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Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess Secretary State of New York Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 14-M-0094 et al., Clean Energy Framework

Dear Secretary Burgess,

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") herein submits for filing with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") 13th Revised Leaf No. 112 and its Statement of System Benefits Charge, Statement No. SBC – 13 to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 - Gas (the "Gas Tariff").

The revised Gas Tariff Leaf makes changes to General Information Section 23 – System Benefits Charge ("SBC"). The revised Tariff Leaf and revised Statement of SBC are issued February 16, 2016, to become effective of March 1, 2016.

## Reason for Filing

This filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's <u>Order Authorizing the</u> <u>Clean Energy Framework</u> (the "CEF Order"), issued and effective January 21, 2016 in Case No. 14-M-0094, 10-M-0457, 07-M-0548, 03-E-0188, and 13-M-0412. The CEF Order (p. 95) directed utilities to collect all Clean Energy Fund ("CEF") funds through the SBC tariff provision, including previously authorized Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard ("EEPS") collections.

A revised Statement of SBC is being filed to collect amounts authorized by the CEF Order.

## Tariff Changes

The Company is filing revisions to General Information Section 23 to reflect the new CEF Surcharge rate component of the SBC.<sup>1</sup> The CEF Surcharge rate will collect: (1) annual authorized collections associated with NYSERDA-run clean energy activities, including EEPS, and CEF, plus or minus any under- or over-collections for prior years; and (2) any over- or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The CEF Surcharge will be the only component of the SBC. The Company-administered energy efficiency programs not recovered in base rates will continue to be recovered separately in the EE Tracker Mechanism component of the Company's Monthly Gas Adjustment ("MGA"), as per the Commission's Order Adopting Terms of Joint Proposal and Establishing Electric and Gas Rate Plans, issued October 16, 2015, in Case No. 14-G-0494.

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under-collections associated with Company-run EEPS programs authorized through 2015. The CEF surcharge rate will be calculated by dividing the necessary collection amount by the forecasted Ccf deliveries for the period in which the Statement of SBC is to be in effect.

The Company's Statement of SBC, Statement SBC - 13, is being filed to collect amounts required to be collected through December 2016. The CEF Surcharge component will collect the following: previously-authorized EEPS amounts authorized for collections in the CEF Order,<sup>2</sup> including a reconciliation of projected over- or under-collections through February 2016; and a reconciliation of projected over- or under-collections for Company-run EEPS programs authorized for collections through 2015.

## **Conclusion and Notice**

Gas Tariff amendments are being filed, to become effective on March 1, 2016, pursuant to Ordering Clause 46 of the CEF Order. Statement SBC No – 13 is being filed to become effective on March 1, 2016, pursuant to Ordering Clause 45 of the CEF Order. The Commission waived newspaper publication of the changes, pursuant to Ordering Clause 49 of the CEF Order.

A revised SBC description will be displayed on customers' gas bills.

Any questions regarding this filing can be directed to Cheryl Ruggiero at (212) 460-3189.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The CEF Order has not changed the previously authorized EEPS amounts, but has changed the time–frame for collections of these EEPS amounts.