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Honorable Michelle L. Phillips Secretary New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, New York 12223-1350

> RE: Case 19-E-0735, Petition of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Requesting Additional NY-Sun Program Funding and Extension of Program through 2025

## Dear Secretary Phillips:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") is filing with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") amendments to its Schedule for Electric Service, P.S.C. No. 3 – ELECTRICITY (the "Electric Tariff"). The revised Electric Tariff leaves, which are identified in Appendix A, are filed to become effective on September 1, 2021.

## **Tariff Changes**

The Commission, in three recent orders, <sup>1</sup> directed each utility to file tariff modifications to establish a Remote Crediting ("RC") Program as described therein. The Company has modified the Electric Tariff as described below.

- The Remote Net Metering and Community Distributed Generation Section of Rider N has been amended. The section has been renamed to "Remote Net Metering, Remote Crediting, and Community Distributed Generation" and introduces the new rules and applicability related to the RC Program, which include but are not limited to the following:
  - Customers who take service under Rider N may apply to be a RC Host Account if: (a) they are non-residential customers; or (b) they are residential customers who own or operate a farm operation as defined in Subdivision 11 (or Subdivision 4 for wind generating equipment) of Section 301 of the Agricultural

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These three orders, issued in the above-referenced proceeding, and collectively referred to as the "Orders" are: (1) the Commission's May 14, 2020 <u>Order Extending and Expanding Distributed Solar Incentives</u>; (2) the Commission's September 17, 2020 <u>Order Clarifying Remote Crediting Program</u> (the "September 2020 Order"); and (3) the Commission's July 15, 2021 <u>Order Authorizing Changes to the Remote Crediting Program</u> (the "July 2021 Order").

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and Markets Law and locate solar, farm wind, farm waste, Micro-Hydro, or fuel cell generating equipment or Stand-alone or Hybrid Electric Energy Storage. A customer that meets these criteria will be eligible to allocate the Value Stack credits derived from such customer's electric generating equipment to up to ten designated RC Customers served under the Electric Tariff, including the RC Host Account itself. The RC Host Account may allocate credits to any number of RC Customer accounts subject to the following conditions:

- The account for electric service at the premises where the electric generating equipment is located shall be designated the "RC Host Account." The account(s) to which Value Stack credits are allocated shall be designated the "RC Satellite Account(s)." An RC Host Account may designate additional RC Satellite Accounts or remove existing RC Satellite Accounts once per billing cycle, with the new designations to take effect commencing within 30 days of the Company's receipt of the revised allocation list. The RC Host Account and all associated RC Satellite Accounts can be located in different NYISO zones within the Company's service territory as defined in General Information Section No. 1 of the Electric Tariff. RC Satellite Accounts shall neither take service under SC No. 15 nor be required to be billed under Standby Service rates pursuant to SC No. 25. Each RC Satellite Account established in a common customer name and located on properties owned or leased by a common customer shall be designated as the same RC Customer.
- All existing Remote Net Metering ("RNM") projects that have interconnected prior to September 1, 2021, where compensation is received under Value Stack Phase One or Value Stack Phase Two will become RC projects. Value Stack RNM is no longer available.
- Each RC Host Account's aggregated rated capacity of on-site electric generating equipment is limited to 5 MW pursuant to the September 2020 Order.
- The RC Host Account may allocate to RC Satellite Accounts any portion of the RC Host Account's banked credits if written instructions are received by the Company 15 days before the RC Host Account is next billed. Any remaining available RC Host Account Banked credits shall offset the RC Host Account's monthly electric charges. After offsetting the RC Host Account's electric charges, any remaining amount shall carry over on the RC Host Account's banked credits.
- The total amount of credit allocated to an RC Satellite Account will be applied as a direct monetary credit, up to the RC Satellite Account's current electric utility bill for any outstanding energy, customer, demand, or other electric charges. Any remaining unused credit for that RC Satellite Account shall be carried over to the RC Satellite Account's next billing period pursuant to section (C)(7) of the Billing Value Stack Tariff Section of Rider N.

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- RC Satellite Accounts are not permitted to participate in RNM, Community Distributed Generation or be an RC Host Account. RC Host Accounts are not permitted to participate as an RC Satellite Account in another RC project or as an RNM Satellite Account.
- An RC Satellite Account may receive allocations from multiple RC Host Accounts and/or be a customer-generator.
  - Such RC Satellite Accounts are limited to a cumulative total of 5 MW of installed capacity allocated to the RC Satellite Account as determined by adding the total installed on-site capacity to the allocated capacity from all RC projects in which the RC Satellite Account is a participant. The RC Host Account must certify in writing to the Company, both prior to commencing RC and annually thereafter, that it has met all program criteria set forth in the Commission's orders, including, but not limited to, certifying that the cumulative total installed capacity of each of its RC Satellite Accounts does not exceed 5 MW. If it is determined that an RC Satellite Account is receiving more than the aggregated capacity of 5 MW, the Company shall suspend any allocation of credits to the RC Satellite Account and those credits will remain with the appropriate RC Host Account. The allocation to the RC Satellite Account will commence once the RC Satellite Account meets the 5 MW limitation.
  - o If such RC Satellite Account has onsite generation, the Company shall first add together the current month's credits from onsite generation and any prior period excess carryover credits from the RC Satellite Account's onsite generation. This total will then be applied as a direct monetary credit to the RC Satellite Account's current electric utility bill. The remaining electric bill, if any, shall be offset by allocations to the RC Satellite Account from its RC Host Account(s).
- The terms Remote Crediting and Remote Crediting Customers were defined in the Applicability Section of Rider N.
- The Remote Net Metering section has been modified to clarify that the RNM program is only applicable to Grandfathered Net Metering and Phase One NEM Customers and no longer applies to Value Stack.
- Other sections of the Value Stack Tariff Section of Rider N including Applicability, Metering, Community Distributed Generation, Charges and Credits - Grandfathered Net Metering and Phase One NEM, Charges and Credits - Value Stack Tariff, and Terms of Service have been amended to include or remove language related to RNM and RC as necessary.

#### **Conclusion and Notice**

Ordering Clause 1 of the July 2021 Order directed the Company to file tariff amendments on or before August 16, 2021, to implement the modifications described in the July

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2021 Order, to become effective on September 1, 2021. Accordingly, the Company is filing these tariff amendments to become effective on September 1, 2021.

As specified in Ordering Clause 2 of the Order, the Commission has waived the requirements for newspaper publication.

Any questions regarding this filing can be directed to Cheryl Ruggiero at (212) 460-3189.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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# APPENDIX A

# **Electric Tariff Leaves**

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