



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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: The power outages following recent winter snow-storms in the Hudson Valley.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the hearing is to examine the response of utilities to winter snow-storms in the Hudson Valley.

May 29, 2018

10:00 AM

**Westchester County Legislature Board Room
Legislative Chambers, Michaelian Office Building, 8th Floor
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, New York 10601**

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

In early March 2018, over 500,000 homes and businesses lost power as a result of two nor'easters that moved through New York. The vast majority of outages occurred in the Hudson Valley (including Dutchess, Putnam, Sullivan and Westchester counties) with some lasting as long as ten days.

This hearing is an opportunity for the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions and the Assembly Committee on Energy to examine the response of utilities to such storms. The Committees will hear from utilities that serve the region on storm-related operational and infrastructure investments and their response and preparation for such emergency events. The Committees will also evaluate the adequacy of such utilities' Emergency Response Plans (required pursuant to Public Service Law) and explore potential measures and actions that could be implemented to improve communication and restore power rapidly in the wake of similar storms in the future.

Persons wishing to submit written testimony to the Committees for 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.

Fifteen copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing are requested to complete this reply form **as soon as possible** and mail or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on Utility Storm Response in the Hudson Valley to be held by the Assembly Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions and the Assembly Standing Committee on Energy.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. I will answer any questions that may arise. I will provide 15 copies of my prepared statement.
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