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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess Secretary to the Commission New York State Public Service Commission Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3 Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case No. 09-M-0311 – Implementation of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2009 Establishing a Temporary Annual Assessment Pursuant to Public Service Law §18-a(6); City of Jamestown Board of Public Utilities – Annual Changes to Temporary Assessment Surcharge

## Dear Secretary Burgess:

Pursuant to Section 18-a(6) of the Public Service Law, the Order in Case 09-M-0311 "Implementation of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2009 Establishing a Temporary Annual Assessment Pursuant to Public Service Law Section 18-a(6)", and the June 18, 2014 Order Implementing Revised Temporary State Assessment, the City of Jamestown Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") hereby submits for filing the original proposed amendments to the BPU's P.S.C. No. 6 ELECTRICITY to implement a surcharge to recover the Temporary State Energy and Utility Service Conservation Assessment (Public Service Law ["PSL"] §18-a[6]) ("TSA").

On April 7, 2009, New York State enacted the budget for 2009-2010, which required the Department of Public Service to collect a TSA, effective from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2014. On April 13, 2013, the New York State Legislature extended the TSA through March 2017, while decreasing the percentage associated with the assessment over time. In 2014, however, the Legislature further amended PSL §18-a(6) and the rate of the decrease was accelerated.

The TSA, PSL §18-a(6), originally imposed a charge of 2% of gross operating revenues from intrastate utility operations, exclusive of the first \$500,000, less the amounts assessed for Department of Public Service costs and expenses ("General Assessment") that are currently included in base rates. Per the 2014 amendments, for the current Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the BPU will utilize the TSA rate of 1.63% of intrastate gross operating revenues, less the General Assessment.

To recover the revenues required for payment of the Temporary State Assessment less the amount of the General Assessment, the BPU utilizes the surcharge method of recovery. The rates and charges for service under all Service Classifications ("SC") including fuel adjustment charges have an additional charge based on

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the Temporary State Assessment adjustment. The surcharge is allocated to each customer class on a revenue basis. A carrying charge on amounts deferred is imputed. The carrying charge is 4.82% from the BPU's Case 04-E-1485. Reconciliation of the amounts collected through the surcharge will be performed annually.

Appendix A presents a reconciliation of the Temporary State Assessment for the year ended June 30, 2014. The Temporary State Assessment was designed to collect \$527,527 (Column C plus Column D) in the year, comprising the 2013 assessment of \$578,494 (Column C) and recovery of the prior year over-collection of \$50,967 (Column D). The total was allocated among the SC in the BPU tariff based on revenue in the prior period, and rates were established for each SC based on forecast kWh for the year. A total of \$572,021 (Column E) was collected in the year, an over-collection of \$44,494 (Column F). The over-collection amount was assigned among the SC by comparing actual collections to the target revenue that had been established. In addition, the carrying charge based on actual collections and payments was computed to be \$22,116 (Column G). This carrying charge was allocated on an equal amount per kWh-basis; a more precise allocation would have been much more complex (because a separate 12-month computation would be needed for each SC) and was determined not to be necessary because the total difference is small. The over-collection of the original Assessment was offset by the carrying charge, and the net over-collection of \$22,378 (Column H) is carried forward to the year ending June 30, 2015.

Appendix B presents the computation of the assessment for the year ending June 30, 2015. The BPU's total assessment for the period is \$472,402 (Column C); this amount was allocated among the SC's based on revenue in the prior period. The 2015 carrying charge was estimated to be \$29,336 (Column E), and this was allocated among the SCs on an equal amount per kWh-basis. For each SC, the amount carried forward from 2013 (Column D, as computed on Appendix A) was added to its share of the June 30, 2015 assessment plus its share of the 2015 carrying charge, to determine the total to be collected from the SC during the year ending June 30, 2015. The rates were computed for each SC based on actual kWh for the year ended June 30, 2014 (Column H).

The new rates are proposed to become effective July 1, 2014.

Enclosed herewith are the following materials, issued and transmitted for filing on behalf of the City of Jamestown Board of Public Utilities, in accordance with the requirements of the Order. Attached are revised tariff leaves for P.S.C. No. 6, ELECTRICITY which contain provisions and rates designed to produce an estimated aggregate increase in revenues of \$472,402 over the annual period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Fourth Revised Leaf No. 97 Fourth Revised Leaf No. 99 Fourth Revised Leaf No. 102 Fourth Revised Leaf No. 105 Third Revised Leaf No. 109 Fifth Revised Leaf No. 125.

These revisions are issued as of July 7, 2014, and are proposed to be effective July 1, 2014. Submitted herewith are the original Tariff Leaves.

Newspaper publication was ordered waived in the Order.

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We respectfully request that the Public Service Commission approve the tariff leaves provided herein. Please advise the following of any action undertaken in this proceeding: 1) David L. Leathers, General Manager, Board of Public Utilities, 92 Steele Street, P.O. Box 700, Jamestown, NY 14702-0700 (716-661-1670); and 2) Mike Anderson, Business Manager, Board of Public Utilities, 92 Steele Street, P.O. Box 700, Jamestown, NY 14702-0700 (716-661-1674).

Respectfully submitted,

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