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## **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Honorable Michelle L. Phillips Secretary to the Commission New York State Public Service Commission 3 Empire State Plaza, 19th Floor Albany, New York 12223-1350

RE: Annual Underground Residential

Distribution Contribution Update

## Dear Secretary Phillips:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") hereby submits for filing its Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution, Statement No. URD-12 to its Schedule for Electric Service, P.S.C. No. 3 – Electricity. This Statement is issued April 28, 2023, to become effective August 1, 2023.

The Company is filing its average cost per foot of underground facilities based on its experienced average cost of underground line extensions for the 12 months ended December 2022, with one exception as noted below.

The Company proposes to maintain the charge for single phase distribution lines at \$33.05 per trench foot. Due to the small number of new residential subdivision jobs completed in 2022 (*i.e.*, four jobs as compared with twelve in 2020), the average cost calculation resulted in a substantially higher rate per trench foot. Given this small sample size, the Company does not view the average cost experienced in 2022 as being representative of the costs it will incur during the coming 12 months. Accordingly, the Company has elected to keep this rate at the existing level.

The incremental charge for three phase distribution lines has increased from \$8.69 to \$11.80 per trench foot. The cost of trenching has increased from \$23.08 to \$23.77 per trench foot and the charge for underground service laterals has increased from \$12.24 to \$12.56 per trench foot. The Company has also included its report in accordance with 16 NYCRR 98.6.

Also included with this filing is an information sheet describing line extension procedures to be given to persons inquiring about line extensions as required by 16 NYCRR 98.7. The information sheet has been prepared in lieu of newspaper publication.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

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