PSC NO: 15 ELECTRICITY COMPANY: CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/16 Issued in Compliance with Order in C. 14-E-0318 dated June 17, 2015

## 14. METER READING, ESTIMATED BILLS AND BACKBILLING (Cont'd)

## B. Estimated Bills

1. <u>Meter Registration</u>

Should any meter or measuring device for any reason fail to register for any period of time the full usage of service by a customer, or if the actual usage of service cannot be obtained because of inability of the Company or MDSP (see Addendum-MET) to read a meter or measuring device, the usage of service by such customer may be estimated by the Company on the basis of available data with the customer billed accordingly.

## 2. <u>Estimated Billing</u>

a. <u>Residential</u>

When the Company has rendered estimated bills to a residential customer for a period of four months, the Company shall take reasonable actions to obtain an actual meter reading. Such actions may include but are not limited to:

- (a) making an appointment with the customer and/or such other person, who controls access to the meter, for the reading at a time to include times other than during normal business hours; or
- (b) offering the customer and/or such other person, who controls access to the meter, the opportunity to phone in meter readings; or
- (c) providing to the customer and/or such other person, who controls access to the meter, cards on which he or she may record the reading and mail it to the Company.

Where the customer resides in a multiple dwelling (as defined in the Multiple Dwelling Law or Multiple Residences Law), or in a two-family dwelling that is known by the Company to contain residential units where service is provided through a single meter or meters, and the meter is not in the apartment, the notice shall be sent to the customer and such other person who controls access to the meter.