

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 29, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS ON A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE
ELECTRIC DELIVERY SERVICE REVENUES FOR
ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC.

(Case 11-E-0408)

The New York State Public Service Commission seeks public comment on a proposal to increase electric delivery service revenues for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R) over a three-year period beginning July 1, 2012, and to make various other changes to O&R's electric service terms and conditions. As part of this process, public statement hearings will be held in Goshen on Thursday, March 15, 2012, and in Ramapo on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Details concerning the hearings are set forth below.

On July 29, 2011, O&R filed revisions to its tariff for electric service which, as updated in subsequent filings, would have increased revenues for electric delivery service by \$31.4 million. In response to the O&R filing, the Trial Staff of the Department of Public Service (DPS Staff), the Utility Intervention Unit of the Consumer Protection Division of the New York Department of State (UIU) and the Town of Ramapo (Ramapo) submitted testimony and exhibits opposing or seeking modification of various aspects of the utility's proposal. On January 4, 2011, O&R proposed settlement negotiations aimed at resolving the differences among the parties. O&R, DPS Staff, UIU, Ramapo and the Municipal Consortium for Reasonable Electric Rates participated in those negotiations, which resulted in a Joint Proposal to the Commission (JP) dated February 24, 2012. The JP, if adopted, would resolve all outstanding issues in this case.

Under the terms of the JP, O&R electric delivery revenues would be set for three years under one of two options presented for the Commission's consideration. The first option would increase revenues by \$19.4 million on July 1, 2012; \$8.8 million on July 1, 2013, and \$15.2 million on July 1, 2014. This equates to increases in total customer bills of approximately 2.5%, 1.5% and 2.6%, respectively. The second option would provide for the same total increase, but in equal increments of \$15.2 million, with an average impact on customer bills of 2.3%, in each of the three years.

TAKE NOTICE that members of the public may provide their comments on the Joint Proposal at public statement hearings to be held as follows:

Goshen Thursday, March 15, 2012
Afternoon session: 4:00 p.m.
Evening session: 6:30 p.m.
Orange County Government Center
Emergency Services Building, Auditorium
22 Wells Farm Road
Goshen, New York 10924

Ramapo Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Afternoon session: 4:00 p.m.
Evening session: 8:00 p.m.
Ramapo Town Hall
237 Rt. 59
Suffern, New York 10901

It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing or to make an appointment in advance in order to speak. Persons interested in speaking will be asked to complete a card requesting time to speak when they arrive at the hearing, and will be called in the order in which the cards are received.

Speakers are not required to provide written copies of their comments.

During the 8:00 p.m. session on March 28, 2012, the public may also participate by telephoning (845) 357-0102 or by sending comments via e-mail to PSChearing@ramapo.org, and may view a streamed live broadcast of the hearing at the Town of Ramapo's internet site www.ramapo-ny.org or on Cablevision Channels 75, 77, or 78 or Verizon FiOS Channel 32.

Each session of the public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of one hour, and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion 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 through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Office at the (518) 474-2520 number.

Other Ways to Comment

Internet or Mail: Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may comment by e-mail, mail or delivery addressed to Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary. The e-mail address is secretary@dps.ny.gov. The address for mail or delivery is Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments should refer to "Case 11-E-0408 Orange and Rockland Utilities - Electric Rates."

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call 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-E-0408 - Orange & Rockland Utilities - Electric Rates."

All comments provided through these alternative methods should be submitted, or mailed and postmarked, no later than April 13, 2012. All such statements and comments will become part of the record and be reported to the Commission for its consideration.

All submitted comments may be accessed on the Commission's Web site at (www.dps.ny.gov), by searching Case 11-E-0408. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

This matter is being heard in Case 11-E-0408 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. for Electric Service.

JACLYN A. BRILLING
Secretary