



June 10, 2009

Jaclyn Brillling, Secretary  
New York State Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Secretary Brillling,

Attached please find Leaf Numbers 4 through 10, and 13 of PSC No. 1 – Electricity for the Village of Richmondville Electric Department (“Richmondville” or “the Village”), issued June 10, 2009 to be effective September 1, 2009.

The proposed Tariff Leaves will result in additional annual revenues of approximately \$111,824; an increase of about 9.69%. The filing is a “mini-filing” under the Commission’s Rules of Procedures and a hearing is not required.

Village of Richmondville Electric Department

The Village of Richmondville Electric Department supplies electricity to approximately 1,100 customers in the Village of Richmondville and in portions of the Town of Richmondville in Schoharie County. It is a municipal electric utility governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of four members and the mayor of the Village. The average number of kWh sold has remained consistent over the past few years and there is no indication that this will change significantly in the near term. The quality of service is excellent with no customer complaints and minimal outages. The electric safety record is excellent and the utility is well managed and professionally operated. The electric losses on the system are less than 4% which is a tribute to how well the system is maintained.

The Rate Filing

This filing provides an ample basis for the Commission to process the application expeditiously. The filing contains three years of balance sheets and income statements, as well as projections of revenues, expenses and rate base. The filing is based on fiscal year ending May 31, 2008 data. Detailed workpapers are attached supporting the rate request.

The Village's last rate increase was last year an effective date of 9/1/2008. For Fiscal Year 2008, the Village's rate of return was -9.5% (a loss of \$101,068). While the rate increase last year of \$84,790 will help reduce this loss it is not enough. In addition the Village is in the final process of buying a new line truck at a cost of \$175,000 and new accounting software to track expenses. The rate increase is necessary in order to maintain the reliability and quality of service that their customers are accustomed.

Public Notice

The Village of Richmondville Electric Department will publish a notice to the public of the proposed change once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in their service area.

Further Information

The Village asks that questions regarding this filing be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted,  
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