

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS
UNITED WATER NEW YORK INC. - RATES

CASE 13-W-0295

(Issued April 9, 2014)

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) seeks public comment on the pending request of United Water New York Inc. (UWNY or the Company) to increase its basic rates to customers for water service. The proceeding considering this rate request does not include consideration of UWNY's proposal to construct a desalination plant on Haverstraw Bay on the Hudson River to meet its long-term water supply needs, nor does it include consideration of UWNY's request to implement a surcharge to recover development costs for the long-term supply proposal.

On July 2, 2013, UWNY filed tariff schedules designed to increase the Company's base rates by 28.9% to provide it with additional revenues of about \$21.3 million for a rate year beginning June 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015. The effective date of the tariff changes was suspended by Commission orders and extension agreements of the Company through June 30, 2014.

The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judges to conduct hearings, and a team of staff members from the Department of Public Service was assigned to analyze the Company's proposal and to participate in the case as a party (Staff). Other parties intervening to participate in the case were the Department of State's Utility Intervention Unit and a group calling itself the Municipal Consortium, representing Rockland County and various towns, villages and other public entities. Staff and the intervenor parties challenged UWNY's proposal in many respects but supported certain aspects of the Company's filing. All parties submitted testimony, cross-examined witnesses at a publicly noticed evidentiary hearing,

and filed post-hearing briefs advocating their respective positions.

On April 8, 2014, the Administrative Law Judges issued a Recommended Decision (RD), setting forth their proposed resolution of all issues in the case for consideration by the Commission. The RD proposes that UWNV be granted a rate increase of approximately \$11.1 million, representing an increase of 15% in total revenues to UWNV. The RD and all other documents in the case are publicly available on the Commission's Web site at www.dps.ny.gov. (Select the search function and search by case number for Case 13-W-0295.) The Commission will consider the record evidence, views of all the parties, comments of the public, and the ALJs' recommendation, and can also bring to bear its own expertise in reaching a final decision.

TAKE NOTICE that two public statement hearings before an Administrative Law Judge will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Time: 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

**Location: Felix Festa Middle School
Auditorium, B-wing Entrance
30 Parrott Road
West Nyack, NY 10994**

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2014

Time: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

**Location: Town of Ramapo
Town Hall Council Room
237 Rt/ 59
Suffern, NY 10901**

It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing, to make an appointment in advance, or to present written material in order to speak at the hearing. Persons will

be called to speak after completing a request card. The hearings will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources 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. 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

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 13-W-0295 -United Water New York - Rates." All comments should be submitted by May 9, 2014.

Via the Internet or Mail: The public may submit comments electronically to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments may also be entered directly into the case file by locating the case via the home page of the Commission's Web site, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking on "Search," and entering 13-W-0295 in the "Search by Case Number" field. In the open case, enter comments in the "Post Comments" located at the top of the page. Many libraries offer free internet service.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at

1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary is provided to the administrative law judges who will report to the Commission.

Comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Written comments may be read on the Web site by searching Case 13-W-0295 and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

The matters described above are being considered in Case 13-W-0295 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of United Water New York Inc. for Water Service.

KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary