



## Summary of Case 13-G-0336

Petition of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for an Original Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Pursuant to Section 68 of the Public Service Law for the consent and approval of the Public Service Commission to construct gas plant and exercise gas distribution franchises in the Town & Village of Athens, Greene County, New York.

### PSC Seeking Public Comments

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public statement hearing concerning the request of Central Hudson for approval to construct gas plant and provide natural gas service to the Town and Village of Athens in two phases. Phase 1 involves construction of a 6-inch gas main from an interconnection point with Central Hudson's 10-inch transmission main located east of the CSX Transportation rail line, along route 28 and Union Street, to Peckham Industries in the Town. Phase 2 is planned for construction, subject to updated revenue forecasts and analysis, in the Village of Athens. During the public statement hearing, members of the public will have an opportunity to present their comments before an Administrative Law Judge.

It is not necessary to be present at the start of the public statement hearing, or to make an appointment in advance, or to present written material in order to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The hearings will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak

has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this fact sheet.

All statements transcribed at the public statement hearing and all other comments received by the Commission will become part of the record, and will be reported to the Commission for its consideration. All such comments will be posted for public viewing on the Commission's website, at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov).

**Tuesday Sept 24, 2013**

**Public Statement Hearing: 7:00 p.m.**

Edward J. Arthur Elementary School  
Cafeteria/Auditorium  
51 3rd Street  
Athens, NY

## Petition

On July 25, 2013, Central Hudson filed a petition requesting a Public Service Law §68 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificate). The Certificate would authorize Central Hudson to install gas main and service lines in the Town and Village of Athens for the purpose of exercising a natural gas service franchise. The proposed gas transmission line would connect the existing gas main near the CSX Transportation rail line in the town to Peckham Industries liquid asphalt plant in the village. This line will run along County Rt. 28 to the intersection of Schoharie Turnpike and Union Street, and then along Union Street to the Peckham site in the village. The Company also proposes a second development phase which would bring gas service further into the village. Central Hudson requests expedited approval of its Certificate request.

The Company asserts that approval of its request is in the public interest because the proposed line is economically feasible, and its construction will result in substantially lower fuel costs to not only the commercial customer but later, through the second phase, to a large part of the village itself.

Additional details are set forth in the petition, which is available on the Commission's Web site (go to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), click on "Search" and then search using case number "13-G-0336"). The Commission may approve, approve with changes, or reject Central Hudson's petition in whole or in part.

## Other Methods for Commenting on the Case

- **Via the Internet or In Writing:** Those who cannot or do not wish to attend a public statement hearing may submit comments electronically to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov) or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments may also be entered directly into the case by locating the case via the home page of the Commission's website, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by clicking on "Search," and entering 13-G-0336 in the "Search by Case Number" field. In the open case, enter comments in the "Post Comments" located at the top of the page. Comments should refer to "Case 13-G-0336 – Central Hudson – Town & Village of Athens Gas Franchise." Many libraries offer free internet service.
- **Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. Callers should press "1" and select the choice for water to leave comments about "Case 13-G-0336 – Central Hudson – Town & Village of Athens Gas Franchise."

Comments submitted via these alternative means are requested by September 27, 2013.