

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Application of Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the “Rochester Area Reliability Project,” Approximately 23.6 Miles of 115 Kilovolt Transmission Lines and 1.9 Miles of 345 Kilovolt Line in the City of Rochester and the Towns of Chili, Gates and Henrietta in Monroe County.

Case No. 11-T-0534

Administrative Law Judge:
Hon. Eleanor Stein

Pre-Filed Testimony of:

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1 DEBORAH M. BIEDENKOPF declares under penalty of perjury:

2 Q: Please state your name, employer, position, and business address.

3 A: My name is Deborah M. Biedenkopf. I am the Vice President for Finance and
4 Development of Living Communities, LLC, located at 50 Fairwood Drive, Rochester,
5 New York 14623. Living Communities, LLC is the developer, owner and operator of the
6 Rivers Run (“Rivers Run”) senior living community located on 30 acres of land on or
7 adjacent to Fairwood Drive along the Genesee River off of East River Road in the Town
8 of Henrietta.

9 Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?

10 A: To provide testimony on behalf of Rivers Run opposing the transmission line routing for
11 Circuits 940 and 941 proposed under Alternative 9 and Alternative 20 because of its
12 detrimental impact on Rivers Run and surrounding residential communities.

13 Q: Please describe the Rivers Run community.

14 A: Rivers Run is a locally owned and operated senior living and lifelong learning
15 community in collaboration with the Rochester Institute of Technology (“RIT”). Rivers
16 Run offers Independent Living and New York State Department of Health Licensed
17 Enriched Living to seniors. Rivers Run is zoned for residents age 55 and over and
18 responds to the Town of Henrietta Comprehensive Plan to offer quality housing for
19 seniors, including NYS Department of Health licensed assistive services. Rivers Run is
20 also a New York State Department of Health-licensed “Adult Care Facility.” As part of
21 the Rivers Run collaboration with RIT, Rivers Run is also the site of the 630-member
22 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (“Osher”) and the RIT Boat House, utilized by the
23 college crew team.

1 Q: What types of housing is offered at Rivers Run and what is its current status?

2 A: Rivers Run offers homes for sale (“Cottages”) and apartments for lease. There are
3 currently 43 Cottages sold and owner occupied, and 21 Cottage units remaining to be
4 sold. The 82-unit apartment building is 70% occupied and marketing towards 100%
5 occupancy.

6 Q: What would be the impact on Rivers Run if either Alternative 9 or Alternative 20 are
7 selected as the routing for transmission line Circuits 940 and 941?

8 A: The transmission line routing for Circuits 940 and 941 associated with Alternatives 9 and
9 20 passes as close 300 feet from the Rivers Run residences. As a result, it would disrupt
10 the health, safety and quality of life of Rivers Run senior residents and visitors, and
11 Osher students, many of whom have medical conditions that could be negatively affected
12 by the proposed transmission route. As noted at the public hearing, some of the Rivers
13 Run residents expressed concern about the impact of the transmission line on the
14 operation of their personal medical devices, such as pacemakers.

15 Q: How would the selection of either Alternative 9 or Alternative 20 for the Circuit 940 and
16 941 routing impact the Rivers Run business?

17 A: Because of the concerns of current and potential residents related to the proximity of the
18 proposed transmission lines, the mere consideration of Alternatives 9 and 20 has already
19 had, and if chosen is expected to have additional, detrimental impacts on the value of
20 Rivers Run. Potential buyers of the remaining 21 Cottages are already postponing their
21 purchasing decisions because of the uncertainty. Current Cottage owners are worried
22 about the resale value of their homes. At the apartment building, we are experiencing a
23 slowdown in interest due to consumer concerns about safety and the visual impact of the

1 proposed routing for Alternatives 9 and 20. The bottom line is that should either
2 Alternative 9 or 20 actually be chosen for the transmission line routing for Circuits 940
3 and 941, there would be a significant negative impact on the Rivers Run community and
4 the viability of Rivers Run as an enterprise.

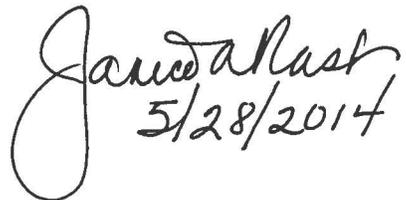
5 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

6 A: Yes.

Dated: May 23, 2014


/s/ Deborah M. Biedenkopf
DEBORAH M. BIEDENKOPF 5/28/2014

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