

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 14-E-0318 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Electric Service.

CASE 14-G-0319 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Gas Service.

RULING ON SCHEDULE AND GRANTING PARTY STATUS

(Issued September 16, 2014)

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Administrative Law Judges:

A procedural conference was held in these cases on September 8, 2014 at the offices of the Department of Public Service in Albany, NY. The conference was attended by representatives of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson or the Company), the Department of Public Service Staff (Staff), and several other entities that have requested the opportunity to participate as parties in these cases.

At the conference, Staff described a proposed litigation schedule which was developed in consultation with the Company and with some of the other participants in the case. No participant at the conference objected to the schedule proposed by Staff. However, a concern was raised that, under the schedule, the post-hearing briefing might not be completed in time to accommodate a decision in these cases at the Commission's June 2015 session.

At this time, the following dates, as proposed by Staff and others, are adopted:

Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony	November 21, 2014
Rebuttal Testimony	December 19, 2014
Evidentiary Hearings begin	January 12, 2015

Dates for submission of the parties' Initial and Reply Briefs will be fixed at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearings when a determination will be made as to how best to accommodate a timely decision by the Commission in June 2015. However, at this point, we would expect the Initial Briefs to be submitted no later than February 6, 2015, and Reply Briefs to be submitted no later than February 20, 2015.

At the September 8 conference, we identified 11 entities which had sought party status. No opposition to the participation of any of these entities as parties was filed before the conference, and no opposition was voiced at the conference. Based on this record, these requests for party status are granted.<sup>1</sup>

From the information supplied by the parties at the September 8 conference, and to the credit of each of the parties that has participated in these cases thus far, it appears that discovery is proceeding promptly. We intend to continue to

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<sup>1</sup> The entities granted party status are:  
Util. Intervention Unit, Div. of Consumer Protection of the  
Dept. of State;  
Multiple Intervenors;  
Dutchess County  
Citizens for Local Power;  
Independent Power Producers of New York, Inc.;  
Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, LLC;  
Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.;  
Pace Energy and Climate Center;  
Smarter Grid Solutions;  
SolarCity Corporation;  
and Retail Energy Supply Association.

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monitor the discovery process closely in the coming weeks so that, pursuant to the Commission's rules, each party can timely obtain the information they seek for the development of the record.

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