



January 8, 2014

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Case 11-E-0176 – New York State Electric & Gas Corporation and  
Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation – Proposed Tariff Filings

Dear Secretary Burgess:

The enclosed tariff leaves, issued by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (together the “Companies”) are transmitted for filing in compliance with the requirements of the New York Public Service Commission’s (the “Commission”) Notice to Submit Proposed Tariff Leaves, issued and effective on November 27, 2013 (the “Notice”). The proposed leaves have an effective date of September 1, 2014.

P.S.C. No. 120 – Electricity, Schedule for Electric Service

Leaf No. 117.8, Revision 12  
Leaf No. 117.9, Revision 11  
Leaf No. 117.45, Revision 0

P.S.C. No. 19 – Electricity, Schedule for Electric Service

Leaf No. 86, Revision 3  
Leaf No. 160.26.1, Revision 9



**Honorable Kathleen Burgess**  
**January 8, 2014**

**Page 2**

### **Overview**

Section 1005, subdivision 13-b, of the New York Public Authorities Law requires that the New York Power Authority (NYPA) reserve up to \$8 million of the ReCharge New York Residential Consumer Discount Program to divide among Niagara Mohawk, NYSEG and RG&E to create an Agricultural Consumer Electricity Cost Discount to become effective as of September 2014<sup>1</sup>.

The Companies are proposing to create a Residential Agricultural Discount that will apply to farm customers that take service pursuant to a residential service classification. A customer must complete an application and provide the Company with a copy of their Internal Revenue Form - Schedule F-Profit or Loss for Farming, as filed with their Federal Tax Return for the current tax year.

### **Calculation and Application of Credit**

The Residential Agricultural Discount will be calculated monthly based on the monthly forecast sales of each customer who has qualified for and is scheduled to receive a credit. The Companies will reconcile the amounts received from NYPA with the discounts provided to qualified customers. Any amounts as a result of the reconciliation will be added to or subtracted from the Transition Charge applicable to residential customers.

The credit provided to customers shall be the Residential Agricultural Discount multiplied by the customer's billed kilowatt-hours and shall not exceed the net total monthly electric delivery bill for each customer<sup>2</sup>.

### **Administration and Outreach**

To administer the discount, the Companies have developed a draft application form for a customer to complete in order to qualify for the Residential Agricultural Discount (Attachment 1). Forms will be available online for a customer to complete electronically or to print and mail a copy to the Companies. Forms will be available at any outreach venues that the Companies attend, as well as walk-in offices. Customers must complete the application form and provide a copy of the requested Form F by July 1, in order to begin receiving benefits. The Companies are also requiring customers to reapply each year to determine continued eligibility as a farm customer.

The Companies plan to initiate communications targeted to its farm customers beginning in the second quarter of 2014. The Companies are considering multiple vehicles to communicate the Residential Agricultural Discount to its farm customers, including the Companies' websites, issuing press releases and twitter messages, placing messages on residential bills, and providing information to elected officials for use by their constituents. The Companies will share information at appropriate outreach events and partner with the Department of Public Service

---

<sup>1</sup> Notice, paragraph 1

<sup>2</sup> If a farm customer is also participating in net metering, the Residential Agricultural Discount will be applied to any electricity supplied by the Company to the customer after all net metering credits have been applied to the customer's usage.

**Honorable Kathleen Burgess**  
**January 8, 2014**

**Page 3**

Staff and the Farm Bureau to inform agricultural producers who receive electric service at the residential rate of the Agricultural Consumer Electricity Cost Discount.

**Publication**

The Companies respectfully request the requirements of Section 66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law regarding newspaper publication be waived as the Company will target specific Outreach and Education materials as described herein to affected customers .

If there are any questions concerning this filing, please call Sue Morien at (585) 771-4741 or me at (607) 762-8710.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori A. Cole".

Lori A. Cole  
Manager - Regulatory & Tariffs  
Rates and Regulatory Economics Department

Enclosures

## NYSEG/RG&E Residential Agricultural Discount Application Form

(Please Print)

<b>Customer Information</b>		
Contact Name:	Phone number (Day):	
	Phone number (Other):	
Service Address:		
City:	New York	ZIP Code
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Account Number:		

A copy of the customer's Internal Revenue Form - Schedule F-Profit or Loss for Farming, as filed with the customer's most recent filed Federal Tax Return must be provided to NYSEG/RG&E.

Please indicate how the form will be submitted to NYSEG/RG&E:

- By mail to [NYSEG P.O. Box 5224, Binghamton, NY 13902-5224] / [RG&E 89 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14649]
- By email to [custserv@nyseg.com](mailto:custserv@nyseg.com) or [customer\\_service@rge.com](mailto:customer_service@rge.com) (please place the account number in the subject line)

Customer/Applicant:

I understand that the Residential Agricultural Discount will be applied to the delivery charges listed on my bill and that I will need to reapply by July 1 of each year in order to continue to receive such discount. I also represent that all information included herein is accurate and true, and that any intentional misrepresentations may result in my disqualification from receiving the Residential Agricultural Discount and that I will be responsible for reimbursing NYSEG/RG&E for any credits received.

The customer may contact NYSEG/RG&E to discuss eligibility, qualification requirements, and rate options.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

---

NYSEG/RG&E Use Only

Application Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer's Service Classification is: [NYSEG No. 1 , No. 8, or No. 12]/[RG&E No. 1 or No. 4]