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PSC ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LONG ISLAND — Public Invited to Comment on Proposed Rate Increase for New York Water —

Albany, NY—08/11/09—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced it will hold public statement hearings concerning a proposal by New York Water Service Corporation to increase its annual water service revenues by approximately \$3.5 million. The company provides water service to about 44,000 customers in the Town of Hempstead, Long Island.

The public statement hearings will be held as follows:

MERRICK

Tuesday, September 1, 2009
2:00 P.M.
Merrick Library
Meeting Room
2779 Merrick Avenue

NORTH MERRICK

Tuesday, September 1, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Brookside School Auditorium
1260 Meadowbrook Road

Each hearing will continue for at least one hour and thereafter as necessary to accommodate speakers, but not beyond 4:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., respectively.

The company's filing can be found in electronic format on the Department of Public Service (DPS) web site at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us> by placing your cursor on "Water" and clicking on "NYWS Rate Case."

Many libraries offer free Internet access. Hard copies of that filing are available for inspection at the company's 60 Brooklyn Avenue, Merrick office, and at the following libraries:

Bellmore Memorial Library
2288 Bedford Avenue

Merrick Library
2279 Merrick Avenue

Massapequa Public Library
523 Central Avenue

Wantagh Public Library
3285 Park Avenue

It is not necessary to make an appointment to speak at one of the public statement hearings. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The hearings will be transcribed verbatim by a court reporter. The transcript becomes part of the official case record. Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible.

Other Ways to Comment

Writing: Comments may be mailed to Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350.

Internet: Send an e-mail to the Commission Secretary at Secretary@dps.state.ny.us.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Leave a taped message on the Commission's toll-free opinion line at 1-800-335-2120. The number is designed to take comments on pending cases from in-State callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave oral comments and follow the instructions given.

For each of these alternatives, the comments should refer to Case 09-W-0237, New York Water Service Corporation - Water Rates. All public comments are due as soon as possible, but must be received by not later than October 9, 2009.

All timely public comments, regardless of the method by which they are transmitted, become part of the official case record, are posted on the DPS web site for public inspection, and will be summarized for the Commission for consideration during its deliberations.

Notice is further given that evidentiary hearings will be held before Administrative Law Judge Gerald L. Lynch on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, beginning at 10:30 A.M. at the Commission's New York City offices at 90 Church Street, 4th Floor.

The purpose of this hearing is to take into evidence and allow cross-examination on testimony and exhibits timely pre-filed by active parties. The evidentiary hearings are open to the public and will continue day-to-day as necessary. However, it is anticipated that the evidentiary hearings will be completed in two business days or less.

All persons planning to attend the evidentiary hearings must provide their name to Yvonne Super at (518) 486-2802 or via email to Yvonne_Super@dps.state.ny.us prior to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2009, and must be prepared to show valid photo identification upon arrival at 90 Church Street. These procedures are necessary to comply with building security requirements. The final public comment due date and evidentiary hearing start date are subject to being postponed.