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Hon. Debra Renner
Acting Secretary
Department of Public Service
State of New York
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Renner:

By this filing, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson" or "the Company") is issuing a new electric tariff entitled "Schedule for Electric Service, PSC No. 15 - Electricity" superseding the currently effective "Schedule for Electric Service, PSC No. 14 - Electricity". The new schedule bears an initial effective date of February 1, 2000.

Central Hudson is filing a new PSC No. 15 electric schedule in response to the Commission's staff guidelines governing the submission of tariffs in electronic format. To effectuate the changeover to electronic filings, it was necessary for the Company to reformat its entire electric tariff according to the specifications provided to all utilities by the Commission staff. These new specifications provide for coding designations, line spacing requirements as well as an overall general redesign of each tariff leaf. In addition, each tariff leaf has been prepared using WordPerfect 5.1 / 5.0 with each leaf stored in a separate file.

CHANGES REFLECTED IN THE NEW PSC NO. 15 TARIFF

The text of the PSC No. 15 tariff is identical to the text of the PSC No. 14 tariff it is replacing except that tariff references have been revised and unused provisions have been eliminated.

Consistent with the Staff guidelines, the tariff leaves are consecutively numbered, including the title page, from "1" to "328".

All service classifications that were canceled in PSC No. 14 have been designated as "reserved for future use".

Because issuing the new PSC No. 15 electric schedule will not affect the provision of electric service to the Company's electric customers, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission waive the requirements of newspaper publication of the proposed tariff changes.

Very truly yours,

Arthur R. Upright