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PUBLIC HEARING

RE: DRAFT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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County Legislature Building

1550 Franklin Avenue

Legislature Chamber

Mineola, New York

March 13, 2014

6:00 p.m.

B e f o r e:

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Louis DeBrino,
Manager of Emergency Preparedness, PSEG LI

ALSO PRESENT:

Other PSEG AND PSEG LI employees
The Public
The Press
The Media

Rebecca Wood,
Stenographer

P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. KELLY: Good evening, everyone. It's 6:00, so we're going to get started.

Welcome to the public hearing on the Draft Emergency Response Plan that PSEG Long Island and the Long Island Power Authority have filed with the New York State Department of Public Service.

My name is Sheree Kelly and I'm an attorney here on behalf of PSEG Long Island.

I going to make some brief opening remarks and then I am going to turn it over to Louis DeBrino, manager of emergency planning with PSEG Long Island, who will talk a little bit about the purpose and goals of the plan.

The plan sets out the policies and procedures that PSEG Long Island will follow to remain prepared for electric emergencies and that it is going to implement when outages have occurred in LIPA's service territory due to a storm or other emergencies.

As many of you probably know from news articles and from mailings that you have

received from PSEG Long Island in the last several months, PSEG Long Island is the company that's contracted with LIPA to operate LIPA's electric system.

The agreement between LIPA and PSEG Long Island also implements the LIPA Reform Act that was passed by the New York State Legislature.

The New York State Public Authorities Law require PSEG Long Island and LIPA to file with the New York Department of Public Services an emergency response Plan that complies with the New York State Public Service Law and the regulations of the New York State Public Service Commission.

A draft of the Plan was filed with the New York Department of Public Service on February 3, 2014 and a notice of that filing was published on February 19, 2014 in the New York State Register.

The draft Plan is posted on LIPA's website and the website of PSEG Long Island and a hard copy is available in PSEG Long Island offices in Hicksville and Brentwood. In addition, a copy

of the plan is available for review here tonight.

Notice of this public hearing and another public hearing that was held this morning in Suffolk County was published in Newsday on February 13, 2014.

As provided for in that notice, residents of the LIPA service territory are invited to provide comments on the plan. The written comments may be submitted until 5:00 p.m. tomorrow and persons are also free to make oral comments at this hearing.

A stenographer will be taking down all the statements made today and all written comments and the transcripts of the public hearings will be provided to the New York State Department of Public Service.

And now I'd like to turn it over to Lou DeBrino for some opening remarks.

MR.DEBRINO: Thank you.

Good evening. As Sheree said, my name is Lou Debrino, manager of Emergency Preparedness, PSEG Long Island.

I welcome everybody to the public hearing on the Draft Emergency Response Plan that

PSEG Long Island and the Long Island Power Authority have filed with the New York State Department of Public Service.

As Sheree mentioned, this plan sets out the policies and procedures that PSEG Long Island will follow to remain prepared for electric emergencies and will implement when widespread outages have occurred in LIPA's service territory due to a storm or other emergency.

We appreciate you coming today to share your comments on our draft plan. We want to work closely with government officials, businesses, and residential customers to ensure that our final plan addresses the needs of all stakeholders.

We will be reviewing your comments carefully and making them part of the continuing process to refine and enhance the plan as PSEG Long Island move forward in providing electric service on Long Island.

PSEG Long Island, in conjunction and consultation with LIPA, prepared this plan in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Public Service Law and the regulations of the New York State Public Service Commission.

The plan also addresses issues raised in the report of the Moreland Commission about the response of electric service providers to emergency situations and issues that have been raised in the Public Service Commission's review of the emergency response plans of the other electric service providers.

Incorporated into that plan are the best practices of PSEG New Jersey, LIPA, National Grid, lessons learned from past performance reviews, best practices from other utilities and emergency responders, and the input received from State and local government officials.

We have also sought and received input from persons at the Department of Public Service who are experienced in emergency response procedures.

This plan consists of:

An introductory section.

An emergency response and limitations policies and procedures.

Those policies and procedures provide, among other things:

Our plans for training of

personnel and for storm drills to test the adequacy and effectiveness of regularly assigned personnel and personnel performing duties outside their normal areas of responsibilities;

Requirements for regular updating of contact information for internal and external persons who must be contacted during emergencies;

Standards for determining the classification of various levels of emergency;

Guidelines for keeping human services agencies, State, County, and local elected officials and print and broadcast media and others, apprised of the electric service situation;

Identification of the preparatory measures corporate management will implement in anticipation of potential system emergencies;

Procedures for mobilizing personnel, materials, and equipment to survey system damage and to implement measures to ensure timely restoration of service in areas damaged by a storm or other emergency;

Procedures for deploying company and mutual aid crews to work assignment areas, monitoring crew activity, reassigning crews and

releasing crews;

Procedures for dealing effectively with the increased volume of customer calls anticipated;

And procedures for proactively notifying, as well as responding, to the needs of life support customers and other special needs customers.

The goal of all of these procedures is to minimize, to the extent possible, the disruption and inconvenience of storm related and/or emergency interruptions of service caused to our customers and to provide our customers, public officials and news media with information on the interruptions and on the restoration of service that is as timely and accurate as possible.

The plan included a number of new initiatives that are targeted at improving communications with customers and other key stakeholders during storm events including:

The establishment of municipal liaisons;

The increased use of social media;

And more frequent press releases.

We welcome your comments.

PSEG Long Island and LIPA will review all of the written and oral comments submitted. And we will also pass all of them on to the Department of Public Service for their review and recommendations.

To ensure that everyone who wants to speak gets an opportunity to speak, statements today will be limited to five minutes. If you have additional comments to make or if you would simply prefer not to speak, you can submit written comments by e-mail. Those comments must be sent by tomorrow night to be included in the comments that will be sent to the Department of Public Service.

The e-mail address to which you can send comments is: louis.debrino@PSEG.com.

If you have signed in, you will be given a chance to speak in the order that you signed in. When your name is called, please go to the microphone and provide your name and the organization or business affiliation and your address followed by your comments.

To ensure that the stenographer gets your comments down correctly, please speak

slowly and clearly.

Thank you all for attending this hearing.

MS. KELLY: Has anyone signed in that would like to speak?

(No response.)

MS. KELLY: Okay. We will wait until 7:00 to see if any other members of the public arrive and would like to speak. If not, we will close the hearing at that point in time.

(At 6:09 p.m., the hearing was temporarily recessed.)

(At 7:00 p.m. the hearing resumed.)

MS. KELLY: I'd just like to make some brief remarks in closing.

PSEG Long Island, LIPA, and the Department of Public Services will review all the comments submitted, and by April 15th the Department of Public Service will subsequently provide its recommendations of the Emergency Response Plans to PSEG Long Island and LIPA.

PSEG Long Island and LIPA will review the comments, incorporate them as

appropriate, and then submit the Final Emergency Response Plans with the Department of Public Service by June 2, 2014.

Each year thereafter, PSEG and LIPA will submit an updated Emergency Response Plan to the Department of Public Service and the Department will provide its recommendations on the plan.

I'd like thank you all for coming and have a good evening. Thank you.

(At 7:01 the hearing was concluded.)

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, REBECCA WOOD, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby certify:

THAT the witness whose testimony is hereinbefore set forth, was duly sworn by me; and

THAT the within transcript is a true record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that I am not related, either by blood or marriage, to any of the parties in this action; and

THAT I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of March, 2014.

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REBECCA WOOD