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ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC.
4 Irving Place
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August 14, 2001

Honorable Janet H. Deixler
Secretary
State of New York
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Dear Secretary Deixler:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. hereby transmits for electronic filing its "Statement of Increase in Rates and Charges" No. RTS-12 to its Schedule for Gas Service P.S.C. No. 4 - Gas. Under separate cover, the Company also filed its "Statement of Increase in Rates and Charges" No. RTS-65 to its Schedule for Electric Service, P.S.C. No. 2 - Electricity. These Statements are issued August 14, 2001, to become effective September 1, 2001.

Explanation of the Statement Changes

The revisions to the "Statement of Increase in Rates and Charges" applicable to O&R's schedule for gas service reflects the elimination of the New York State Tax Law Section 186, 0.75 percent gross earnings tax pursuant to the New York State Tax Law changes that became effective in January 2000.

Very truly yours,

William A. Atzl, Jr.
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