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 IN THE MATTER OF :
 PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC :
 AND GAS COMPANY :
 GREEN ACRES SCOPING HEARING :

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BEFORE: JUDITH SCHLEICHER, PRESIDENT
 DAVE D. HELMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 9 GLENN ROE, TREASURE
 JOHN SUMINSKI, PARK COUNSEL
 10 JULIE C. BARON, COMMISSIONER
 JOHN R. SETTE, VICE PRESENT
 11 JACK KELLY, COMMISSIONER
 RICHARD SEABURY III, COMMISSIONER
 12 DR. PHILIP SANTIAGO, COMMISSIONER
 DAVID R. STIVERS, COMMISSIONER

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TRANSCRIPT of the stenographic notes of the
 proceedings in the above-entitled matter, as taken by
 and before Lorin Thompson, a Shorthand Reporter and
 Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, held at the
 Berkshire Valley Golf Course, 28 Cozy Lake Road,
 Jefferson, New Jersey, on July 26, 2010, commencing at
 7:30 p.m.

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1 diversions on existing PSE&G transmission line
2 right-of-way easements. This approach eliminates
3 potential for the disturbance of any previously
4 undisturbed land.

5 The aerial diversion on Block 320, Lot 9 is
6 within a few hundred feet of Weldon Road and was once a
7 railroad right-of-way and will have an existing tower
8 removed from the parkland. The aerial diversion on
9 Block 335, Lot 4 is in the immediate vicinity of
10 previously heavily disturbed mining area.

11 PSE&G's proposed Alternate Route C could
12 potentially effect park commission stewarded property in
13 the Townships of Randolph, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Mount
14 Olive, and Roxbury. As recommended by a number of
15 individuals at the two previous scoping hearings, the
16 park commission did not move forward with submitting a
17 diversion application until the Board of Public
18 Utilities made a decision on the power line project.

19 The following are the procedures for the
20 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak, please sign in on the
21 yellow public hearing sheet which will become part of
22 the meeting minutes. Before speaking, state your name
23 and address clearly. All comments should be relevant to
24 the proposed major diversion. Each speaker has five
25 minutes to present their comments. Please try to

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1 refrain from repetitive comments from previous speakers.
2 If you are part of a group or organization, it would be
3 appreciated if a single representative presented
4 comments on behalf of the organization.

5 If you're going to submit an exhibit, please
6 make sure the document has your name, name of the person
7 or entity that created the document and date submitted.
8 Exhibits and documents will become part of the record.

9 Written comments can be mailed to my
10 attention at the Morris County Park Commission,
11 PO Box 1295, Morristown, New Jersey, or by telefax
12 transmissions at 973-644-2726 or by e-mail to
13 info@MorrisParks.net by Monday, August 9th, 2010.
14 Submitted written comments will also become part of the
15 record.

16 The park commission is not responding to
17 comments until after the public comment period ends on
18 Monday, August 9th, 2010. Responses to comments will be
19 made available and become part of the record at the park
20 commission's Monday, September 27, 2010, park commission
21 meeting. As part of the Green Acres program rules for
22 public hearings, it will be reviewed prior to the
23 opening of the public hearing.

24 Proposed -- describing the proposed
25 diversion. No structures will be placed on parkland.

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1 Both lots will be effected by aerial diversions for the
2 proposed new transmission lines that will be in the air
3 space above the property within existing right-of-way.
4 Even though the power lines are in the existing
5 right-of-way, the original landowners crafted language
6 in the right-of-way documents to account for any future
7 changes to power line changes and to extract revenue
8 from those changes.

9 The property to be effected once again is
10 Block 320, Lot 9, Jefferson Township. The lot size is
11 5.53, southwest boundary of Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
12 located between Weldon Road and State Highway 15, closer
13 to Weldon Road, formerly Ogden Mine branch of Central
14 Railroad Company.

15 Public Service Electric and Gas Company has
16 had the right-of-way since July 26, 1929. Block 335,
17 Lot 4 in Jefferson Township, lot size is 11 acres,
18 southeast boundary of Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, in
19 the area of the former Weldon and Lower Weldon Mines.
20 Consumers Coal and Ice Company gave the easement to
21 Public Service Electric and Gas Company on April 1st,
22 1930. Both lots are part of lands bequeathed by the
23 Estate of Richard Fay Saffin to the Morris County Park
24 Commission on May 12th, 1983.

25 A total of 673 acres was donated to expand

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1 Mahlon Dickerson Reservation. The total park acreage is
2 3,337 acres. The total acreage effected by the
3 diversion on each lot and block is as follows:
4 Block 320, Lot 9, the area to be effected by
5 the transmission diversion is .209 acres for additional
6 aerial easement. This lot currently has a transmission
7 structure which will be removed as part of the power
8 line enhancement project. The total area of Block 335,
9 Lot 4 to be effected by the transmission line
10 improvement project is 1.163 acres for an additional
11 aerial easement.

12 The major diversion application is for a
13 portion of an overhead electric transmission line as
14 part of the Roseland to Susequehanna overhead electric
15 transmission project. PSE&G is proposing a new line to
16 comply with a directive from PJM Interconnection in
17 order to ensure continued compliance with the regional
18 electric transmission reliability.

19 Here with us today are a number of
20 representatives from PSE&G, including PSE&G's Assistant
21 General Property Counsel, David Richter, who will review
22 the following areas:

23 The compelling public need the project will
24 fulfill, the public benefits that the project will
25 yield, review past and ongoing efforts to identify

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1 that an alternative outside of the Morris County Park
2 area was not a feasible alternative.
3 Thank you very much.
4 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: Thank you. As I
5 mentioned, we will be accepting comments on alternative
6 sites suggested by the public, as well as comments on
7 alternative methods of achieving project objectives
8 without diversion.
9 Now I have some individuals,
10 Deann Muzikar.
11 MR. RICHTER: She works for PSE&G.
12 MS. MUZIKAR: We were just told to sign in
13 so I'm on the list.
14 MR. RICHTER: I think she'll pass.
15 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: You may speak if you
16 like.
17 MS. MUZIKAR: Oh, no, I'll pass. Thank you.
18 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: Linda Englehardt.
19 MS. ENGLEHARDT: Also with PSE&G.
20 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: And David
21 Grossmueller.
22 MR. GROSSMUELLER: Also with PSE&G.
23 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: And I know that Jim
24 Lockwood is with the Star-Ledger, but if you want to
25 speak, Jim.

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1 MR. HELMER: No comments from the public.
2 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: If there's no
3 comments, I'd like a motion to close the public hearing.
4 COMMISSIONER SEABURY: So moved.
5 MR. HELMER: Commissioner Baron?
6 MS. BARON: Yes.
7 MR. HELMER: Commissioner Kelly?
8 MR. KELLY: Yes.
9 MR. HELMER: Commissioner Santiago?
10 MR. SANTIAGO: Yes.
11 MR. HELMER: Commissioner Seabury?
12 MR. SEABURY: Yes.
13 MR. HELMER: Vice President Sette?
14 VICE PRESIDENT SETTE: Let's wait and see if
15 anybody shows up.
16 Yes.
17 MR. HELMER: Commissioner Stivers?
18 MR. STIVERS: Yes.
19 MR. HELMER: President Schleicher?
20 MS. SCHLEICHER: Yes.
21 MR. HELMER: I do need to read a few things
22 into the record.
23 The next steps of the diversion process
24 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 736-26.11, the park commission must
25 supply a transcript of the Public Hearing to the New

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1 Jersey Green Acres Program. Written comments on the
2 proposed major diversion will be received during the
3 public comment period, ending Monday, August 9th, 2010.
4 A summary of the public comments made at the public
5 hearing and comments provided in writing during the
6 public comment period and park commission's response to
7 public comments will be provided to the New Jersey Green
8 Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship
9 at the park commission's Monday, September 27, 2010,
10 public meeting, a resolution whether or not to reaffirm
11 support for submission of the State House Commission
12 application to NJDEP Green Acres Program for a major
13 diversion will be voted on and sent to the New Jersey
14 Green Acres Program, along with an application for the
15 major diversion and a letter from the park commission's
16 attorney stating that the park commission has complied
17 with N.J.A.C. 736 et seq.
18 It's deemed sufficient that the New Jersey
19 Green Acres Program will authorize park commission to
20 submit final application. NJDEP commissioners shall
21 approve or disapprove final application and the State
22 House Commission hearing will be scheduled.
23 I just wanted to thank the staff of New
24 Jersey Conservation Foundation who are responsible for
25 developing and submitting to the park commission a

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1 document dated August 10th, 2009. It's a valuable
2 resource for the park commissions natural resources
3 staff.
4 And on behalf of the park commission, I
5 would like to thank the public for their participation
6 and concern for the county parkland. We did have a
7 number of representatives attending the previous two
8 scoping hearings.
9 And just a motion to readjourn the park
10 commission meeting.
11 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: I like a motion to
12 readjourn the public hearing.
13 MR. HELMER: No. The regular park
14 commission meeting.
15 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: To reopen the regular
16 meeting of the Morris County Park Commission.
17 COMMISSIONER BARON: So moved.
18 PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: Is there a second?
19 VICE PRESIDENT SETTE: Second.
20 (All members voted in favor to adjourn
21 public hearing portion of meeting.)
22 (Proceedings concluded at 7:47 p.m.)
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