# Notice regarding NYSEG Rate Case Hearing

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Do you have a “NYSEG story”?

In May, NYSEG filed a rate case, asking the Public Service Commission (PSC) for permission to charge increased gas and electric rates to take effect in April 2020 ("Case 19-E-0378” - NYSEG electric rates; "Case 19-G-0379" - NYSEG gas rates). As per the PSC, “NYSEG projects that total average residential monthly electric bills will increase by approximately $10.17 (an increase of 23.7% on the delivery portion of the bill or 13.6% on the total bill) and that total average residential monthly gas bills will increase by $1.05 (an increase of 1.9% on the delivery portion of the bill or 0.9% on the total bill).” According to NYSEG, “vegetation management is the largest driver for the requested electric rate increase.”

The public is invited to comment on NYSEG’s request at a public hearing in **Keene Valley** on **Wednesday, August 14, in the Keene Valley Library** (1796 NYS Route 73, Keene Valley, NY 12943)**.** At 1:00pm, there will be a public information session; public comments will start at 2:00.

On August 14 you’ll have a chance to tell the **Public Service Commission** (PSC) about your experience with NYSEG. You might want to comment on your experience with the reliability of NYSEG electric service, encourage NYSEG to provide more renewable energy or incentives for heat pumps, or weigh in on NYSEG’s proposal to raise electric rates by 20 percent. Issues such as reliability, power quality, responsiveness to service requests, scheduling and communications, and/or cost can be considered by the PSC as it deliberates whether NYSEG can raise its rates. As per the PSC, NYSEG proposes to increase its annual electric delivery revenues by approximately $156.7 million and its annual gas delivery revenues by approximately $6.3.

This is a great chance to communicate with the agency that regulates NYSEG.

Other ways to comment are specified on pages 5-6 of the PSC’s announcement document, posted at the following link:

http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=19-E-0378&submit=Search (Click on item #7: Notices, dated 07/12/2019).

Alternative means of filing comments are also listed below:

Comments should refer to one or both of the following cases: "Case 19-E-0378" (NYSEG electric rates); "Case 19-G-0379" (NYSEG gas rates).

- Internet or Email: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on “Search,” enter the applicable case number (19-E-0378 or 19-G0379) and then click the “Post Comments” button at the top of the page.

- Email comments to the Secretary for the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov.

- By Mail or Hand Delivery: Comments may be mailed or delivered to the Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

- Toll-Free Opinion Line: 1-800-335-2120 is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Comments provided through this line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the ALJs and to the Commission for their consideration.

- **Comments submitted via these alternative means are requested by August 26, 2019, although comments will be accepted throughout these proceedings**. Written comments received by the Department will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Written comments may be viewed online by going to www.dps.ny.gov, clicking on “Search,” entering the applicable case number (19-E-0378, 19-G-0379), and then clicking on the “Public Comments” tab.