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

RE: Case Nos. 14-E-0151 and 14-E-0422 – Remote Net Metering

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") hereby submits for filing with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") revised tariff leaves to its Schedule for Electric Service, P.S.C. No. 3 – ELECTRICITY (the "Tariff"). The revised tariff leaves are issued February 15, 2017 to become effective April 1, 2017.

2nd Revised Leaf No. 184.3  
Original Leaf No. 184.4

### **Background**

In the Commission's Order Granting Rehearing in Part, Establishing Transition Plan, and Making Other Findings (the "April 2015 Order"), issued and effective April 17, 2015, in the above referenced cases, utilities were directed to credit remote net-metered ("RNM") customers<sup>1</sup> on a volumetric, instead of a monetary basis, if the RNM Host Account is billed for energy-only. The Commission waived this new crediting methodology if the RNM Host Account met certain requirements at a qualifying RNM location as of June 1, 2015, and is in-service by a required date ("Grandfathered Customer"). The Company made its compliance filing on June 29, 2015.

One of the Grandfathered Customer criteria specified in the April 2015 Order required that the eligible generation be placed in service by December 31, 2017. On September 23, 2016, a petition was filed by Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., on behalf of several supporting petitioners, requesting an extension of the December 31, 2017 in-service date.

### **Reason for Filing**

In response to the petition, the Commission issued its Order Modifying Transition Plan and Making Other Findings (the "December 2016 Order"), issued and effective December 16, 2016, in Cases 14-E-0151 and 14-E-0422. The December 2016 Order extended Grandfathered Customer status beyond the December 31, 2017 in-service date, provided that the RNM Host

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<sup>1</sup> Under remote net metering, the account where the generating facility is located (i.e., the RNM Host Account) can apply net energy to one or more accounts in the same NYISO zone as the RNM Host Account (i.e., Satellite Accounts), provided all the accounts are established in the same customer name and located on property owned or leased by the customer.

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Account meets a number of criteria. Tariff changes are being filed at the request of Department of Public Service Staff ("Staff") in order to effectuate the criteria outlined in the December 2016 Order.

### **Tariff Changes**

The Company is amending Rider N to its Tariff to indicate than an RNM Host Account can connect its eligible generation after December 31, 2017, and retain its Grandfathered Customer status if it meets all of the following conditions: (1) provided payment, prior to March 1, 2016, for a Coordinated Electric System Interconnection Review ("CESIR") study; (2) demonstrated that, upon receipt of the CESIR study results, the estimated construction schedule indicates a final authorization to interconnect on or after July 1, 2017; (3) made payment by January 31, 2017, of the full or at least the first installment amount, for the estimated utility interconnection costs necessary to support the project; and (4) submitted an affidavit from the engineer of record for the project by November 30, 2017, attesting that substantially all of the equipment of the end-use customer's side of interconnection point has been physically constructed and that the only remaining requirements to interconnect the equipment depend upon the Company (e.g., remaining utility construction and/or authorization to interconnect).

### **Conclusion and Notice**

As requested by Staff, the Company is filing this Tariff revision with an effective date of April 1, 2017. A request for waiver of newspaper publication was made on February 13, 2017. As of the date of this filing, the waiver has not been granted or denied. Unless the request is granted, the Company will provide 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.

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

Very truly yours,

/s/

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