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August 31, 2021

Honorable Michelle L. Phillips Secretary to the Commission New York State Public Service Commission Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3 Albany, New York 12223-1350

RE: Cases 14-M-0565 and 20-M-0266, Energy Affordability for Low Income Utility Customers

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") is filing with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") amendments to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 – Gas (the "Gas Tariff").

The revised Gas Tariff leaves and Statement, which are identified below, are filed to become effective on September 1, 2021.

<u>Leaf No.</u>	Revision No.	Superseding No.	
47	11	10	
47.1	5	4	

Statement	Statement Type	Statement No.
Statement of Low Income Customer Affordability		
Assistance Program ("LICAAP") Discounts	LIC	1

## Reason for Filing

This filing is made pursuant to the Commission's <u>Order Adopting Energy Affordability Policy Modifications and Directing Utility Filings</u>, in Cases 14-M-0565 and 20-M-0266, issued August 12, 2021 (the "Order"). The Order directed the Company to file various tariff amendments related to the Low Income Program and revisions to the Low Income Discounts.

## Tariff Changes

Pursuant to the Order, the Company is making the following changes to the Gas Tariff:

 The Company modified General Information Section 6, Metering and Billing, Subsection 6.16, Low Income Program, to refer to the new Statement of LICAAP Discounts for the Low Income Discounts and eliminate these discounts from the Gas Tariff. The Company will update the Statement of LICAAP Discounts: (1) on not less than one day's notice to become effective on September 1, 2021; (2) annually, beginning in 2022, by November Received: 08/31/2021

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1st to become effective on December 1st; and (3) with the first Rate Year compliance filing of a new rate plan.

- The Company added "in the preceding 12 months" to each Tier's Home Energy Assistance Program ("HEAP") description to clarify the length of time the prior HEAP grant is applicable for.
- The Company is filing its new Statement of LICAAP Discounts, Statement No. 1, which reflects the Low Income Discounts for the Company's gas service contained in Appendix D of the Order.
- The Company added the federal Lifeline program and related programs, Temporary Assistance to Needy Persons/Families, and Safety Net Assistance as eligible for Tier 1 of the Company's Low Income Program.
- The Company added Direct Vendor or Utility Guarantee Program as eligible for Tier 4 of the Company's Low Income Program.

## **Conclusion and Notice**

Pursuant to Ordering Clause 18 of the Order, the Company is filing these changes to become effective on September 1, 2021, on not less than one day's notice. Pursuant to Ordering Clause 19 of the Order, the Commission waived the requirement for newspaper publication of these changes.

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

Very truly yours,

/s/

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