

June 16, 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 No. 09-M-0311 - Implementation of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2009 Establishing a Temporary Annual Assessment Pursuant to Public Service Law §18-a(6)

Dear Secretary Burgess:

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation ("RG&E") (together the "Companies"), hereby submit for filing the revised Temporary State Assessment Statements ("TSAS"), listed below, to become effective July 1, 2015, in compliance with the New York Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") <u>Order Implementing Revised Temporary State Assessment</u>, issued and effective June 18, 2014 (the "June Order"), and the <u>Order Approving Tariff Amendments and Ordering Modifications</u>, issued and effective April 17, 2015 (the "April Order"). These statements are also made in compliance with Appendix 7-H (electronic tariff filing system) to the Commission's Codes, Rules and Regulations (16 NYCRR Appendix 7-H).

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PSC No. 87 - Gas, Schedule for Gas Service TSAS No. 7 PSC No. 88 - Gas, Schedule for Gas Service, Transportation TSAS No. 8 PSC No. 120 - Electricity, Schedule for Electric Service - TSAS No. 8 PSC No. 121 - Electricity, Schedule for Electric Service, Street Lighting - TSAS No. 8



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PSC No. 16 - Gas, Schedule for Gas Service TSAS No. 9 PSC No. 18 - Electricity, Schedule for Electric Service, Street Lighting - TSAS No. 7 PSC No. 19 - Electricity, Schedule for Electric Service - TSAS No. 8

Background

On April 7, 2009, the Temporary State Energy and Utility Service Conservation Assessment ("TSA") was put into place by Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2009, which added Public Service Law (PSL) §18-a(6). On June 19, 2009, the Commission issued an Order that allowed utilities to institute a surcharge to collect the TSA, on behalf of the Department of Public Service (the "Department"), for a period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.

In April 2013, the Legislature amended PSL §18-a(6) by extending the TSA through March 2017, while decreasing it over time. In 2014, the Legislature further amended PSL §18-a(6) to reduce the TSA rate applied to intrastate gross operating revenues from 2% to 1.63% for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The TSA rate is further reduced to 1.0% for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, and 0.73% for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the TSA will be one-half of the TSA paid in Fiscal Year 2016-2017, with full collections from customers by December 31, 2017.

Overview of the Companies' Calculations for surcharges effective July 1, 2015 The June Order implemented the amendments to PSL §18-a(6) by authorizing the utilities to continue to collect the surcharge through December 31, 2017. The surcharges will continue to be allocated to customers on a revenue basis using the rate design concepts that were adopted in 2009. The April Order provided that the Companies shall use the same allocators the utilities have been using to collect their respective surcharge for the most recent period. Pursuant to the April Order and June Order and based upon the Companies' current collections, the Companies have updated the surcharges as described below.

The total amounts to be collected are the 2014 total assessable intrastate revenues times the 1.00% TSA rate, less the amount of the assessment currently included in base rates, plus carrying charges and an amount for uncollectibles, less the deferred over-collection balances. The resulting surcharges are set on a service class basis.

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Publication

As specified in Ordering Clause No. 4, newspaper publication requirements of Public Service Law section 66(12)(b) have been waived.

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Respectfully submitted,

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