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Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223

Re: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation Tariff Filing to Reflect New URD Rates  
Cases 25352 & 92-M-0607 and New Rates for the Provision of Three-Phase Service in  
Residential Subdivisions

Dear Commissioners:

The amended tariff leaves and statement set forth below are filed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson" or "the Company") on March 24, 2011 to become effective on July 1, 2011.

**P.S.C. No. 15 – Electricity**

1<sup>st</sup> Revised Leaf No. 33  
13<sup>th</sup> Revised Leaf No. 37  
5<sup>th</sup> Revised Leaf No. 39  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Leaf No. 40

Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution URD-1

The purpose of this filing is to (1) update the rates used in determining contributions required from applicants for underground extensions in new residential subdivisions, (2) update the trenching credit, (3) clarify the tariff language indicating the 100 foot distribution allowance applies to single-phase line only, (4) update the incremental charge for three-phase line, and (5) create a new statement, the Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution.

Contribution by Applicant

The rates used in determining contributions required from applicants proposed with this filing reflect a five-year average of actual calendar-year data.

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

|                                | <u>Present</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Overhead Supply Lines          | \$36.46        | \$40.70         |
| Underground Supply Lines       | 12.62          | 11.73           |
| Underground Distribution Lines | 16.11          | 16.15           |
| Underground Services Lines (a) | 14.61          | 14.65           |

(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).

#### Trenching Credit

Based on actual costs experienced in 2010, Central Hudson proposes to revise the credit applicable to trenching a common trench for combination electric and gas service installations from \$13.36 per foot to \$15.16 per foot. The credit applicable to trenching underground distribution and services in residential subdivisions for electric only service installations was set at \$7.95 per foot effective July 1, 2008 and throughout 2009, in all cases except where rock was present, the on-site excavator(s) accepted the then current "trenching credit". Based on actual costs experienced in 2010, Central Hudson proposes to revise the credit applicable to trenching for electric only service installations from \$7.95 per foot to \$8.01 per foot. The new rates detailed above will become effective July 1, 2011 and will remain in effect through June 30, 2012.

#### Incremental Three-Phase Charge

Pursuant to Order in Case 10-E-0129 dated November 23, 2010, the Company is required to update annually, with its underground filing, the average incremental charge for three-phase wire. Based on current costs, Central Hudson proposes to revise the incremental charge for three-phase line from \$6.27 per trench foot to \$5.99 per trench foot.

#### Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution

Per the request of PSC Staff, the Company is proposing to remove the rates and charges for (1) contributions required from applicants, (2) the trenching credit, and (3) the incremental charge for three-phase line from the tariff and instead create a new statement with these rates, the Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution, to be filed annually with the Commission prior to May 1.

The Company is arranging to comply with the requirements of 66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law by publishing notices of the rate changes proposed herein in the April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2011 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 Stacy Powers at (845) 486-5815 or [spowers@cenhud.com](mailto:spowers@cenhud.com).

Yours very truly,

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