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Honorable John C. Crary
Secretary
Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Crary:

The enclosed Schedule, issued by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG"), is transmitted for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

Schedule PSC No. 88 Gas

Effective March 7, 1997.

Proposed New Schedule

NYSEG is proposing to cancel P.S.C. No. 83 - Gas and replace it with PSC No. 88.

The Public Service Commission is implementing its' Electronic Tariff System ("ETS"), therefore, it is necessary for New York State utilities to file new schedules formatted for the ETS. The rates have not been changed. Appropriate "housekeeping" revisions such as: (1) the tariff has been re-formatted to conform with the requirements of the ETS; (2) section and service classification references have been revised as necessary to make them correct; (3) wording was revised as necessary to make it consistent throughout the tariff and with NYSEG's other gas tariffs; (4) the addition of the City of Plattsburgh and the Village of Cobleskill to the Revenue Tax Surcharge Statement as a city and village that imposes the 1% Municipal Tax rate; (5) the Character of Service section of Service Classification No. 12 has been corrected. The sentence: "Available to all core and non-core transportation customers who have executed a Transportation Service Agreement", has been removed. This sentence was inadvertently included in the section during the 93-G-0932 compliance filing, however, it is not a character of service issue; (6) the Character of Service section of Service Classification No. 14 has been revised to include the paragraph: "Customers taking service under this service classification shall be segmented into two (2) groups..." This paragraph was inadvertently omitted during the 93-G-0932 compliance filing, however, it is applicable to this service classification consistent with Service Classification No. 13; (7) references to statements and/or tariffs being "available to the public at the Company offices at which application for service may be made" have been revised to reflect the electronic availability of

tariffs and statements. The phrase has been revised and reads "...will be readily accessible to the public"; (8) references to P.S.C. No. 83 - Gas have been changed to PSC No. 88 Gas and references to P.S.C. Nos. 73, 75, 76, 79, 82 and 86 have been changed to PSC No. 87; (9) Service Classification No. 11 has been "Reserved for Future Use" to accommodate the inclusion of the Energy Management Services (Case No. 95-G-0675) filing that is pending at the Commission. This filing is scheduled to become effective on February 1, 1997 and will be included in this new Schedule at that time; and (10) the references to the Transportation Administration Charge in the Price section of Service Classification Nos. 13 and 14 have been revised to include PSC 84 - Binghamton Districts, which was inadvertently omitted during the 93-G-0932 compliance filing.

Reasons for Proposed New Schedule

The Public Service Commission has developed a new procedure for filing tariffs electronically. To start the new Electronic Tariff System (ETS), it is necessary for New York State utilities to cancel their current schedule(s) and submit new ones formatted for the ETS. The filing of these new schedules presents the opportunity for the utilities to "clean-up" their current tariffs by making "housekeeping" revisions.

Background

On July 30, 1996, the Commission's Electronic Tariff Team held a meeting to introduce the ETS to New York State gas and electric utilities. Team members explained the need for the new system, how it would benefit the Commission as well as the utilities, and performed a demonstration of how the tariffs will be accessible on the Commission's Home Page on the World Wide Web. Due to the many changes in the format of the tariff leaves and the new procedure for the electronic filing of the tariffs, Staff found it necessary to revise appropriate sections of 16 NYCRR to bring them up-to-date. Staff has sent proposed changes to 16 NYCRR to the utilities for comment.

Customer Impact Assessment

Since all aspects of the current schedule are included in the new schedule, PSC No. 88 Gas, there will be no customer impact.

Effect of Proposed Revisions

Electronic tariff filings will benefit the Commission, the utilities, and the public. Tariffs will be available through the Commission's Home Page on the World Wide Web which will make accessibility by the public easy and cost effective.

HONORABLE JOHN C. CRARY

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Newspaper Publication & SAPA

NYSEG requests waiver of publication of this proposed tariff in accordance with 16 NYCRR Part 270.70, since the submission of this new tariff will have NO direct impact to NYSEG's gas customers.

A State Administrative Procedure Act Notice is enclosed for publication in the State Bulletin.

Special Requests

NYSEG requests a waiver from the applicable sections of 16 NYCRR Part 270 to allow for the new electronic format.

Company Contacts

If you have any questions regarding this tariff revision, please contact Scott Gahn at (607)762-8008.

Very Truly Yours,

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