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PSE&G SCHEDULES ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WORKSHOPS ON NEW POWER LINE

(Newark, NJ- November 6, 2008) Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) today announced additional public workshops to discuss next steps in the Susquehanna-Roseland power line project, including the filing later this year of an application with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to site the new line.

The workshops will be held for Sussex and Warren County residents on December 9 and December 17 at the Holiday Inn Express, 6 North Park Drive, Newton, NJ. Morris County residents are invited to attend workshops on December 8 and December 16 at the Hanover Marriott, 1401 Rt. 10 East, Whippany, NJ. All workshops will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The new 500,000-volt power line has been mandated by PJM Interconnection, which oversees the regional power grid, to prevent overloaded lines and maintain the reliability of electric service in northern New Jersey.

“Since the preferred route for this line was announced in early August, we have held more than a dozen meetings with residents, property owners and government officials to explain the project and seek their input,” said Ralph LaRossa, president and COO of PSE&G. “The additional workshops will continue this important dialogue.”

LaRossa acknowledged that people have questions and concerns. “Some local officials have called for ‘serious scrutiny’ by an independent party of a project with this size and scope,” he said. “We agree with that recommendation, as well as the request to have a single forum in which all of the affected towns and residents could express their views on the project at the same time. We also intend to meet with various interest groups who have raised concerns as well.”

LaRossa said, after careful consideration, PSE&G will file an application with the BPU in December. “The BPU process will allow us to address the many questions and concerns in one comprehensive proceeding and at the same time complete the process in a timeframe that meets the needs PJM has determined for continuing reliable electric service,” he said.

LaRossa emphasized that the company’s plan in no way diminishes the opportunity for officials and residents along the route to participate in the review process and have their voices heard. “Towns and property owners affected by the project will have the opportunity to become parties to the filing and participate fully in the regulatory proceedings,” he said. “As part of the BPU process, we will continue our outreach efforts, working with property owners to address issues that are important to them.”

PSE&G expects to file the siting application by mid-December, about the same time that its partner in the project – PPL Electric Utilities – will file its application with the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission. PSE&G is required by law to notify municipalities along the route when the application is submitted. The BPU will establish a public hearing process and schedule.

In addition to the scheduled workshops in early December, PSE&G will:

- Meet with each town’s mayor, township engineer and other professional staff to review the engineering and design plans and to address concerns prior to filing the BPU application. Discussions will focus on construction impacts, design and routing of the line and any other issues that may be significant to officials and residents of each town.
- Increase the timeliness and frequency of communications regarding the project status and public inquiries.
- Meet with all property owners along the route to explain the project, as well as negotiate additional property rights or construction access agreements as appropriate.

PSE&G is sending letters to property owners, inviting them to one of the workshops in their area. In addition to providing information about the ongoing design and engineering of the line, the workshops will give residents the opportunity to learn more about the BPU’s review process and next steps once the application is filed.

About the project

The Susquehanna-Roseland Project is a 500,000-volt transmission line that will be built between Pennsylvania and New Jersey to maintain electric system reliability for customers throughout the region. The selected route begins in Hardwick Township, Warren County, proceeds east to Andover Township, Sussex County, and on to Jefferson Township, Morris County. The route continues east to Montville Township and then turns south to Roseland Borough, Essex County.

The line follows an existing power line for the entire 45-mile length and will pass through 15 municipalities: Andover Township, Boonton Township, Byram Township, East Hanover Township, Fredon Township, Hardwick Township, Jefferson Township, Kinnelon Borough, Montville Township, Newton Township, Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, Rockaway Township, Roseland Borough, Sparta Township and Stillwater Township.

More information about the project can be found at reliabilityproject.pseg.com.

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