

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION
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Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Dear Commissioners:

In accordance with General Information Section 30.B of P.S.C. No. 15 - Electricity, the Statement listed below is filed to become effective January 4, 2005 (RTS - 18).

P.S.C. No. 15 - ELECTRICITY

Statement of Effective Revenue Tax Surcharge

RTS - 18

RTS - 18 reflects revisions in the State Utility Service and the New York State Income Tax rates. The impact of these tax changes on our residential customers' bills, outside the MTA region, effective January 4, 2005 will be an increase of approximately 0.44% on the delivery portion of their bill and an increase of approximately 0.15% on the commodity portion of their bill. The delivery portion of nonresidential customers' bills will increase by approximately 0.02% and the commodity portion will increase by approximately 0.15%.

Very truly yours,

Arthur R. Upright