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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary New York State Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

> RE: Compliance Filing – Energy Tax Reform Act of 2000; Case 00-M-1556 – In the Matter of the Proposed Accounting and Ratemaking for the Tax Law Changes Included in the 2000-2001 New York State Budget

Dear Secretary Brilling:

The enclosed revised Tax Surcharge Factor Statements, issued by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, are transmitted for filing in compliance with the requirements of the New York State Public Service Commission.

Electricity

TSF Statement No. 5 to PSC No. 120 – Electricity TSF Statement No. 5 to PSC No. 121 – Electricity

Gas

TSF Statement No. 15 to PSC No. 87 – Gas TSF Statement No. 15 to PSC No. 88 – Gas

Effective January 1, 2005

The Tax Surcharge Factors have been revised to reflect New York State gross income tax rates effective January 1, 2005. These Tax Surcharge Factors are being filed in compliance with the provisions of the Commission's <u>Order Implementing Tax Law Changes on a Permanent Basis</u>, issued and effective June 28, 2001, in Case No. 00-M-1556.

Please direct any questions pertaining to this filing to Lori Cole at (607) 762-8710.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures