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October 12, 1999

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

Re: <u>Case No. 97-G-1380</u>

Dear Acting Secretary Renner:

The enclosed 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.

First Revised Leaf No. 113 to PSC No. 88 Gas First Revised Leaf No. 115 to PSC No. 88 Gas

Effective November 1, 1999.

Proposed Revisions

NYSEG submits these revisions to the leaves filed on September 30, 1999 in compliance with the Commission's Order dated August 4, 1999 and issued August 19, 1999. In that filing, NYSEG proposed to implement a new Service Classification No. 16, Reliability Insurance Service ("RIS"), as part of PSC No. 88 Gas.

In this filing NYSEG proposes to revise the Reliability Insurance Commodity Charge to the Company's maximum daily gas index as defined in PSC No. 88 Gas, plus pipeline fuel and commodity costs instead of the originally proposed one hundred ten percent (110%).

NYSEG has also revised the filing to clarify that this service will only be available during the 1999/2000 winter season.

Background

On November 3, 1998, the Commission issued its <u>Policy Statement</u> <u>Concerning the Future of the Natural Gas Industry and Order Terminating</u> <u>Capacity Assignment</u> ("Policy Statement") in Cases 93-G-0932 and 97-G-1380. The Policy Statement required each LDC to file proposed tariffs, by no later than February 1, 1999, eliminating its mandatory assignment of capacity provisions, with the proposed tariffs becoming effective April 1, 1999. NYSEG filed in compliance with the Policy Statement on January 29, 1999.

The Commission addressed the compliance filings in its <u>Order</u>
<u>Concerning Capacity Assignment</u> ("Capacity Assignment Order"), issued March 24, 1999 in Case 97-G-1380 et. al. Also in the Capacity Assignment Order, the Commission required that:

ÿall marketers serving firm loads demonstrate that they have firm, non-recallable, primary delivery point capacity to the city gate \ddot{y} "

On August 19, 1999, in it order in Case 97-G-1380, <u>In the Matter of Issues Associated with the Future of the Natural Gas Industry and the Role</u>

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<u>of Local Gas Distribution Companies</u> ("Order"), the Commission required LDCs to file proposed tariff changes to provide a service alternative under which a marketer can serve customers with secondary capacity.

On September 30, 1999 NYSEG proposed to provide RIS service for marketers unable to meet the Commission's requirements for firm, non-recallable, primary delivery point capacity. The proposed RIS service alternative is to be used in conjunction with recallable firm primary point or firm secondary point capacity. The proposed revisions are provided to modify and clarify this service offering.

Notification

Per Ordering Clause No. 4 of the Commission's Order, the requirement of $\S66(12(b))$ of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication of the revisions is waived.

This filing is also being sent to all Marketers providing service on the Company's system.

Company Contacts

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Very truly yours,

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