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# VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess Secretary New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case 14-M-0565 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Address Energy Affordability for Low Income Utility Customers.

Dear Secretary Burgess:

The enclosed tariff leaves, issued by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation ("RG&E"), (together the "Companies") are transmitted for filing in compliance with the New York Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") <u>Order Approving Implementation Plans with Modifications</u>, issued and effective on February 17, 2017 (the "Order"), in the above referenced proceeding. The tariff leaves will become effective on November 1, 2018.

P.S.C. No. 119 – Electric, Schedule for Electric Service Leaf No. 150.3, Revision 3

P.S.C. No. 90 – Gas, Schedule for Gas Service Leaf No. 105.5, Revision 3

P.S.C. No. 19 - Electric, Schedule for Electric Service Leaf No. 86.24, Revision 3

P.S.C. No. 16 – Gas, Schedule for Gas Service Leaf No. 84.3, Revision 4





#### Purpose of Filing

The Companies are filing amendments to its tariffs in compliance with Ordering Clause No. 2 of the Order. The updates will complete the phase-in of the discounts, implementing Rate Year 3 (November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019) discount amounts, consistent with the Order. The Order also established a funding limit, such that the total budget for these discounts may not exceed 2% of total electric or gas revenues for sales to end-use customers. As shown in the Attachment, implementation of these discount amounts will not be limited by the 2% of revenues cap.

#### Newspaper Publication

In accordance with Ordering Clause No. 3, the requirements of Section 66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law and 16 NYCRR Section 720-8.1 requiring newspaper publication have been waived.

#### Annual Filing Update

Pursuant to the Order, the Companies have provided information pertaining to, average monthly bill amounts, discount program projected budgets and budget limits in the Attachment.

Pertaining to the request that the Companies consider the feasibility of adopting an approach of classifying any customer who receives an Emergency HEAP benefit as Tier 1, NYSEG and RG&E have been considering the approach, however, they will require additional time to analyze the full impacts and feasibility of the implementation. The Companies will provide a result of this analysis by January 31, 2019.

Company Contacts

If there are any questions concerning this filing, please call Kathy Grande at (585)771-4514 or me at (585)484-6810.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Cole

Enclosures

# **Annual Low Income Filing Update**

### 14-M-0565

## November 2018

## Average Monthly Bill Amounts 3-Year Average (10/1/2015 to 9/30/2018)

	Electric Heating	Electric Non-Heat	Gas Heating	Gas Non-Heat
NYSEG	\$90.35	\$73.09	\$66.81	\$25.72
RG&E	\$83.26	\$75.29	\$69.25	\$53.52

## Projected Budgets

### Low Income Discount Program Projected Budgets

Forecasted expenditure for the 11/1/2018 to 10/31/2019 time period Based on participants currently enrolled in the program and the discount rates effective 11/1/2019

	Electric	Gas
NYSEG	\$11,762,736	\$5,617,608
RG&E	\$10,252,788	\$4,432,896

### **Budget Limits**

### Low Income Discount Program Budget Limits

#### NYSEG

	Electric	Gas
Revenues (2017)	\$1,342,306,893	\$425,841,616
2% of Revenues	\$26,846,138	\$8,516,832

#### RG&E

	Electric	Gas
Revenues (2017)	\$739,451,434	\$354,974,770
2% of Revenues	\$14,789,029	\$7,099,495