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NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY DONATES 10 ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL

(Peekskill, New York)... Mayor John G. Testa, members of the Common Council and Helen Eisenfeld, Director of Energy Services & Technology for New York Power Authority (NYPA) will unveil a Global Electric Motorcar (GEM) vehicle at City Hall on July 11, 2003 at 4:00 pm in the parking lot adjacent to City Hall in Peekskill.

The New York Power Authority and Daimler Chrysler created a donation program to distribute approximately 300 zero emission neighborhood electric vehicles to more than 40 locations in New York State. The City of Peekskill after reviewing the concept of this program has overwhelmingly agreed to participate in utilizing 10 of these vehicles in its campaign to improve the quality of life for all residents. The use of these vehicles by code enforcement officers, community service and park personnel will greatly reduce the use of fossil fuels as well improve the air quality while the vehicle is in use. The City of Peekskill will receive 10 four-door passenger GEM vehicles, which will be visible in downtown Peekskill, the city parks (including Riverfront Green) and throughout various neighborhoods in the Peekskill. The vehicles can reach a top speed of 25 miles per hour. GEMs will meet the National Highway Safety Administration and New York State Traffic Safety standards for use on private as well as public roads.

“The Power Authority has partnered with GEM because low-speed neighborhood electric vehicles are the perfect match for many of our public sector customers. These cars will replace an array of combustion powered vehicles now operating in parks, college campuses, and village squares.” said Eugene W. Zeltmann, NYPA president and chief executive officer.

“The GEM was designed to operate in cities like Peekskill, Albany and Syracuse, as well as on college campuses and in state parks and recreation areas,” said Rick Kasper, GEM President and CEO. “They offer a great alternative to gasoline-powered vehicles, with lower maintenance costs, greater efficiency, no emissions and the ability to operate on tight, campus “roads,”

winding park turf paths and even inside buildings (where gasoline-powered vehicles cannot travel).”

“The Common Council and I are excited to participate in the donation program offered by NYPA. We welcome the opportunity to use these vehicles in providing services to the residents of Peekskill and at the same time protect the environment in which we live. By setting the example, the City of Peekskill is demonstrating that government can be proactive in reducing the use of fossil fueled vehicles where possible. We thank NYPA for its bold initiative and look forward to a long relationship that generates tangible benefits for the residents of Peekskill,” noted Mayor John G. Testa.

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