



May 29, 2015

### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case 14-E-0488 - In the Matter of the Continuation of Standby Rate Exemptions.

#### Dear Secretary Burgess:

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") and Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation ("RG&E") (the Companies"), hereby transmits for filing the enclosed tariff leaves in compliance with the New York State Public Service Commission's ("NYPSC" or "Commission") Order Continuing and Expanding the Standby Rate Exemption<sup>1</sup>, issued and effective April 20, 2015 ("the Order"), in the above referenced proceedings. These tariff leaves are transmitted for filing in compliance as identified herein and in accordance with the requirements of Appendix 7-H (electronic tariff filing system) to the Commission's Codes, Rules and Regulations (16 NYCRR Appendix 7-H).

Below is a list of the revised tariff leaves to become effective June 1, 2015:

NYSEG – PSC No. 120 Leaf No. 284 – Revision 6

Leaf No. 286 – Revision 5

Leaf No. 294.1 – Revision 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commission issue a Notice on May 29, 2015 extending the time to file a portion of the tariff leaves. An extension until ten days after the Commission's resolution of the petitions the Utilities filed in reply to the April 20, 2015 Order has been granted.



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RG&E – PSC No. 19

Leaf No. 240 - Revision 6

Leaf No. 241 – Revision 6

Leaf No. 249 – Revision 5

# Purpose of the Filing

The Company is filing tariff amendments in compliance with Ordering Clause 1 of the Order to extend and expand the standby rate exemption, as discussed in the Order.

#### Overview

As noted in the Order, the standby rate allows customers served by efficient combined heat and power ("CHP") facilities of 1 MW or less in size and certain forms of distributed generation ("DG") to opt for exemption from those rates. This voluntary exemption allows the customer to pay standard delivery rates instead of standby delivery rates on a permanent basis for usage in excess of production by the exempt generator, provided that the generator enters into service prior to the deadline established by the Commission. The initial in-service deadline was set to expire on May 31, 2006; that date was later extended to May 31, 2009 and then again to the current expiration date of May 31, 2015.

In accordance with Ordering Clause 1 of the Order, the tariffs have been revised to extend the DG project in-service deadline for qualifying for the exemption from standby rates from May 31, 2015 to May 31, 2019.

# **Newspaper Publication**

In accordance with Ordering Clause 2 of the Order, the requirements of 66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law requiring newspaper publication has been waived.

If you have any questions related to this filing, please contact me at 607.762.8710.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosures**