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Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Re: Case 00-E-1274
Joint Proposal - Retail Access Collaborative

Dear Commissioners:

The amended tariff leaves set forth below are filed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson" or the "Company") on March 18, 2005 to become effective May 1, 2005.

P.S.C. No. 15 - Electricity

4th Revised Leaf No. 184.2
1st Revised Leaf No. 184.2.1
4th Revised Leaf No. 202.1
4th Revised Leaf No. 267.2

The purpose of this filing is to include, in the proposed UCAP Charge of the Hourly Pricing Provision, a pro-rata allocation of the benefits or costs of the Company's contracts with Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 2, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 3, LLC (collectively, "Entergy Hedge") for the physical delivery of 50 MW around-the-clock, through each contract, until the contracts' expiration on December 31, 2007.

On November 1, 2004, in response to results from the on-going Retail Access Collaborative, the Company filed proposed tariff revisions to eliminate the Market Price Charge/Market Price Adjustment pricing option for Service Classification Nos. 3 and 13 customers who continue to purchase their electricity requirements from Central Hudson. As a result, effective May 1, 2005, these customers will be required to purchase their electricity requirements from the Company under the Hourly Pricing Provision or choose an alternate supplier under the Company's Retail Access Program.

The changes proposed on the aforementioned leaves address the Commission's strategies as outlined in the Statement of Policy on Further Steps Toward Competition in Retail Energy Markets, issued and effective August 25, 2004 in Case 00-M-0504.

Based on time constraints, the Company's work with PSC Staff on this issue and the fact that this is an amendment to a currently pending filing, Central Hudson is requesting that the requirements of §66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication be waived.

Questions related to this filing should be directed to Glynis L. Bunt at 845-486-5420.

Yours very truly,
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