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December 30, 1998

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

Re: Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.
Gas Rate Increase Application

Dear Acting Secretary Renner:

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

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These tariff leaves are issued on December 30, 1998, with an effective date of January 29, 1999.

The proposed tariff leaves are designed to produce an increase in annual gas revenues of \$3.9 million. This equates to a 2.5 percent increase in annual gas revenues based on anticipated operations for the rate year, twelve months ending September 30, 2000. Historic year operations cover the twelve-month period ended June 30, 1998. The proposed increase does not constitute a "major change" under Section 66 (12) of the Public Service Law and therefore, the Company requests Commission consideration of these proposed rates on a schedule that is consistent with similar filings.

Please be advised that on November 20, 1998 the Company filed a motion for waiver of the 150-day period set forth in the Commission's "Statement of Policy on Test Periods for Major Rate Proceedings." At the time the motion was filed, however, the Company was considering the filing of an application for a major change in rates. Subsequently, the Company determined to seek an increase of 2.5%, a non-major rate change, with follow-on rate relief. Should the Commission believe that it is still necessary to rule upon the Company's motion, this letter will serve as a request for renewal of the motion.

Appendix A attached hereto sets forth the estimated number of gas bills that would increase, and the gross revenue increases as a result of this filing.

Appendix B, also attached, summarizes the present and proposed gas rates.

The Company also proposes to amend its Schedule for Gas Service to reflect the following:

- 1) a change in the Factor of Adjustment used in the determination of the Gas Adjustment Charge;
- 2) the elimination of the Utility Low Income Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Mechanism;
- 3) changes in the Weather Normalization Adjustment Clause; and
- 4) a conversion from Ccf to therm billing.

The attached Appendix C contains sample statement sheets reflecting the change in the Factor of Adjustment and the conversion from Ccf to therm billing.

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Also enclosed are 25 copies of the testimony and exhibits that the Company is submitting in support of its proposed rate year gas revenue requirements and rate design, and post rate year adjustments. A list of Company witnesses follows:

Robert C. Allen
William A. Atzl, Jr.
Terry L. Dittrich
Howard Geisenheimer
Diane B. Hamerman
Joseph A. Holtman
Richard A. Kane

Kenneth A. Kosior
Anton Loewy
Frank P. Marino
Joseph S. Nappo
Robert G. Rosenberg
Maria B. Shwalb
Gerard S. Sullivan

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Also included with this filing is the SAPA notice and General Filing Information Form. Notice of this filing will be published in accordance with 16 NYCRR 270.70 and proof of publication will be submitted upon completion. In addition, the Company will issue appropriate bill inserts in accordance with 16 NYCRR 270.80.

Very truly yours,

Frank P. Marino
Director - Compliance