Energy Efficiency Overview Forum
- Nationally-Recognized Energy Efficiency Experts to Participate-

Albany, NY—07/13/07—The New York State Department of Public Service will hold an Overview Forum on July 19-20, 2007 at Albany Law School regarding the recently announced Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard initiative. The Overview Forum is co-sponsored by the Government Law Center of Albany Law School.

The July 19-20 Overview Forum will be opened by Dr. Robert Socolow, professor at Princeton University and co-director of Princeton’s Carbon Mitigation Initiative, and co-author of the landmark study identifying stabilization wedges as an approach to greenhouse gas emission mitigation. Other speakers include: David D. Brown, IV, Executive Director, New York State Dormitory Authority; Paul A. Tonko, President and CEO of the New York State Research and Development Authority; and representatives of utilities and energy service companies.

Specific topics to be discussed at the Overview Forum include: the potential for energy efficiency in New York State; energy efficiency programs in California, New York City and across the Northeast; present and future approaches to energy efficiency; low-income and environmental justice concerns; business and technology programs, products and solutions; and energy efficiency challenges. The Overview Forum will be moderated by the Public Service
Commission’s Administrative Law Judge Eleanor Stein, who is presiding over the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard proceeding.

The Energy Efficiency proceeding was initiated by the Public Service Commission in May based on concerns that energy use in New York State is increasing. From 2004 to 2005 alone, New York’s electricity sales increased 1.3 percent and natural gas end-user consumption increased 2.2 percent, while efficiency reductions did not keep pace. Electricity consumption is projected to increase approximately 1.3 percent per year through 2015. At current trends, by 2015 electric energy usage in New York State is estimated to top nearly 13 percent higher than current levels.

The Public Service Commission’s Energy Efficiency proceeding is charged with developing methods to attain targeted levels of energy efficiency. These targets are designed to serve as stepping stones to reverse the trend of increasing energy consumption in New York State. The initiative’s ultimate goal is to reduce electric usage by 15 percent of projected levels by 2015; a usage reduction target will also be established for natural gas consumption by end users. The Commission has also called on the Legislature, the Long Island Power Authority and the New York Power Authority to assist New York State in attaining this level of energy efficiency.

The Overview Forum serves as one of the steps in the Commission’s Energy Efficiency initiative. In upcoming steps, Department of Public Service Staff will issue a draft proposal for the design and delivery of energy efficiency programs for consumers. Following a comment process, a final Staff proposal is expected to be issued in early Fall.

To learn more about the Commission’s Energy Efficiency initiative please visit the Commission’s Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us/Case_07-M-0548.htm

Attachment:

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 07-M-0548 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding an Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard
DAY ONE: July 19, 2007

I. Welcome – Judge Eleanor Stein – 9:00 A.M.

II. The Big Picture

The Science – 9:15-10:15 A.M.
Dr. Robert Socolow, Co-Director, The Carbon Mitigation Initiative, Princeton University
- climate change, the theory of stabilization wedges, and energy efficiency

Sister Projects – 10:30–11:45 A.M.
- The California Experience – a Utility View: Melissa A. Lavinson, Director, Policy & Strategy Coordination, PG&E
- New York City’s PlanNYC and energy efficiency
- Report on the region: Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships

The Potential for Efficiency in NYS – 12:00-12:30 P.M.
- The Optimal Report

Lunch 12:30-1:30 P.M.

III. The New York State Picture

Panel 1: Present and Future Challenges – 1:45–3:00 P.M.
- Paul D. Tonko, President and CEO, NYSERDA; Overview of New York State Programs
- David D. Brown, IV, Executive Director, New York State Dormitory Authority
- Andrew DeLaski, Appliance Standards Awareness Project
- Association for Energy Affordability
- Environmental Justice: Sustainable South Bronx

Panel 2: The Utility Approach – 3:15–4:30 P.M.
- LIPA, Con Edison, National Grid, Keyspan, NYPA

IV. Conclusion – 4:30 P.M.

DAY TWO: July 20, 2007

I. Welcome – Judge Eleanor Stein – 9:00 A.M.

Panel 1: Business and Technology Programs, Products, and Solutions – 9:15-10:45 A.M.
Panel 2: Energy Efficiency Challenges - 11:00 - 11:45 P.M.

- Sterling Planet: Creating a Trading Market for Energy Efficiency
- NYISO: Measurement and Verification of Demand Side Resources