

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING ON APPLICATION OF NEW YORK
STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSMISSION PROJECT

CASE 12-T-0248

(Issued May 16, 2013)

The New York State Public Service Commission
(Commission) invites public comment on an application in which
New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) requests a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to
construct the Columbia County Transmission Project,
approximately 11.1 miles of 115 Kilovolt transmission line and
related facilities in the Towns of Chatham, Ghent, and
Stockport, in Columbia County. NYSEG also seeks a water quality
certification for this project. The Commission may approve,
approve with changes, or reject NYSEG's application in whole or
in part. A Public Information Forum will also be held.

TAKE NOTICE that members of the public may provide
their comments on the application at the public statement
hearing to be held before Administrative Law Judge Eleanor Stein
as follows:

Date: Friday, June 14, 2013
Time: 4:00 p.m. - Public Information Forum
5:00 p.m. - Public Statement Hearing
Location: Town of Ghent Town Hall
P.O. Box 98
2306 State Route 66
Ghent, NY 12075-0098

During the public information forum, the New York
State Department of Public Service Staff (Staff) will provide a
brief overview of the Public Service Law Certification process;

and NYSEG will provide a brief description of the project. Both Staff and NYSEG representatives will be available to respond to questions from the public, including questions about the potential exercise of eminent domain.

During the public statement hearing, members of the public will have an opportunity to present their comments before the Administrative Law Judge. A verbatim transcript of the public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearing. Members of the public wishing to comment will be called upon after completing a card requesting time to speak. The hearing will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

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. 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 notice.

Other Ways to Comment

Internet or Mail: Those who cannot or do not wish to attend the public statement hearing, may submit comments electronically to Hon. Jeffrey C. Cohen, Acting Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail or delivery to Acting Secretary Cohen at the Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments should refer to Case 12-T-0248, Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the Columbia County Transmission Project.

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 select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments about Case 12-T-0248 - Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the Columbia County Transmission Project.

All public comments will become part of the record and will be posted and available for viewing on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.dps.ny.gov>. Persons interested in NYSEG's filings and related documents may view them at <http://www.dps.ny.gov>. From the Department of Public Service's homepage under the caption "What's Hot," click on the category "Electric," then click on the link for "Columbia County Transmission Project."

This matter is being heard in Case 12-T-0248, Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the "Columbia County Transmission Project," Approximately 11.1 Miles of 115 Kilovolt Transmission Lines and

related facilities in the Towns of Chatham, Ghent, and
Stockport, in Columbia County.

(SIGNED)

JEFFREY C. COHEN
Acting Secretary