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April 12, 2000

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

Re: Case No. 97-G-1380

Dear Acting 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 (the "Commission" or the "PSC"), State of New York.

Third	Revised	Leaf No. 3	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Fifth	Revised	Leaf No. 6	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Original		Leaf No. 6.1	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Twelfth	Revised	Leaf No. 7	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Fourth	Revised	Leaf No. 7.1	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Third	Revised	Leaf No. 7.2	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Second	Revised	Leaf No. 7.3	to PSC No. 88 Gas
First	Revised	Leaf No. 7.4	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Original		Leaf No. 7.5	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Third	Revised	Leaf No. 50	to PSC No. 88 Gas
First	Revised	Leaf No. 50.1	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Original		Leaf No. 50.1.1	to PSC No. 88 Gas
Original		Leaf No. 50.1.2	to PSC No. 88 Gas

Effective April 13, 2000.

Proposed Revisions

NYSEG submits these leaves in compliance with the Commission's Order Concerning Reliability (the "Reliability Order"), issued December 21, 1999. NYSEG proposes the following:

1. Revision of PSC No. 88 Gas, Section 1, to define certain terms as required by the Reliability Order.
2. Revision of PSC No. 88 Gas, Section 21, to incorporate modifications regarding System Alerts and Operational Flow Orders as required by the Reliability Order.

Background

On November 3, 1998 the Commission issued its Policy Statement Concerning the Future of the Natural Gas Industry in New York State and Order Terminating Capacity Assignment (the "Policy Statement"). As part of the Policy Statement, the Commission directed staff to collaborate with LDCs, marketers, pipeline companies and others to examine system operation and reliability issues (the "Reliability Collaborative"). In turn, the Reliability Collaborative established three working groups to address various issues related to system operations and reliability. The three working groups were: 1) Communications, 2) Capacity Requirements, and 3) Capacity Dedication. Members of the three working groups met regularly in the first half of 1999 and prepared reports that were submitted to the full

Reliability Collaborative in late June of 1999.

On December 21, 1999 the Commission addressed the reports submitted by the working groups in the Reliability Order. In the Reliability Order, the Commission ordered each jurisdictional gas utility to file a Gas Transportation Operating Procedures Manual consistent with the recommendations of the Communications Working Group Report. Additionally, each jurisdictional gas utility was ordered to file all tariff amendments required to conform its tariffs with the operating procedures contained in the manual.

**Request for Limited Waiver of Daily Nomination Schedule
For Aggregation Pools**

As part of its report adopted by the Commission, the Communications Working Group recommended that LDC nomination cycles adhere to the Gas Industry Standards Board ("GISB") nomination timing cycles adopted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

Currently, NYSEG's tariff requires that aggregation pool operators, scheduling gas deliveries on behalf of aggregation customers, provide NYSEG with nominations no later than two hours prior to the nomination deadline of the upstream pipeline. NYSEG requires this additional time due to the manual administration of the program. However, NYSEG is currently upgrading its internal systems to automate much of the process, thereby allowing it to adopt the recommended nomination timing cycles for its aggregation program in the near future. Therefore, NYSEG requests a limited waiver, as described above, until such time as the nomination process for aggregation customers is more fully automated. NYSEG anticipates the necessary modifications to be completed by the fourth quarter of this year. At that time, NYSEG will submit revised tariff leaves eliminating the nominations advance notification requirement.

Gas Transportation Operating Procedures Manual

Per Ordering Clause No. 1 of the Commission's Reliability Order, the Company is also submitting three (3) copies of its Gas Transportation Operating Procedures Manual reflecting the new provisions and requirements included in this filing. Since this is an electronic filing, the Manuals are being sent under a separate letter via overnight mail. Additionally, the Company is serving a copy of its Manual on each eligible marketer which provides service in the Company's territory.

Notification

Per Ordering Clause No. 2 of the Commissions December 21, 1999 Reliability Order, the requirement of Section 66(12) of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication of these amendments is waived.

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Very truly yours,

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