



## Lori A. Cole Manager - Regulatory & Tariffs

May 10, 2017

# **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Case 15-G-0244 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Develop Implementation Protocols for Complying with Inspection Requirements Pertaining to Gas Service Lines Inside Buildings.

## **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") Order Establishing Statewide Inspection Schedules and Procedural Requirements, issued and effective on April 20, 2017 (the "Order"), in the above referenced proceeding. The tariff leaves will become effective on June 12, 2017:

P.S.C. No. 90 – Gas, Schedule for Gas Service

Leaf No. 20, Revision 5 Leaf No. 21, Revision 3 Leaf No. 21.1, Revision 0

P.S.C. No. 16 – Gas, Schedule for Gas Service

Leaf No. 27, Revision 4 Leaf No. 27.1, Revision 0



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#### Purpose of Filing

The Companies are filing amendments to its tariffs to implement the assessment of a \$100 charge for failure to provide access and potential for termination of service in compliance with Ordering Clauses No. 7 and 8 of the Order.

#### Overview

The Companies are required to perform leakage surveys and atmospheric corrosion inspections in accordance with the Order. If the Companies are unable to gain access to a customer's premises to perform the required inspections, the Companies may assess a \$100 charge in accordance with Public Service Law 65(9). If the Companies have assessed a penalty charge to a customer, and if the customer fails to pay such charge, natural gas service may be terminated in accordance with existing rules for Termination of Service due to non-payment. Additionally, if a customer pays the \$100 penalty charge and still fails to provide access to the premises, the Companies may terminate natural gas service upon 15 days' notice to the customer and Department Office of Consumer services.

# **Newspaper Publication**

Ordering Clause No. 9 of the Order directs newspaper publication of the tariff amendments. However, the Companies respectfully request the requirements of Section 66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law regarding newspaper publication be waived considering the public process for this proceeding. Alternatively, the Companies could directly inform customers of the amendments as a bill message.

## **Company Contacts**

If there are any questions concerning this filing, please call Kathy Grande at (585)771-4514 or me at (607)762-8710.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Cole

**Enclosures** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consistent with the Commission's Ruling in Case 14-E-0151, issued on March 10, 2017.