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ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC.
4 Irving Place
New York, New York 10003

March 11, 2003

Honorable Janet H. Deixler
Secretary
State of New York
Department of Public Service
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-19 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-72 to its Schedule for Electric Service, P.S.C. No. 2 - Electricity. These Statements are issued March 11, 2003 to become effective April 1, 2003.

This filing is made in accordance with the Company's tariff schedules, Section 15 of P.S.C. No. 4 - Gas and Section 18 of P.S.C. No. 2 - Electricity, which require the Company to recover the tax expense imposed by the temporary Metropolitan Transportation Authority Business Tax Surcharge pursuant to New York State Tax Law Sections 209-b and 186-c. A revised surcharge is filed annually to be effective for the fiscal period April 1 through March 31.

Workpapers detailing the determination of the proposed MTA Tax electric and gas surcharge factors are being submitted with the Company's electric filing.

Very truly yours,

William A. Atzl, Jr.
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