

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 16-G-0369 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Corning Natural Gas Corporation for Gas Service.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued August 26, 2016)

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) seeks public comment on a request by Corning Natural Gas Corporation (Corning or the Company) to increase its annual revenues for gas delivery service by approximately \$3.3 million, to take effect June 1, 2017. The Company also proposes to restructure delivery rates so that some current surcharges will be eliminated and the same costs will be included in base rates, on a revenue-neutral basis. In addition to the first year increase, the Company provided information supporting increases of approximately \$1.2 million and \$0.7 million in each of the two succeeding years. To mitigate the first year impact, Corning is proposing to spread the increases more evenly over each of the three years. The Company projects that, using this approach, the requested increase in delivery revenues would result in a total annual bill increase for an average residential heating customer of \$98.60 the first year, \$187.50 the second year and \$186.50 the third year for a total increase over three years of approximately \$473.

It is anticipated that the proposed new rates for gas service will be suspended through May 2017 to afford time for the Commission to consider Corning's proposal. The Commission may adopt Corning's proposal in whole or part, reject the

proposal, or adopt alternative terms proposed in the course of the proceeding.

A full copy of the Company's filing and the other filings in this proceeding may be viewed, printed or downloaded from the Commission's website, <http://www.dps.ny.gov>. Click "Search" on the home page and then enter "16-G-0369" in the space provided for searching by case number.

TAKE NOTICE that members of the public may provide comments on the Company's filing at public statement hearings to be held as follows:

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Southeast Steuben County Library
300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza
Corning, NY 14830

3:00 p.m. Information Session
4:00 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

6:00 p.m. Information Session
7:00 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

The purpose of the public statement hearings is to allow interested members of the public to provide their views personally before an Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Commission to this case. A verbatim transcript of each hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of the proceeding.

In order to provide individuals with information in advance of the public statement hearings, information sessions will be conducted during the hour preceding the public statement hearings. During these sessions, Corning representatives will provide a brief overview of Corning's rate proposal. In addition, the Administrative Law Judge will provide a brief overview of the rate case process. These presentations will be followed by a brief opportunity for questions and answers. Each

information session will conclude at least five minutes before the public statement hearing is scheduled to commence.

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance in order to speak. Persons interested in speaking will be asked to complete a card requesting time to speak when they arrive at the hearing, and will be called in the order in which the cards are received. Speakers are not required to provide written copies of their comments. Each public statement hearing will be kept open for a minimum of one hour and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Office at the (518) 474-2520 number. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment

Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may comment through the following methods:

Commission Website: Comments may be entered directly at the Commission's website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov>. Search for Case 16-G-0369. On the web page for this case, click on the "Post Comments" button located at the top of the page and enter your comments.

Email or Mail: Comments may be sent via e-mail to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail or delivery to the Secretary at Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments should refer to "Case 16-G-0369 - Corning Natural Gas Corporation - Gas Rates."

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Press "1" to leave comments, mentioning "Case 16-G-0369, Corning Gas Rates." These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

Comments provided through these alternative methods are requested by January 31, 2017. All written comments will become part of the record and will be reported to the Commission for its consideration.

All submitted comments may be accessed on the Commission's website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov>. Click "Search" on the home page and then enter "16-G-0369" in the space provided for searching by case number; then view the "Public Comments" tab. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary