

September 28, 2015

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

## Re: Case 15-E-0082, Order Establishing a Community Distributed Generation Program and Making Other Findings – Compliance Filing

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 3 in the Public Service Commission's order issued and effective July 17, 2015 ("Order") in the above captioned proceeding, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson" or "the Company") hereby files amended tariff leaves to its Schedule for Electric Service, PSC No. 15 - Electricity.

P.S.C. No. 15 - Electricity

27<sup>th</sup> Revised Leaf No. 3 Original Leaf No. 163.7 Original Leaf No. 163.7.1 Original Leaf No. 163.7.2

## Reason for Filing

The Commission's Order Establishing a Community Distributed Generation Program and Making Other Findings (the "Order"), issued and effective July 17, 2015, in Case 15-E-0822, directed the utilities to file tariff changes to implement Community Distributed Generation ("CDG") within 60 days. The initial due date for the Company to file its respective tariff was September 15, 2015, but this was subsequently extended to September 28, 2015. Community Distributed General Information Section 46 of the Company's tariff.

## Background

Community Distributive Generation is a form of net metering which allows multiple customers ("CDG Satellite Accounts") to subscribe to a ("CDG Host") for a percentage of the net energy produced by their generation facility provided that each project meets certain requirements set forth by the Order. Each Satellite Account's percentage must amount to at least 1,000 kWh annually. CDG equipment must meet eligibility requirements for net metering and the CDG Host and CDG Satellite Accounts must be located within the same load zone as determined by the New York State Independent System Operator and within the Company's service territory. Additionally, the CDG Host must designate no fewer than ten active CDG Satellite Accounts with no more than 40 percent of the CDG output serving CDG Satellite Accounts of 25 kW or greater of which may be adjusted, if applicable, to account for units in multiple dwellings that are not individually metered. Upon each CDG Satellite being credited using the allocation percentages designated by the CDG Host, any remaining credits are to be carried forward to the succeeding billing period on each respective account. In the event that a CDG Host is billed under demand rates, monetary credits will be distributed to CDG Satellite Accounts will receive volumetric (kWh) credits. Any remaining kWh credits on CDG Satellite Accounts will be returned to the CDG Host are not provided.

Community Distributed Generation will be implemented in two stages. Phase 1 of the program required utilities to focus on locational benefits of CDG and broaden its options available to low-income customers. Central Hudson opened its entire electric service territory to CDG during Phase 1. Phase 2 will begin on May 1, 2016, and Central Hudson is in the process of exploring options to develop an electronic format for which CDG Hosts can securely submit completed CDG Allocation Request Forms to the Company by the inception of this phase.

As required by the Order, the Company has coordinated development of this filing with the other state electric utility companies.

## Conclusion and Notice

As directed by the letter issued by the Secretary on September 9, 2015, which granted an extension of two weeks from the initial filing date of September 15, 2015, the Company is filing these tariff amendments no later than September 28, 2015, to become effective October 19, 2015.

Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Order, the requirements of Section 66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law regarding newspaper publication for the amendments listed herein are waived.

Questions related to this filing should be directed to Jay Tompkins at <u>itompkins@cenhud.com</u> or (845) 486-5203.

Very truly yours,

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