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**Public Statement Hearing Scheduled for Central Hudson Proposal
— Proposal to rebuild and upgrade existing lines in the City of Kingston and the Towns of
Ulster and Saugerties, Ulster County and the Town and Village of Catskill, Greene County —**

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced it was seeking comment on a request by Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation (Central Hudson) to rebuild and upgrade approximately 23.6 miles of existing 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines located the City of Kingston and Towns of Ulster and Saugerties in Ulster County and the Town and Village of Catskill in Greene County.

Central Hudson requests Commission authorization to reconstruct existing 69 kV transmission lines designated “H” and “SB.” The applicant states that the rebuild will generally occur within an existing 23.6-mile-long right-of-way, with approximately 1.2 miles of the H line relocated to avoid the State designated Great Vly Wildlife Management Area. The utility will upgrade the lines to 115 kV requirements by removing and replacing most of the structures, insulators, electrical conductors, and associated components of the two lines. The new lines will use 253 total structures, three fewer than the existing lines occupy.

Members of the public may provide comments on the application and petition at a public statement hearing to be held as follows:

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

**Frank D. Greco Building
207 Market Street
Saugerties, New York 12477**

7:00 PM

The hearing will be preceded by a brief presentation by the Department of Public Service Staff which will begin at 6:00 p.m. The presentation will describe the nature of the filings in these cases and the process by which they will be brought to the Commission for decision.

The purpose of the public statement hearing is to allow interested members of the public to provide their views personally before an Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Commission to the case. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of the proceeding. It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing or 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.

The public statement hearing will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record.

Persons with disabilities 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

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to comment about this case to the Commission. Comments should refer to 'Case 17-T-0816.'

Internet or Mail: Comments may also be entered directly at the Commission's website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov>. Search for 17-T-0816. On the Web page for the case, click on the "Post Comments" button located at the top of the page; or e-mail comments to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov. Alternatively, comments may be mailed or delivered to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

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 "2" to leave comments, mentioning Case 17-T-0816.

All comments provided via these alternative methods should be submitted, or mailed and postmarked, no later than **August 21, 2018**. All statements and comments will become part of the record and will be reported to the Commission for its consideration. Full copies of the application and petition, as well as 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 "17-T-0816" in the space provided for searching by case number. Many libraries offer free Internet access.