

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 07-M-0548 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding
an Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard.

RULING CONCERNING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

(Issued May 22, 2007)

ELEANOR STEIN, Administrative Law Judge:

On May 16, 2007, the Commission found that realizing the State's energy efficiency potential and reducing New York's electricity usage 15% from expected levels by 2015 are in the public interest, and instituted this proceeding to design programs to achieve this objective. In addition, the Commission charged this proceeding with developing target goals and timetables for natural gas usage efficiency.¹

In the Instituting Order the Commission instructed the Administrative Law Judge to convene the parties and establish procedures necessary to accomplish these goals. I have been assigned as the Administrative Law Judge in this case, and Department of Public Service Assistant Counsel Paul Agresta will be assisting me.

The Commission identified nine policy and other considerations to be assessed, and several issues concerning program design. Procedures suggested in the Instituting Order include surveys of available efficiency resources, cost and benefit studies, and a survey of practices in other jurisdictions.

With the accompanying notice, this Ruling establishes the agenda for a Procedural Conference to commence this proceeding, to be held on the record on June 4, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at the Commission's New York City offices, 90 Church Street,

¹ Case 07-M-0548, Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard, Order Instituting Proceeding (issued May 16, 2007)(Instituting Order).

4th floor Board Room. The purpose of the procedural conference is to discuss the scope, schedule and procedures in this proceeding. The Notice details security procedures necessary for attendance.

In addition, the Commission directed Department of Public Service staff (Staff) immediately to prepare its proposals for the design of energy efficiency programs, in order to focus the proceeding and move it forward expeditiously. In this regard, Staff should present a proposal for the scope and schedule for the development of the necessary studies and design options, at the Procedural Conference.

Also to be discussed at the Procedural Conference is the scheduling of a forum on energy efficiency, to bring together experts in the field, including from other jurisdictions, to inform this proceeding with the most current available information and best practices.

Proposals concerning the balance of this process, including the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and public involvement, and other schedule issues, will also be considered. In addition, all other procedural concerns or proposals of parties should be raised at the procedural conference. Parties interested in discussing these preliminary procedural matters may contact me at 518-474-4505 or Eleanor_Stein@dps.state.ny.us.

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ELEANOR STEIN