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

January 30, 2004

Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223

Re: <u>Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation:</u> <u>Case 98-M-1343 In the Matter of Retail Access Business Rules</u> <u>Case 99-M-0631 In the Matter of Customer Billing Arrangements</u> <u>Case 03-M-0117 In the Matter of Implementation of Chapter 686 and Proration</u>

In compliance with the Commission's Order in Case 98-M-1343, et al., issued and effective December 19, 2003, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson" or "the Company"), is issuing the attached tariff leaves. These leaves are issued February 2, 2004 to become effective, on a temporary basis, on February 3, 2004.

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The purpose of this filing is to incorporate the requirements related to the proration of consolidated bill customer payments in the Company's tariffs. The Company has also modified its tariffs to include the Company's policies on the purchase of Retail Supplier's accounts receivable. Because the Company's policy of purchasing the Retail Supplier accounts receivable, with recourse, is directly related to the provisions related to the allocation of payments on consolidated bills, the Company concluded it was appropriate to include this material with this filing.

As directed by Ordering paragraph one, copies of these tariff leaves were sent to all active parties in this Case.

As directed in Ordering paragraph four of the Commission's December 5, 2003 Order in this Case, the requirements of 66((12)b) of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication have been waived. Questions related to this filing should be directed to Patricia M. Buck at (845) 486-5244.

Yours very truly, Arthur R. Upright

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