

# NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 (SUSQUEHANNA-ROSELAND)

### Notice of Public Hearings

**TAKE NOTICE** that, on January 12, 2009 Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Public Service", "PSE&G", "the Company") filed a Petition and supporting documentation with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board", "BPU") in Docket Number EM09010035. The Company is seeking a Board determination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 that the construction of the proposed 500,000 volt ("500-kv") Susquehanna-Roseland transmission system upgrade that PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") has determined is necessary to address twenty-three (23) projected reliability criteria violations in the PJM region (hereinafter, "the Project") is reasonably necessary for the service, convenience or welfare of the public and, in accordance thereto, an order that the zoning, site plan review and all other Municipal Land Use Ordinances or Regulations promulgated under the auspices of Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes and the Land Use Act of the State of New Jersey shall not apply to the Project.

PSE&G is a public utility in the State of New Jersey and is engaged principally in the transmission and distribution of electric energy and gas service in New Jersey. PSE&G is responsible for ensuring safe, adequate and proper utility service to nearly three-quarters of the population of the State of New Jersey.

As required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") PSE&G has turned over the planning and operational control of its electric transmission system to PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM"), which is the independent Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") for an area comprising all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia. PJM is responsible for planning the region's transmission grid to maintain reliability within established reliability standards. Through its FERC-approved Regional Transmission Expansion Planning ("RTEP") process, PJM identifies transmission system upgrades, expansions and enhancements that are necessary to ensure the reliability of the PJM transmission system.

PJM has identified and included the Project as a necessary reliability project within its RTEP process. PSE&G has been directed by PJM to build the New

Jersey portion of the Project, and to have it in service by June 2012. Should the reliability criteria violations not be adequately addressed, PJM has determined that critical circuits would be in danger of overloading.

PJM and transmission owner system operators like PSE&G have a range of emergency procedures with which to manage operating circumstances involving the potential for overloaded transmission facilities or unacceptable transmission system voltages. However, these operating procedures include the need to curtail service to customers, to reduce transmission system voltage (referred to as a "brown-out"), and to implement rolling blackouts.

To avoid forecasted circuit overloads, a transmission system upgrade consisting of a new 500 kV line that will extend across approximately 45 miles of New Jersey and 100 miles of Pennsylvania is proposed to be constructed.

The New Jersey segment of the Project would be constructed on existing public utility right-of-way ("ROW") and would span 16 municipalities.

PSE&G has indicated that construction of the Project and appurtenant facilities will take approximately 30 months (2 ½ years).

PSE&G will abide by any changes that PJM ultimately determines are necessary regarding the timing for this Project, or the underlying need for the Project itself, and will only seek to construct this Project if it continues to be needed to maintain reliability.

Copies of the Company's filing are available for review on the Company's website at [www.pseg.com](http://www.pseg.com) and at the Board of Public Utilities at Two Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

The following dates, times and locations for public hearings have been scheduled on the Company's filing so that members of the public may present their views.

June 11, 2009  
Sussex County Community  
College Theater  
7:00 pm  
One College Hill Road  
Newton, N.J. 07860

June 18, 2009  
Sussex County Community  
College Theater  
7:00 pm  
One College Hill Road  
Newton, N.J. 07860

June 30, 2009  
Frelinghuysen Arboretum  
7:00 pm  
Auditorium  
53 E. Hanover Ave  
Morristown, N.J. 07960

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreters, listening devices or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings. Customers may file written comments with the Secretary of the Board

of Public Utilities at Two Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102 ATTN: Kristi Izzo whether or not they attend the public hearings.

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