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Via Electronic Delivery

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Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary
New York State Public
Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12233-1350

Re: Tariff Revision – PSC No. 1 – Service Classification No. 7, Private Outdoor Lighting

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Attached for filing, please find proposed tariff amendments to the Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department's ("PMLD") Schedule for Electric Service, P.S.C. No. 1 – Electricity. The revised Tariff Leaves, identified below, are filed to become effective on July 18, 2022.

<u>Leaf No.</u>	<u>Revision No.</u>	<u>Superseding No.</u>
17	9	8
18	8	7
19	5	4
20	9	8

The need for the proposed change is driven by upgrades to the standard equipment PMLD uses for outdoor lighting. PMLD's current tariff, adopted in 2010,¹ requires it to install, maintain, and provide electricity to self-contained, automatic dusk-to-dawn lighting fixtures.² The cost of these fixtures is added to customers' monthly utility bills at varying rates depending on the lamp:

¹ See Case 08-E-1227, *Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department*, Order Adopting the Terms of a Joint Proposal (Dec. 16, 2009).

² Plattsburgh Mun. Lighting Dep't Tariff, PSC. No. 1, Leaves 17–18.

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- **150-watt high-pressure sodium or 250-watt mercury vapor lighting fixture:** \$5.16 or \$5.48 per month.
- **250-watt high-pressure sodium or 250-watt wide light or 400-watt mercury vapor lighting fixture:** \$6.97, \$10.74, or \$7.82 per month.
- **400-watt high pressure sodium or 1,000-watt mercury vapor lighting fixture:** \$9.41 or \$12.77 per month.³

In the intervening decade, mercury vapor lamps have become obsolete and are no longer used. However, LED Lamps have become widely available, cost effective, and are used instead. The purpose of this filing is to update the Tariff by eliminating references to mercury vapor lamps and to add LED lamps to the rate schedule. LED lamps are today's most energy-efficient and rapidly developing lighting technology. Quality LEDs last longer, are more durable, and offer comparable or better light quality than other types of lighting. The vast majority of energy that PMLD provides to its customers is produced by the Niagara hydroelectric project. Therefore, PMLD's transition to LEDs will conserve more of this precious resource, to the benefit of PMLD's ratepayers and all New Yorkers.

PMLD respectfully requests waiver of the requirements of Public Service Law Section 66(12) and 16 NYCRR Section 720-8.1, regarding newspaper publication for this change. All customers taking service under the affected Service Class will be notified of this filing through direct mailing, making newspaper publication unnecessary and impractical.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachments

³ *Id.*