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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. 7 ELECTRICITY to implement a surcharge to recover the Temporary State Energy and Utility Service Conservation Assessment (Public Service Law ["PSL"] §18-a[6]) ("TSA").

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 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, 2016. The Temporary State Assessment was designed to collect \$184,010 (Column C plus Column D) in the year, comprising the 2014 assessment of \$251,487 (Column C) and recovery of the prior year over-collection of \$67,477 (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 \$216,470 (Column E) was collected in the year, an over-collection of \$32,460 (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 \$31,882 (Column G). This carrying charge was allocated on an equal amount per kWh-basis; a more precise allocation would

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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 \$578 (Column H) is carried forward to the year ending June 30, 2016.

Appendix B presents the computation of the assessment for the year ending June 30, 2016. The BPU's total assessment for the period is \$162,753 (Column C); this amount was allocated among the SC's based on revenue in the prior period. The 2016 carrying charge was estimated to be \$36,040 (Column E), and this was allocated among the SCs on an equal amount per kWh-basis. For each SC, the amount carried forward from 2015 (Column D, as computed on Appendix A) was added to its share of the June 30, 2016 assessment plus its share of the carrying charge, to determine the total to be collected from the SC during the year ending June 30, 2017. The rates were computed for each SC based on actual kWh for the year ended June 30, 2016 (Column H).

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. 7, ELECTRICITY which contain provisions and rates designed to produce an estimated aggregate increase in revenues of \$160,417 over the annual period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Tenth Revised Leaf No. 97, Superseding Revision No. Nine Ninth Revised Leaf No. 99, Superseding Revision No. Eight Ninth Revised Leaf No. 102, Superseding Revision No. Eight Tenth Revised Leaf No. 105, Superseding Revision No. Nine Third Revised Leaf No. 109.1, Superseding Revision No. Two

These revisions are issued as of August 4, 2016, and are proposed to be effective August 1, 2016. Submitted herewith are the original Tariff Leaves. We respectfully request any waivers necessary to be able to make these revisions effective August 1, 2016. Newspaper publication was ordered waived in the Order.

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) Kelly Hawkins, Finance & Customer Accounts 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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