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July 29, 1999

Honorable Debra Renner
Acting Secretary
State of New York
Department of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 98-M-0961 - Compliance Filing

Dear Acting Secretary Renner:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") hereby submits for electronic filing the following tariff leaves proposing revisions to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 - GAS.

2nd Revised Leaf No. 114
4th Revised Leaf No. 115
3rd Revised Leaf No. 116
4th Revised Leaf No. 117
3rd Revised Leaf No. 130

These leaves are issued July 29, 1999 to become effective August 1, 1999. This filing is submitted in compliance with the Commission's <u>Order Authorizing Merger</u> ("Merger Order"), issued and effective April 2, 1999, in the above-referenced proceeding.

The purpose of this filing is to implement the tariff revisions required to comply with the Merger Order. Ordering Clause 3, directs the Company to file, on short notice, tariff amendments necessary to effect the rate reduction detailed in the Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced case filed March 8, 1999 and approved in the Merger Order. Accordingly, base rates are being reduced by \$1,015,000 per year. Including the impact of revenue taxes, the overall revenue decrease is \$1,070,675 or a reduction in revenues from total sales to the public of 0.7% and from sales to firm service customers of 0.77%.

The General Filing Information form is also included with this electronic filing. Also a part of this filing, but being submitted via overnight mail, are two attachments. Attachment A details, by customer class, the revenue impact and the resulting percent change produced by this rate decrease. Attachment B contains bill impacts. These attachments could not be electronically filed.

Apart from the filing, the Company is also providing copies of its rate design workpapers for Staff's review.

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In compliance with Ordering Clause 4, the Company will file with the Commission, no later than six weeks after the effective date of the amendments, proof that a notice to the public of the changes proposed in such amendments, and their effective date, had been published once a week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in each area affected by the respective tariff amendments.

In compliance with Ordering Clause 3, a copy of this filing is also being served upon all parties to this proceeding.

Any questions concerning this filing can be directed to me at (914) 577 - 2963.

Sincerely,