewable energy production systems,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “Increasing the funding cap for on-site wind projects reflects the need to respond to market conditions in order to advance additional renewable energy projects.”

“We thank the Commission today for its approval in raising the maximum incentive offered through NYSERDA’s on-site wind program,” said Francis J. Murray Jr., President and CEO, NYSERDA. “The action today highlights the State’s continued commitment with strong support from Governor Cuomo to make renewable energy more affordable for consumers and a viable option in helping the State meet its energy goals.”

In 2010, the Commission established budgets and targets through 2015 for the customer-sited tier of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) program to encourage certain self-generation ‘behind the meter’ technologies in the State. As part of the RPS, a program was established for “behind-

the-meter” generators to allow customers to participate directly in the promotion of certain clean energy technologies.

The on-site wind program has been a staple in the RPS program since its adoption in 2004. In 2011, the Commission modified the equipment size cap for on-site wind installations from 600 to 2 MW to be consistent with net-metering laws and to boost on-site wind program participation. The increase in the funding cap is provided to respond to market conditions and assist with the development and construction of these larger installations.

The Commission’s decision today, when issued, may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission’s Web site at www.dps.ny.gov and entering Case Number 03-E-0188 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders may also be obtained from the Commission’s Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.