STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 14-M-0101 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS ON LONG ISLAND

(Issued December 31, 2015)

On October 6, 2015, the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced a second round of public statement hearings to be held in the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) proceeding. Following the first round of public statement hearings, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Regulatory Policy Framework and Implementation Plan (Framework Order), in February 2015. In the Framework Order, the Commission described a new approach to the electric system, where electric utilities act as Distributed System Platform providers, coordinating distributed energy resources so as to provide a market in which customers are able to optimize their priorities with respect to reliability, cost and sustainability. The Commission expressly reserved issues related to the regulatory changes and ratemaking issues that will be necessary to implement the REV vision to a second phase of this proceeding. On July 28, 2015, Staff filed a "White Paper on Ratemaking and Utility Business Models" (Ratemaking White Paper). The Ratemaking White Paper set forth proposed reforms for the utility business model, the ratemaking process, and rate design. In addition, options for assessing the costs and benefits of renewable and other resources were proposed by Staff. Comments from parties and the public will be considered by the Commission as it considers these proposals and moves forward with the REV initiative.

TAKE NOTICE that two additional hearings have been added in Suffolk and Nassau counties in the continuing effort to align Long Island with New York State policy. These hearings will be held on **Tuesday, January 26, 2016**, at the following locations and times:

Suffolk County Legislative Building 300 Center Drive Riverhead, New York 11901 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Information Session 1:30 PM Public Statement Hearing

Nassau County Legislative Building 1550 Franklin Ave Mineola, New York 11501

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Information Session 7:30 PM Public Statement Hearing

In the hour prior to each Public Statement Hearing, representatives from DPS Staff will present an information session on the REV initiative, what decisions have been made, and what issues now face the Commission. The information sessions will be immediately followed by Public Statement Hearings where all those wishing to comment on any of these issues will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or to present written material to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The public statement hearing will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings and will be posted on the Commission's website.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call

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through the New York Relay Service at 711. 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.

The Framework Order and the Ratemaking White Paper, as well as the options paper on benefits and costs, may be reviewed on the Commission's website, <u>www.dps.ny.gov</u>, by selecting "Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)" near the center of the page and then locating the documents under the "Key Documents" tab. Public comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission.

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 provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 14-M-0101."

Via the Internet or Mail: The public may enter comments directly into the case file from the Commission's website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking "Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)" at the top of the page and then clicking "Submit Comments On-Line" at the top right of the page. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at <u>secretary@dps.ny.gov</u>, or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Written comments may be read on the website by searching Case 14-M-0101 and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at

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1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary will be reported to the Commission.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS Secretary