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

Re: Case No. 04-G-0999

Dear Secretary Brilling:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. ("O&R" or the "Company") hereby submits for filing the following revised tariff leaves reflecting revisions to the Company's Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 – GAS (the "Gas tariff").

5th Revised Leaf No. 137 1st Revised Leaf No. 141.4

The tariff leaves filed electronically today are to become effective on February 1, 2005.

## Reasons for the Proposed Changes

By letter dated August 11, 2004, the Company filed proposed tariff revisions to its Gas tariff to introduce new eligibility requirements for new customers taking interruptible transportation service under Service Classification ("SC") No. 8. The proposed eligibility requirements would have required new interruptible transportation service customers to meet certain minimum hourly peak and annual usage requirements. The August 11th filing also proposed to remove from SC No. 3 and SC No. 8 of the Gas tariff an "Emergency Service" provision that provided the Company with the option to allow customers that experience equipment failure or are unable to secure adequate alternate fuel to continue to burn gas during a Company announced interruption without penalty charges.

The tariff changes filed on August 11, 2004 have been postponed through February 1, 2005 by various orders issued by the Commission.

The Company and Staff have had several discussions concerning the Company's August 11th filing, and based on those discussions the Company has agreed to amend its filing to (1) remove the minimum hourly peak usage requirement and (2) lower the annual usage threshold for new interruptible transportation customers from 10,000 Mcf to 3,500 Mcf. The tariff changes associated with the removal of the "Emergency Service" provision from SC No. 3 and SC No. 8 as filed on August 11, 2004 will become effective on February 1, 2005.

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## **Notices**

The Company respectfully requests that the requirement for newspaper publication of the proposed changes filed today be waived on the basis that the Company proposes to send a copy of the filing to all Sellers serving interruptible transportation customers in the Company's service area. A copy of the filing will also be posted on the Company's website.

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

Very truly yours,

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