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

Dear Secretary Crary:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. hereby transmits for electronic filing its Statement of Increase in Rates and Charges No. RTS-2 to the Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 - Gas.

The Company's tariff schedule, Section 15 of P.S.C. No. 4 - Gas, provides for reconciliations of the Temporary Metropolitan Transportation Authority Business Tax Surcharge (MTA Tax) recoveries with the MTA Tax expenses. The tariff provisions require the recovery rates to be established for each fiscal period, the twelve months ended March 31.

Workpapers showing the calculation of the proposed gas surcharge rate are being submitted today, via Federal Express, along with the proposed electric surcharge rate calculation.

Very truly yours,

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