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CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION
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March 23, 2000

Hon. Debra Renner
Acting Secretary
Department of Public Service
State of New York
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Renner:

Re: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation
Tariff Filing to Reflect New URD Rates
Cases 25352 & 92-M-0607

The following rate leaf, issued by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, is transmitted for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York in Case 92-M-0607:

PSC No. 15 - Electricity

1st Revised Leaf No. 37

These amendments are issued March 23, 2000 to become effective July 1, 2000. The purpose of this filing is to submit the data requirements of 16 NYCRR 98.6 and to reflect in its tariff Central Hudson's updated costs, based on actual costs for the twelve months ended December 31, 1999, for use in determining contributions required from applicants for underground extensions in new residential subdivisions and the credit applicable to trenching underground distribution and services in residential subdivisions. These new rates will become effective July 1, 2000 and will remain in effect through June 30, 2001.

The tariff changes to the cost per trench foot of URD service are as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Overhead Supply Lines	\$ 6.86	\$ 9.15
Underground Supply Lines	8.16	9.46
Underground Distribution Lines	12.00	11.74
Underground Service Lines (a)	10.50	10.24

- (a) The average cost per foot of service lines installed during 1999, as set forth in 16 NYCRR 98.6(b)(13), excludes the cost of trenching. Therefore, the proposed tariff rate for underground service lines is based on the proposed underground distribution rate less the estimated cost differential between distribution line trenching (\$4.50 per foot for 36" trench depth) and service line trenching (\$3.00 per foot for 24" trench depth).

Based on actual costs experienced in 1999, Central Hudson proposes to revise the credit applicable to trenching underground distribution and services in residential subdivisions from \$4.63 per foot to \$5.67 per foot.

The Company is arranging to comply with the requirements of 16 NYCRR 136.70 by publishing notices of the rate changes proposed herein in April 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2000 issues of the Catskill Daily Mail, the Kingston Freeman, the Times Herald Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal.

The following items are included with this filing:

- (1) Central Hudson's revised tariff leaves;
- (2) Reporting requirements under 16 NYCRR 98.6; and,
- (3) State Administrative Procedures Act Notice for Publication in the State Bulletin.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call Maida Lewis at (914) 486-5375.

Very truly yours,

Arthur R. Upright