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July 9, 2024

Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

On February 24, 2022, Governor Hochul signed into law an act requiring New York State utility corporations with combined natural gas and electric services to submit a climate change vulnerability study by September 22, 2023. The studies, conducted by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison, New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Orange and Rockland Utilities, and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, evaluated each corporation's infrastructure, design specifications, and procedures to better understand the electric system's vulnerability to climate-driven risks.

The utility companies were further requested to submit a plan to address the results from their climate vulnerability study. On November 21, 2023, the utilities filed their respective plans with the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission). The New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) is seeking public comments regarding the Electric Utility Climate Vulnerability Study Plans.

The Commission will hold a series of in-person public statement hearings throughout July and August 2024 to seek input and comments from your community regarding the climate vulnerability study plans submitted by the utilities. The enclosed announcement provides detailed information on how to participate in the public statement hearings and how to submit comments on the plans.

Information regarding the case, including a copy of each plan, can be found at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov). From the homepage, click on "File Search" (located under the "Commission Files" heading) and enter the case number (24-E-0222) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

I would appreciate your assistance with informing your constituents about the public statement hearings and encouraging them to provide comments. It is the Commission's intent to facilitate and encourage active and meaningful participation throughout all its proceedings. We hope you will consider joining us.

Regards,

Richard Berkley  
Consumer Advocate and Director  
Office of Consumer Services

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 22-E-0222 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission  
Concerning Electric Utility Climate  
Vulnerability Studies and Plans.

NOTICE REQUESTING COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCING  
PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued June 17, 2024)

Comments are requested concerning climate vulnerability and resiliency plans submitted by the Utilities<sup>1</sup> on November 21, 2023, in the above captioned proceeding. The plans were submitted for Commission consideration in compliance with Public Service Law §66(29).

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that **in-person public statement hearings** will be held for each utility before Public Service Commission Administrative Law Judges on:

**Consolidated Edison Company of New York**

**LOCATION:** Dept. of Public Service Boardroom  
90 Church Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
**DATE:** July 23, 2024  
**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** White Plains Public Library  
100 Martine Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10601  
**DATE:** July 24, 2024  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> The "Utilities" are: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid.

**Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.**

**LOCATION:** New City Library  
220 North Main Street  
New City, NY 10956  
**DATE:** July 30, 2024  
**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation**

**LOCATION:** Poughkeepsie Town Hall  
1 Overocker Road  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
**DATE:** July 31, 2024  
**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

**National Grid**

**LOCATION:** Liverpool Public Library  
310 Tulip Street  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
**DATE:** August 6, 2024  
**TIME:** 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Buffalo Central Library Auditorium  
1 Lafayette Square  
(Clinton Street Entrance)  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
**DATE:** August 7, 2024  
**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Hudson Valley Community College  
Bulmer Telecommunications Center  
Meeting Rooms 1,2, and 3  
80 Vandenberg Avenue  
Troy, NY 12180  
**DATE:** August 20, 2024  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

**Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation**

**LOCATION:** Brighton Town Hall  
2300 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14618  
**DATE:** August 6, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**New York State Electric and Gas Corporation**

**LOCATION:** Binghamton Anderson Building  
Warren Anderson Room, 18<sup>th</sup> floor.  
44 Hawley Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901

**DATE:** August 13, 2024

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Ithaca Downtown Conference Center  
118 Green Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850

**DATE:** August 14, 2024

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

Those wishing to comment on any aspect of this proceeding will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record at the public statement hearings. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material to speak at a hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. Each public statement hearing will be held open a minimum of thirty minutes and 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. A verbatim transcript of each public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call 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. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at (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 provide your comments. All comments should refer to Case "22-E-0222" and must **be received no later than August 30, 2024.**

**Internet or Mail:** Go to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "22-E-0222" (in the box labeled "Search by Case Number"), and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may submit comments by calling 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. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS  
Secretary