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September 15, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") hereby submits for electronic filing with the Public Service Commission 10th Revised Leaf No. 34 reflecting revisions to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 – Gas (the "Gas Tariff"). This leaf is issued September 15, 2014, to become effective December 15, 2014.

## **Background**

Currently, the Company assesses a late payment charge of one and one-half percent per month on customers who do not pay their bill within 25 calendar days after the Billing Date. Contained on every customer's bill is the date that customers must pay their bill by in order to avoid the assessment of the late payment charge. In order to clarify exactly when the late payment charge is due, the Company will modify its bill message to state that the late payment charge will begin to be assessed if payment is not received on or before 3:00 pm of the past due date.

## Tariff Changes

The Company proposes to add similar language from the bill message regarding late payment charges to its Gas Tariff. Therefore, General Information Section No. 6.6 has been modified to indicate that late payment charges will begin to be assessed if the customer does not make a payment before 3:00 pm local time of the past due date that is shown on the bill.

Once the tariff change is approved by the Public Service Commission, the Company will make a corresponding change to the "Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Residential Customer of Orange & Rockland" and "Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Commercial Customer of Orange & Rockland" brochures that are provided annually to customers and that also are posted on the Company's website, <u>www.oru.com</u>.

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## **Conclusion and Notice**

This filing is proposed to become effective on December 15, 2014. The Company will provide for public notice of the tariff changes in this filing by means of newspaper publication once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the effective date of the proposed tariff changes.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

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