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Debra Renner
 Acting Secretary
 Public Service Commission
 State of New York
 3 Empire State Plaza
 Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case No. 98-G-0845 - Compliance Filing

Dear Secretary Renner:

The enclosed original and revised leaves, issued by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG" or the "Company"), are transmitted for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission, State of New York.

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and			
RTS Statement No. 6			to PSC No. 87 Gas
RTS Statement No. 6			to PSC No. 88 Gas

Effective December 10, 1998.

Proposed Revisions

NYSEG proposes to revise the above-listed gas tariff leaves in compliance with the Commission's Opinion No. 98-17 dated September 29, 1998 and Order Modifying Opinion No. 98-17 dated December 2, 1998 in the above referenced case.

These revisions reflect the tariff and rate changes ordered by the Commission in Opinion 98-17 and subsequent Order Modifying the Opinion. NYSEG recognizes that the rate changes are temporary until approved by the Commission on a permanent basis. The enclosed tariff leaves reflect the following:

- (1) New rates for residential and general service customers in the Elmira and Combined areas to reflect base rate reductions of \$2.1 million annually.
- (2) A rate adjustment credit of (\$.0050) per therm for the period covering October 1, 1998 through September 30, 2001, to reflect Texas Eastern capacity release credits for residential and general service customers in the Elmira and Combined areas.
- (3) A low income minimum charge of \$6.40 per month for PSC No. 88 Service Classification No. 13 – Residential Firm Aggregation Transportation Service.
- (4) No merger of any rate districts.
- (5) Supersede PSC 89 by consolidating it into PSC No. 87 and PSC No. 90. This results in the following changes:

PSC No. 89 – Service Classification No. 1 – All Purpose – which includes residential and non-residential sales customers, is consolidated into PSC No. 87 Service Classification No. 1 – Residential and Service Classification No. 2 – General Service.

PSC No. 89 – Service Classification No. 2 – Industrial Manufacturing or Processing Purposes is superseded and new PSC No. 87 – Service Classification No. 9 is created.

PSC No. 89 – Service Classification No. 3 – Interruptible Sales Service; Service Classification No. 4 – Natural Gas Motor Vehicles; Service Classification No. 5 – Seasonal Gas Cooling Service; and Service Classification No. 6 – Standby Sales Service, are superseded and consolidated into the applicable PSC No. 87 service classifications. Special provisions regarding daily metering are included in PSC No. 87 Service Classification Nos. 3 and 6.

Supersede PSC No. 89 – Service Classification No. 7 – Alternate Fuel Displacement Service and Service Classification No. 8 – Special Agency Service. These two service classifications are not consolidated into PSC No. 87 as required in the Order. There are no customers under these service classifications.

Supersede PSC No. 89 General Information and consolidate it into PSC No. 90 General Information.

- (6) Cancel PSC No. 87 Service Classification No. 7 – Interruptible Incentive Service. No customers are under this service.
- (7) Removal of the Commodity Charge advance filing provision in PSC No. 87 Service Classification No. 6 – Standby Sales Service. Inclusion of the statement that NYSEG will file its Standby Commodity Charges with the PSC no later than three (3) business days after the end of the month.
- (8) Incorporation of language which would terminate the FPO provision if so ordered by the Commission, and clarification of the FPO terms.
- (9) Elimination of PSC No. 88 Service Classification No. 10 – Natural Gas Supply Pooling Service.
- (10) Re-naming rate districts to rate areas to clarify the difference between districts and areas. Districts are subsets of an area.
- (11) Explanation that changes in applicable revenue taxes will be incorporated into the RTS factors as those changes occur and inclusion of the applicable state and local sales tax law reference.

New Appendices:

As a result of the modifications and changes ordered by the Commission in Opinion No. 98-17 and subsequent Order Modifying the Opinion, enclosed are new Settlement Appendices reflecting those changes. The new appendices are A, B, D, E and F. Appendix C and G did not change as a result of the Commission Opinions.

The applicable rates will become effective on December 10, 1998 and customers will be made whole for savings that would have resulted from an effective date of October 1, 1998, as more fully explained below.

Customer Credit Plan:

The Commission's Opinion No. 98-17 and subsequent Order Modifying the Opinion requires NYSEG to propose a method to promptly make customers whole for savings that would have resulted from an effective date of October 1, 1998. NYSEG proposes to make customers whole through the following procedure:

- (1) Identify all gas customer accounts eligible for the lower gas rates.
- (2) Identify all actual and estimated gas meter read dates beginning October 1, 1998 through December 10, 1998. NYSEG will save all billing history during this time period including the read dates, meter reads, billing code, ccf, therms, dollars, and RTS. The estimated accounts will be separated and held for the subsequently identified actual reads.
- (3) Recalculate bills for retrieved accounts using the new applicable rates. Proration is required to calculate usage beginning October 1, 1998.
- (4) Prepare exception reports for accounts that cannot be recalculated.
- (5) Subtract the recalculated bill amount from the actual bill amount to create a credit adjustment.
- (6) Prepare a batch transaction to load the credit adjustment to the customer's individual account.
- (7) Prepare a bulletin board message to explain the credit adjustment amount. The bulletin board message will appear on the customer's bill.
- (8) Process credits through normal billing beginning mid-January 1999.
- (9) Prepare exception reports to identify any account not receiving the credit and re-process the credit adjustment.

Background

On May 26, 1998, NYSEG and other parties filed a proposed multi-year gas rate settlement agreement. The Commission adopted the settlement terms subject to modifications and conditions. By letter dated October 29, 1998, the Company accepted the terms of the Opinion with exceptions.

As required by Ordering Clause No. 4 of the December 2, 1998 Order Modifying Opinion No. 98-17, the Company will serve a copy of its filing upon all parties to the above-reference proceeding.

Special Requests

Pursuant to Ordering Clause No. 3 of the December 2, 1998 Order Modifying Opinion No. 98-17, the Company requests that the enclosed leaves be allowed to become effective on a temporary basis on one day's notice.

Newspaper Publication & SAPA

Pursuant to Ordering Clause No. 4 of the December 2, 1998 Order Modifying Opinion No. 97-17, NYSEG will publish newspaper publications in applicable newspapers.

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Very truly yours,

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