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Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Re: Tariff Changes: Area & Street Lighting

Dear Commissioners:

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson" or the "Company") hereby files the following proposed tariff amendments:

P.S.C. No. 15 - Electricity

3rd Revised Leaf No. 204	4th Revised Leaf No. 217
6th Revised Leaf No. 205	6th Revised Leaf No. 218
4th Revised Leaf No. 205.1	3rd Revised Leaf No. 218.1
2nd Revised Leaf No. 206.1	Original Leaf No. 218.2
3rd Revised Leaf No. 207	5th Revised Leaf No. 220
1st Revised Leaf No. 208	3rd Revised Leaf No. 221
3rd Revised Leaf No. 215	4th Revised Leaf No. 222
6th Revised Leaf No. 216	1st Revised Leaf No. 224

These amendments are issued on March 25, 2004 to become effective on June 25, 2004. The purpose of this filing is to revise certain terms of service, eliminate certain lighting options and to provide additional lighting options within Service Classification Nos. 5 and 8, area and street lighting respectively, as more fully described below.

Revisions to Terms of Service

- C The Company proposes to revise the terms of required line extensions for the provision of area and street lighting service to indicate that the footage allowances pertain to wire only, with the customer responsible for the trench and conduit.
- C In connection with internal construction standards, Central Hudson proposes to require customers to provide a concrete base or acceptable foundation when a fiberglass pole installation is required. This will allow for the use of other pole types, rather than exclusively direct burial, for underground installations.
- C The Company has revised the descriptions of the fiberglass poles

available for lease from the Company.

- C For S.C. No. 5, the Company proposes to increase the term of service from one year to three years for lighting service that does not require a pole installation. The Company further proposes that the term of service for lighting service that does require a pole installation shall be five years. In both cases, the Minimum Charge section has been updated to reflect the changes in the term of service. In addition, Special Provision 5.6 has been added to clarify the requirements related to customer initiated discontinuance of lighting service prior to the expiration of the minimum term.
- C For S.C. No. 8, the Company has revised the reference for poles with the Company owned and maintained option so that fixtures can be installed on existing customer owned poles.
- C The Company has added Special Provision 8.8, requiring street lighting customers owning their own fixtures to notify the Company in writing of any changes made to their equipment within thirty days of any such changes.

Lighting Options Eliminated

Within S.C. No. 5, the Company proposes to no longer install the 70 watt sodium Open Globe option offered on Leaf No. 205. A large percentage of the lighting complaints Central Hudson receives are a result of this fixture, which allows the light source to be visible from all sides. The existing 70 watt Cobra Head option, offered at the same rate, provides more effective lighting. The Company will continue to maintain existing Open Globe fixtures.

Within S.C. No. 8, the Company has eliminated the 860 watt incandescent Company owned and maintained lighting option as no customers are currently taking service under this option and the Company no longer installs these lights.

Additional Lighting Options

In response to customer requests, the Company proposes to expand its Acorn Decorative offerings to include 85 watt induction and 70 watt high pressure sodium ("HPS") options, in addition to the 175 watt metal halide ("MH") option that is currently offered. The induction option provides the same white light as the MH but at a lower output level, while the HPS provides a softer yellow light, again at a lower output level than the MH.

The Company is also proposing to offer a new decorative teardrop fixture that would be available in 250 and 400 watt HPS and MH in response to increased customer interest. These fixtures provide an additional product offering, are suitable for decorative period lighting and can be used with wooden poles and overhead facilities. In conjunction with this fixture offering, the Company will also expand the type of supporting equipment available to include an optional decorative arm.

Currently, 400 and 1,000 watt HPS and MH floodlight and 1,000 watt Cobrahead fixtures are offered only under S.C. No. 5. Municipalities requesting these lights for installation in parking lots are billed under S.C. No. 5, while other lights in the same lot are billed under S.C. No. 8. As a result, the Company proposes to expand the S.C. No. 8 offerings to include the aforementioned

options.

Within S.C. No. 8, the Company proposes to add a provision to address the determination of the annual charge for customer owned and maintained lighting installations that may not be specifically addressed by the options currently enumerated in the tariff.

At this time, the Company has not attempted to project the annual revenue impact resulting from the additional lighting options. While a need for these options has been identified, it is uncertain what type of response these options will actually receive, or how installation of these options will impact the installation of the lighting options currently offered by the Company.

Procedural Matters

Work papers supporting the development of the proposed rates for the additional lighting fixtures will be available to the PSC Staff assigned to review this filing.

The Company is arranging to comply with the requirements of 66((12)(b)) of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication by publishing notices of the changes proposed herein in the April 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 2004 issues of the Catskill Daily Mail, the Kingston Freeman, the Times Herald Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal.

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

Yours very truly,

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