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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Natural Gas Moratoriums

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to examine the causes and impacts of utility natural gas moratoriums.

**New York City
Senate Hearing Room
250 Broadway, 19th Floor
Manhattan
November 19, 2019
11:00 AM**

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

In May 2019, National Grid announced a moratorium on connections for natural gas service in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island service territories. On October 11, 2019, Governor Cuomo directed the Public Service Commission to order National Grid to resume connecting over 1,100 residential and small business gas customers previously denied service. Relatedly, Consolidated Edison had also instituted a gas moratorium for new customers in southern Westchester County in March 2019, and New York State Electric and Gas Corporation implemented a moratorium in 2015 for the Town of Lansing due to natural gas constraints.

This hearing is an opportunity for the Senate Committees on Energy and Telecommunications and Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, and the Assembly Committees on Energy and Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions to examine the specific causes and impacts of utility gas moratoriums in New York, including an evaluation of the Westchester County Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Resources Program enacted in the 2019-2020 SFY Budget.

Persons invited 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.

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