CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION 284 SOUTH AVENUE POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601

July 19, 2006

Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223

Re: <u>Emergency Demand Response Program</u>

Dear Commissioners:

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson" or the "Company") hereby files the amended tariff leaves set forth below.

P.S.C. No. 15 - Electricity

4th Revised Leaf No. 184.3 4th Revised Leaf No. 202.3 4th Revised Leaf No. 267.3

These leaves are filed on July 19, 2006 to become effective October 20, 2006. However, by this letter the Company respectfully requests that these leaves be approved on an emergency basis under Section 202(6) of the State Administrative Procedure Act ("SAPA"). Additionally, the Company requests that the Commission act upon this request in an expedited manner.

The purpose of this filing is to eliminate the expiration date of the Central Hudson Emergency Demand Response Program ("EDRP"). Central Hudson's program operates in conjunction with the New York Independent System Operator's ("NYISO") EDRP. By Order issued October 25, 2005, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved NYISO tariff amendments that eliminated the expiration dates for the NYISO's EDRP. This change was inadvertently overlooked by the Company.

During times of high usage and potential system vulnerability, the NYISO will call an EDRP event in order to quickly reduce demand on the system. As a result, the EDRP continues to be an important element of the State's utilities' efforts to reduce electric load during peak periods and insure system reliability and adequacy. While participating EDRP customers benefit from their demand response, all customers benefit from the increased system integrity that the demand response produces. As a result, the Company reiterates its request for expedited review of this matter and approval of the amendments on an emergency basis. The Company believes that compliance with the advance notice and comment requirements of SAPA §202(1) would be contrary to the public interest and immediate approval is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare under

SAPA §202(6).

Central Hudson requests waiver of requirement 66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication because these amendments impact a limited number of customers, and customers interested in participating in the EDRP would be in direct contact with a Company representative.

Questions related to this filing should be directed to Nicholas R. Wight at 845-486-5749.

Yours very truly,

Arthur R. Upright

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