

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 16-G-0058 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of KeySpan Gas East Corp. dba Brooklyn Union of L.I. for Gas Service.

CASE 16-G-0059 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of The Brooklyn Union Gas Company dba National Grid NY for Gas Service.

SEVENTH RULING ON PARTY STATUS

(Issued September 27, 2016)

DAVID R. VAN ORT and JAMES COSTELLO, Administrative Law Judges:

On September 19, 2016, Potomac Economics, Ltd. (Potomac Economics) filed a request, on behalf of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO), seeking party status in these rate cases and asserting an interest in one provision of the Joint Proposal (Section 9.1), filed on September 7, 2016. It also submitted a statement in opposition further delineating its concerns with this JP provision.

Potomac Economics states that it currently serves as the Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) for the NYISO and that the NYISO Market Services Tariff requires the MMU to help ensure that the NYISO's markets are created and operated in a robust, competitive, efficient and non-discriminatory manner. Potomac Economics states that as the MMU, it is also responsible for reporting on the use of the New York State Transmission System as such system affects or may affect competitive conditions in or the economic efficiency of any of the New York Electric Markets. It concludes that Section 9.1 of the Joint Proposal

would have broad implications for all of New York's electric markets.

In an e-mail sent September 21, 2016, the parties were requested to respond by September 23, 2016 if they have any objections to the request of Potomac Economics for party status. Brooklyn Union of L.I. (KEDLI), National Grid NY (KEDNY), DPS Staff, the Town of Brookhaven and the Public Utility Law Project of New York, Inc. are the only parties to respond regarding the request for party status, uniformly stating that they do not object to a grant of party status to Potomac Economics.

We find, pursuant to 16 NYCRR §4.3(c)(1), that Potomac Economics' intervention on behalf of the NYISO will likely contribute to the development of a complete record in these cases and, therefore, grant its request for party status.

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