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ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC.
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May 31, 2001

Honorable Janet H. Deixler
Secretary
State of New York
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Re: Case No. 99-M-0631 – In the Matter of
Customer Billing Arrangements
Case No. 98-M-1343 -- In the Matter of Retail
Access Business Practices

Dear Secretary Deixler:

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

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| Leaf No. 8 | Revision 5 |
| Leaf No. 33 | Revision 6 |
| Leaf No. 33.1 | Revision 1 |
| Leaf No. 33.2 | Revision 1 |
| Leaf No. 33.3 | Revision 1 |
| Leaf No. 34 | Revision 4 |
| Leaf No. 166.4 | Revision 3 |
| Leaf No. 166.11 | Revision 1 |
| Leaf No. 182.3 | Revision 4 |
| Leaf No. 182.10 | Revision 3 |
| Leaf No. 188.7 | Revision 3 |
| Leaf No. 188.12 | Revision 1 |

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These tariff leaves are issued May 31, 2001, to become effective, on a temporary basis, on June 1, 2001. This filing is submitted in compliance with the Commission's Order Establishing Uniform Retail Access Billing and Payment Processing Practices, issued and effective May 18, 2001, in Case Nos. 99-M-0631 and 98-M-1343 ("May 18 Order").

Summary of the Proposed Changes

As required by the May 18 Order, the Company is filing tariff amendments to provide billing options for gas transportation customers. Customers will have the following billing options: (a) to continue to receive separate bills from the Company and from a Marketer that offers a separate bill arrangement, (b) to receive a single, consolidated bill from the Company (a "Utility Single Bill"), or (c) to receive a single, consolidated bill from a Marketer (a "Marketer Single Bill"). Consolidated billing and payment processing services will be performed in accordance with the practices specified in Appendix A of the May 18 Order which will become effective when Electronic Data Interchange ("EDI") is effective and operational. The tariff identifies back-out credits ("Billing Services Credit"), applicable to customers who receive Utility Single Bills or Marketer Single Bills, and charges applicable to Marketers for which Utility Single Bills are issued ("Billing Cost").

Specific tariff changes include the following:

The "Table of Contents" has been modified to provide for the use of the term "Marketer" interchangeably with the terms "Qualified Seller" and "Sellers".

A section entitled "Transportation Customer Billing Options" has been added to General Information Section 6.5, Rendering of Bills. This new section describes billing options available to gas transportation customers and contains a reference to the Commission's Billing and Payment Processing Procedures.

Service Classification Nos. 11, 12, and 13 have been modified to reflect that the credit exposure for a Marketer providing a Marketer Single Bill is equal to 45 days of the projected peak period aggregate energy requirements of the Marketers' customers.

Service Classification Nos. 11, 12, and 13 have been modified to include a new special provision that describes the billing options that Marketers may offer to their customers pursuant to the requirements set forth in General Information Section No. 6.5 (2) "Transportation Customer Billing Options".

Service Classification Nos. 11, 12, and 13 have also been modified to include an account separation fee applicable when a dual service account is split into two separate accounts. The Company expects to review the account separation fee periodically and propose changes as appropriate.

In addition, the Company will make conforming changes to its Gas Transportation

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Operating Procedure.

Supplement No. 17

Also in accordance with the May 18 Order, the Company is filing Supplement No. 17, which cancels leaves filed on October 31, 2000. Supplement No. 17 is issued and effective May 31, 2001.

Conclusion

Questions regarding this filing can be directed to me at (212) 460-3308.

Very truly yours,

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