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23 September 2002

Ms Janet H. Deixler  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York Department of Public Service  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350

RE: Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department Filing  
For Authority to Increase Electric Rates and  
Charges

Dear Secretary Deixler:

The Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department ("PMLD") requests approval to increase its electric rates and charges by an average of 8.64%. This increase is occasioned by the increased capital expenditures for system reinforcements and service to the annexed Plattsburgh Air Force base. Due to the pressing concerns to maintain construction schedules and complete an additional bonding of \$3,560,000, the PMLD respectfully requests an expedited approval.

The PMLD has submitted the proposed rates to the City Council for approval and held two public hearing on the rate changes. Subsequent to these approvals the rates were submitted to and approved by the PMLD Board of Directors. Prior to that submission the PMLD has completed all local approvals and public comment hearings.

Appended to this filing are the proposed new rates and the cost of service basis for the changes.

Respectfully submitted

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