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Via Electronic Transfer

Honorable John C. Crary
Secretary
State of New York
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 96-G-0454 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Review
the Policies Applicable in the Submetering of Gas Service to
Commercial and Industrial Tenants, filed in C 26998

Dear Secretary Crary:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. hereby submits for filing Original Leaf
Nos. 48.1 and 48.2 proposing revisions to its Schedule for Gas Service P.S.C.
No. 4 - GAS.

These leaves are transmitted November 20, 1997, to be effective December 20,
1998, in compliance with the Commission's Order Establishing Requirements for
Submetering of Gas Service to Industrial and Commercial Customers, issued and
effective September 19, 1997 in the above captioned Case.

This filing proposes revisions to the Company's gas tariff that permit
customers (landlords) to petition the Commission for approval to submeter
commercial and industrial facilities. Currently, the Company's tariff
prohibits all submetering. These tariff amendments address only industrial
and commercial submetering applications; the ban against residential gas
submetering set forth at 16 NYCRR Section 96.1 will remain in place.

A successful application for submetering will need to address four major areas
of concern: (1) safety; (2) rate impact for the ultimate consumer; (3) non-
rate consumer protection issues; and (4) service provider and utility matters.

The requirements of 16 NYCRR 270.70 to publish notice of the proposed tariff
amendments have been waived.

If there are any questions concerning this filing, please contact Paul M.
Hofmann on (914) 577-2490.

Very truly yours,

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