October 4, 2007

### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation

Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting Revisions

# Dear Secretary Brilling:

The enclosed tariff leaves, issued by Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation ("RG&E" or "the Company") are transmitted for filing in compliance with the requirements of the New York State Public Service Commission ("PSC" or "Commission") and Appendix 7-H (electronic tariff filing system) to the Commission's Codes, Rules and Regulations (16 NYCRR Appendix 7-H). The leaves are proposed to become effective on January 1, 2008.

# P.S.C. No. 18 – Schedule for Electric Service Street Lighting

Leaf No. 27, Revision 4

Leaf No. 28, Revision 4

Leaf No. 29, Revision 4

#### P.S.C. No. 19 – Schedule for Electric Service

Leaf No. 187.4, Revision 2

Leaf No. 188.1, Revision 1

### Purpose of the Filing

The Company is filing revisions to its tariffs, as described below; to comply with the requirements of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct) signed into law on August 8, 2005 and to provide a new option to customers as Mercury Vapor fixtures are replaced. The Company is also proposing a High Pressure Sodium option for its arc lighting in lieu of the Incandescent arc lighting.

## **Details of Tariff Revisions**

Section 135, Energy Conservation Standards For Additional Products, sub-section (ee) of EPAct specifically states, "Mercury vapor lamp ballasts shall not be manufactured or imported after January 1, 2008."

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Revisions to RG&E's Area Lighting and Street Lighting tariffs are necessary to comply with this Federal requirement and make known to customers that Mercury Vapor fixtures will no longer be available for new service hook-ups nor to replace failed existing Mercury Vapor fixtures. The Company will use a plus sign (+) to symbolize that existing Mercury Vapor installations will not be replaced in kind upon failure within its tariff.

The Company has received requests from its customers to expand its tariff to include Metal Halide fixtures as a replacement option for Mercury Vapor fixtures because customers do not want the amber hue emitted by High Pressure Sodium fixtures currently offered. Therefore, the Company is proposing to offer additional Metal Halide fixtures within its Street Lighting tariff. The Company has also received feedback from customers for an alternative to Incandescent arc lighting and therefore RG&E is proposing a more efficient High Pressure Sodium option.

### **Publication**

In accordance with the requirement of Section 66 (12)(b) of the Public Service Law and 16 NYCRR Section 720-8.1 as to newspaper publication, notice of the proposed tariff changes will be published once in each week for four successive weeks in newspapers having general circulation in each customer rate area affected by the proposed changes.

A State Administrative Procedures Act Notice is enclosed for publication in the State Bulletin.

## **Company Contacts**

Please direct any questions pertaining to this filing to Lori Cole at (607) 762-8710 or to me at (585) 771-4692.

Very truly yours,

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**Enclosures**