

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 23-E-0418 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Electric Service.

CASE 23-G-0419 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Gas Service.

RULING CONCERNING PROCEDURAL AND TECHNICAL CONFERENCES

(Issued August 9, 2023)

JAMES A. COSTELLO and ASHLEY MORENO, Administrative Law Judges:

As announced in a separately issued notice, a procedural conference and a technical conference will be held on August 29, 2023, concerning the electric and gas rate requests filed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson) on July 31, 2023.

The procedural conference is one of the first official opportunities for the assigned Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) and interested individuals (usually parties and others who have requested party status) to convene and discuss the processes and rules that will apply going forward, including rules applicable to rate cases in which an ALJ has been assigned (see, e.g., 16 NYCRR §3.6) and rules governing discovery (16 NYCRR Part 5).

Statutory parties and persons who have requested party status are urged to confer in advance of the procedural conference to discuss scheduling proposals. The development of a consensus litigation schedule that would allow for the evidentiary hearing to conclude by January 12, 2024, is strongly encouraged.

Central Hudson's technical conference presentation should identify all major cost drivers underlying the proposed changes in rates, all significant capital expenditure initiatives, important changes to tariff rules and accounting practices or other policies and procedures, any new program initiatives, including those related to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, and any other proposals or information intended to be responsive to recent Commission directives.¹ Central Hudson should provide advance copies of any slides it intends to use at the technical conference.

Scheduling proposals and any slides to be used at the technical conference should be emailed to us and to persons on the party lists by close of business August 25, 2023. The scheduling proposal(s) shall not be filed with the Secretary, but Central Hudson must file the slides with the Secretary. Questions about the conferences may be directed to us at James.Costello@dps.ny.gov and Ashley.Moreno@dps.ny.gov.

(Signed)

JAMES A. COSTELLO

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¹ While the technical conference will be transcribed, the participants will not be asked to provide sworn testimony or statements.