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CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION  
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March 31, 2003

Hon. Janet H. Deixler  
Secretary  
Department of Public Service  
State of New York  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Deixler:

**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:

**P.S.C. No. 15 - Electricity**

4th Revised Leaf No. 37

This amendment is issued March 31, 2003 to become effective July 1, 2003. The purpose of this filing is to submit the data requirements of 16 NYCRR 98.6 and to update the rates used 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. The rates used in determining contributions required from applicants proposed with this filing reflect a five-year average of the actual calendar-year data filed in compliance with 16 NYCRR 98.6. These new rates, along with the proposed credit applicable to trenching underground distribution and services, will become effective July 1, 2003 and will remain in effect through June 30, 2004.

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Overhead Supply Lines	\$ 7.78	\$ 9.85
Underground Supply Lines	8.92	8.74
Underground Distribution Lines	11.31	11.56
Underground Service Lines (a)	9.81	10.06

- (a) The average cost per foot of service lines installed, 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 2002, Central Hudson proposes to revise the credit applicable to trenching underground distribution and services in residential subdivisions from \$6.75 per foot to \$7.25 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 the April 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2003 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 leaf;
- (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 Brenda M. Lane at (845) 486-5749.

Very truly yours,

Arthur R. Upright