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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. 90 Gas

Effective February 27, 1998.

Proposed New Schedule

NYSEG is proposing to cancel P.S.C. No. 30 - Gas and replace it with PSC No. 90.

The Public Service Commission has implemented its' Electronic Tariff System ("ETS"), therefore, it is necessary for New York State utilities to file new schedules formatted for the ETS.

PSC No. 90 supersedes NYSEG's P.S.C. No. 30 which represents the general terms and conditions (general information) for all territory served by the Company except as otherwise provided in individual rate schedules. The context and prices 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 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) Section 3(G) - Forms - Residential and Non-Residential has been revised to be consistent with the Forms section filed in PSC No. 89 (Case No. 97-G-1447). The forms currently used by the Company are either "on-line" or not available in WordPerfect format. Therefore, based on discussions with Staff, it was agreed that the Company would submit copies of its forms to the Commission under separate cover letter and reference those forms in its' tariffs. All the forms have been removed from the new tariff. However, they were filed with the Commission under cover letter dated September 9, 1997. The Company has agreed to keep the Commission's file up-to-date by submitting forms whenever they are revised; (5) The clause relating to the effective date of the non-residential rules becoming effective on March 18, 1998 in various sections of the tariff have been removed since it is no longer necessary and has become obsolete; (6) Section 10.F. - Conditions of Gas Service - Outstanding Commitments in Right-of-Way or Other Land-Rights Agreements has been removed from the tariff since the clause is outdated and, therefore, obsolete; and (7) references to P.S.C. No. 83 - Gas have been changed to PSC No. 88 Gas and references to P.S.C. Nos. 73, 75, 76, 79, 82 and 86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.

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.

On December 18 and December 20, 1996, NYSEG filed the first electronic tariffs, PSC Nos. 87 and 88, respectively. NYSEG filed PSC No. 89 on August 20, 1997, therefore, this tariff represents the last of NYSEG's gas tariffs to be converted to the ETS format.

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. 90 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.

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 me at (607)762-5611.

Very Truly Yours,

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