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

RE: Acceptable Methods of Payment

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company) is filing with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") amendments to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 – GAS ("Gas Tariff").

The revised Gas Tariff Leaves identified below are filed with a proposed effective date of June 26, 2024.

<u>Leaf No.</u>	Revision No.	Superseding No.
33.1.1	1	0
33.1.2	0	
55	1	0

## **Background**

The Company accepts payment for service in a variety of forms. Given the expansion of different types of payments in recent years (e.g., cryptocurrency), there are certain forms of payment that are not accepted by the Company. This filing seeks to clarify for customers the specific forms of payment that are accepted by the Company.

## **Tariff Changes**

The Company proposes to amend General Information Section No. 6, Metering and Billing, and General Information Section No. 9, Refusal or Discontinuance of Service, of the Gas Tariff to include a list of the acceptable means of bill payment to the Company. This list includes the following means of payment: (1) check sent via the U.S. mail to the address on the bill; (2) checks,

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money orders, or cash paid at any Company Business Office, Company-Owned Kiosk, or an Authorized Payment Location; (3) electronically through enrollment on Auto Bill Payment, Pay by Phone with a Company Customer Service Representative, credit card, debit card, ACH, bank wire, automated phone system (IVR) or the Company website; or (4) electronically by a recurring automatic bank debit or electronic funds transfer the customer initiates through a third party (a transfer or transaction fee over and above the Company bill amount may be charged to the customer by a third-party vendor for these services); or (5) any other means agreeable to the Company. For a payment made to a Company field representative at the time of disconnection, the acceptable forms of payment are checks, money orders, or cash.

## **Conclusion and Notice**

This filing is proposed to become effective on June 26, 2024. The Company will provide for public notice of the tariff changes in this filing by means of newspaper publication once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the effective date of the proposed tariff changes.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

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