

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 15-G-0098 - Petition of Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of, and Permission to Exercise, a New Gas Franchise and to Construct Gas Plant as Necessary in the Town of Windsor, Broome County.

CASE 15-G-0099 - Petition of Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of, and Permission to Exercise, a New Gas Franchise and to Construct Gas Plant as Necessary in the Village of Windsor, Broome County.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING ON THE PETITIONS OF
LEATHERSTOCKING GAS COMPANY LLC TO EXERCISE NEW NATURAL GAS
FRANCHISES IN THE TOWN AND VILLAGE OF WINDSOR, BROOME COUNTY

(Issued May 1, 2015)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the New York State Public Service Commission invites public comment on petitions filed on February 20, 2015, by Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC (Leatherstocking), for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificates), under Public Service Law §68, to exercise franchises granted by the Town of Windsor (Town) and the Village of Windsor (Village), Broome County, New York, to provide natural gas service. The Village and the Town, on May 18, 2012 and on September 5, 2012, respectively, each granted a 50-year franchise authorizing Leatherstocking to place and maintain pipes and other appliances necessary for the provision of natural gas along municipal property and rights-of-way and to distribute and sell natural gas to inhabitants throughout the municipalities. Currently, no other provider of natural gas renders service in the Town or Village.

With its petitions, Leatherstocking also moved, pursuant to 16 NYCRR §21.10, to expedite the process for considering its request for a Certificate. Notice of this motion was published on February 27, 2015 in the *Press & Sun Bulletin* (Binghamton, New York). Comments on the motion were due 10 days following publication, on March 9, 2015. No comments were received.

Additional details are set forth in Leatherstocking's petitions, which are available on the Commission's website (www.dps.ny.gov) by searching case number 15-G-0098 (Town) or 15-G-0099 (Village). The Commission may grant, grant on conditions, or deny the petitions in whole or in part.

TAKE NOTICE that opportunity for public information and comment will be held, as follows:

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Windsor Central High School Auditorium
1191 State Route 79
Windsor, New York 13865

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Informational Forum
7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing

In the hour prior to each Public Statement Hearing, representatives from the New York State Department of Public Service Staff and Leatherstocking will provide information and be available to answer questions about the petitions. The informational session will be followed immediately by a Public Statement Hearing where all those wishing to comment on the petitions will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record before an Administrative Law Judge.

It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing, to make an appointment in advance, or to present written material to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The public

statement hearing will continue until everyone present wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. At a minimum, the public statement hearing will be held open for one hour, until 8:00 p.m. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. 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 notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 15-G-0098" and/or "Case 15-G-0099." Public comments are encouraged by **June 12, 2015**, but will be accepted throughout the pendency of these proceedings and can be submitted in a variety of ways, described below. All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission.

Via the Internet or Mail: The public may submit comments electronically to the Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments may also be entered directly into the case file from the Department's website, www.dps.ny.gov, by searching "Case 15-G-0098 or Case 15-G-0099" and then clicking "Post

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Comments" near the top of the page. Written comments may be read on the website by searching Case 15-G-0098 and Case 15-G-0099 and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab; transcripts of public statement hearings will be posted to the website. Many libraries offer free internet service.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1 800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but will be reported to the Commission.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary