



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND
COMMISSIONS**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Utility Rate Structure

PURPOSE: To examine the existing electric and gas utility rate structures, regulated by the Public Service Commission (PSC), in order to identify potential areas for improvement to increase transparency, equity, and affordability for consumers.

Albany, New York
Tuesday
July 11, 2023
10 a.m.
Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building

The PSC is responsible, pursuant to section 65 of the Public Service Law, for ensuring safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates, without unjust discrimination. This determination requires balancing variables including the economic viability of utilities and the need to protect ratepayer interests. This hearing will review the existing determinations of PSC on this issue, including, but not limited to, fixed charges, the availability and effectiveness of discount plans, the return on equity earned by utilities, whether rates can be targeted to better benefit segments of the population including the low-income and/or elderly, and actions being taken to ensure compliance with the 6% affordability goal, as ordered in PSC Case 14-M-0565.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to six minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee requests advance receipt of prepared statements.

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