STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 10, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS NEW YORK WATER SERVICE CORPORATION - WATER RATES AND NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

CASE 09-W-0237

The New York Public Service Commission 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 public statement hearings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, September 1, 2009 MERRICK

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 Merrick Library 2288 Bedford Avenue

2279 Merrick Avenue

Massapequa Public Library Wantagh Public Library

3285 Park Avenue

523 Central 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. Brilling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

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,

7th Floor.¹ The purpose of this hearing is to take into evidence and allow cross-examination on testimony and exhibits timely prefiled 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 matters described above are being considered in Case 09-W-0237 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of New York Water Service Corporation for Water Service.

JACLYN A. BRILLING Secretary

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¹ The October 9, 2009 closing date for public comment and the September 2, 2009 start date for evidentiary hearings are both subject to change. Notification of any subsequent changes will be available on the DPS web site on which the Company's filing is posted.