

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 13-E-0198 – In the Matter of 2013 Electric Emergency Plan Review.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(Issued May 15, 2013)

Following Superstorm Sandy, in an effort to improve effective emergency preparation and response by utilities, the Public Service Law (PSL) was amended to provide the Public Service Commission (Commission) with increased authority with regard to utility electric emergency plans. The PSL now requires that utilities file their electric emergency response plans on or before December fifteenth of each year for Commission review and approval. The law also enumerates minimum requirements for the utilities' electric emergency response plans and establishes the Commission's authority to open an investigation of the plans to determine their sufficiency and if necessary, to require their amendment.

The Commission is reviewing utility electric emergency response plans filed in April pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 105. This will aid utilities in the development of appropriate plans for filing in accordance with the new PSL requirements. The Commission has scheduled a technical conference at which electric, gas, and telecommunication utilities will be asked to discuss communication and coordination with each other during emergencies or extended outages. Improved communication and coordination among electric, gas, landline telephone, wireless telephone, and cable companies will result in safer, expedited restorations among providers, and thus, return essential services to New Yorkers faster and more efficiently. Therefore, we are requesting that all utilities/providers of electric, gas, phone, wireless phone or cable services in the state participate in the technical conference to be held:

Wednesday, May 29th, 2013

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

New York State Public Service Commission

Board Room, 19th Floor

3 Empire State Plaza

Albany, NY 12223-1350

It is essential that someone from each company's operations office participate in this technical conference. If you have any questions, or to register for this conference, please contact Aferdita Bardhi at Aferdita.Bardhi@dps.ny.gov or (518) 474-1379 no later than May 24, 2013.

(SIGNED)

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