

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS REGARDING NATIONAL GRID  
ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES

(Issued December 17, 2012)

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold public statement hearings concerning a proposed change in the electric and gas delivery rates of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

National Grid filed a proposal to increase its annual electric delivery revenues by \$145.4 million, or 5.6% of total electric bills. The net result of the Company's proposal, accounting for the already-scheduled expiration of a \$190 million surcharge, would be a 1.7% decrease in total electric bills. The Company also proposed an increase in annual gas delivery rates of \$29 million, or 4.8% of total gas bills. Accounting for the return to customers of various credits, the net result would be a 2.4% increase in total gas bills.

Following an investigation by the Commission's Staff as well as other parties, a Joint Proposal was submitted to the Commission by Staff, National Grid, and other parties.

Under the Joint Proposal, rates would be established for a three-year period. Taking into account the expiring surcharge and the return of certain customer credits, the effect of the Joint Proposal on total electric bills would be a reduction of 6.2% in the first year, followed by an increase of 1.9%, above the new lower rate, in each of the next two years. Bill impacts will vary among customer classes and among individual customers. The base revenue requirement would increase by \$43.395 million in year one, followed by increases of \$51.361 million and \$28.342 million in years two and three, respectively.

The effect of the Joint Proposal on total gas bills would be a reduction of 4.3% in the first year, followed by an increase of 2.9%, above the new lower rate, in each of the next two years. Bill impacts will vary among customer classes and among individual customers. The base revenue requirement would decrease by \$3.290 million in year one, followed by increases of \$5.854 million and \$6.268 million in years two and three, respectively.

The full text of the Joint Proposal can be viewed on the Commission's Web site by searching under Case 12-E-0201 or 12-G-0202 or by clicking on "National Grid-Upstate" under the What's Hot column, and then clicking on "View All Case Related Commission Documents for this case."

Please take notice that public statement hearings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 - 3:30pm-5:00pm & 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Schenectady County Public Library  
McChesney Room  
99 Clinton Street  
Schenectady, NY 12305-2083

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
Fowler High School  
227 Magnolia Street (Faces Geddes Street)  
Syracuse, NY 13503

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - 7pm-9pm  
Onondaga Community College  
Whitney 210  
4835 West Seneca Turnpike  
Syracuse, NY 13215-4585

Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> - 2pm-4pm  
Cheektowaga Town Hall  
3301 Broadway Street  
Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Thursday, January 24th - 6pm-8pm  
Amherst Municipal Building  
5583 Main Street  
Williamsville, NY 14221

The public will have an opportunity to present their comments at the hearings before an Administrative Law Judge. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding. The evening hearings will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made.

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearings. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to 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 through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Office at the previously mentioned number. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this fact sheet.

Other Ways to Comment

**Internet or Mail:** In addition to the formal hearings, comments may be sent electronically to the Acting Secretary, at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov), or mailed or delivered to Hon. Jeffrey C. Cohen, Acting Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to "Case 12-E-0201 & 12-G-0202 - Rate Case Petitions of

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (Niagara Mohawk)." Comments may also be entered directly into the case by locating the cases via the home page of the Commission's Web site, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by clicking on "Search" and entering comments in the "Post Comments" located at the top of the page.

**Toll-free Opinion Line:** Comments may also be submitted through the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is designed to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments.

Statements and comments received by the Commission will be placed in the case file. All submitted comments will be posted on the Commission's Web site at ([www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov)), and be available by searching Case 12-E-0201 & 12-G-0202. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

The Matters described above are being considered in Cases 12-E-0201 and 12-G-0202, Rate Case Petitions of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (Niagara Mohawk).

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