

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

RULING GRANTING STAFF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
AND ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE

(Issued August 10, 2007)

ELEANOR STEIN, Administrative Law Judge:

On July 31, 2007, Department of Public Service Staff (Staff) requested a four-week extension of time until August 28, 2007 to file its draft initial program design proposal. Parties were afforded the opportunity to respond to, or comment on, the Staff request for an extension by August 3, 2007. Responses were received from Joint Utilities,¹ Multiple Intervenors, Elster Integrated Solutions, LLC (Elster), and Trilliant Networks, Inc. (Trilliant).

No party objects to the extension of time, and some support the Staff request. Parties also request commensurate extension of the balance of the scheduled dates. The extension is granted. The Staff draft initial program design proposal must be filed and served electronically by close of business August 28, 2007.

Parties also request an opportunity to engage with the issues in this proceeding and to propose approaches to the stated objectives. The Joint Utilities propose that this interval be used for facilitated collaborative meetings among

¹ Joint Utilities encompasses Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Keyspan Energy Delivery New York, Keyspan Energy Delivery Long Island, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, and National Grid.

the parties to explore the information presented during the Overview Forum, and to seek consensus on key topics, suggesting that all parties develop their understandings simultaneously, and all parties can participate in formulating program proposals. Other parties have made similar requests in their recent filings, including in their responses to questions from Staff and the Judge. In addition, some parties have informed me that they are developing analyses and proposals of their own.

The collaborative process will begin immediately with preparatory work to define areas for fruitful collaboration and with organization of parties into working groups. Based on my review of the parties' filings and requests to date, and on the information provided at the Overview Forum, I will shortly be establishing these groups in preparation for the first collaborative meeting. I invite parties to let me know their preferences, if they have not already done so, or otherwise to discuss the collaborative process. The first collaborative meeting will be held in New York City on Monday September 17, 2007.

Multiple Intervenors supports Staff's request for an extension, noting the extensive material received from parties and the complexity of the Staff task, but cautioning that Staff's extension not come at the expense of the other parties' opportunity to submit comments. Noting that parties were initially allotted 24 days to file comments on the Staff draft proposal, Multiple Intervenors requests an extension for parties to submit comments until at least September 21, 2007, with comparable extensions of the other proceeding milestones.² Trilliant and Elster take the same view. To afford parties a fair opportunity to comment, and taking into consideration the

² See Case 07-M-0548, Ruling on Scope and Schedule (issued June 15, 2007).

time needed to prepare for and hold collaborative meetings, this request is also granted and the following new schedule is adopted:

Draft Staff Proposal	August 28, 2007
Collaborative Meeting	September 17, 2007
Comments on Draft Staff Proposal	September 28, 2007
Final Staff Proposal	October 26, 2007
Technical Conference	November 5, 2007
Comments on Final Staff Proposal	November 16, 2007

(SIGNED)

ELEANOR STEIN