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

June 6, 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. (the "Company") hereby submits for filing Supplement No. 18 to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 - GAS.

This Supplement is issued June 6, 2001 with an effective date of July 6, 2001. The Company requests that this Supplement become effective on short notice, to be effective June 27, 2001.

This Supplement postpones until August 1, 2001 the effective dates of the tariff amendments the Company had previously filed on May 21, 2001 to become effective June 28, 2001.

The above-referenced tariff amendments were filed to implement a new, one to three year, capacity release service to marketers serving firm transportation customers in the Company's service territory. Supplement No. 18 is being filed at the request of Commission Staff to postpone these tariff amendments and provide Commission Staff and other interested parties additional time to review this filing prior to its consideration at the Commission's July 25, 2001 session.

The Company also requests that the requirement for newspaper publication of this filing be waived.

Very truly yours,

William A. Atzl, Jr.

Manager - Electric and
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