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Director - Regulatory

February 24, 2017

Ms. Donna Giliberto
Records Access Officer
New York State Department of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

RE: Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation - Request for Trade Secret Protection for Information Regarding Natural Gas Supply, Transportation and Storage Data for Gas Supply Charge Monthly Filing Case Number 97-G-1178

Dear Ms. Giliberto:

In accordance with the filing of the monthly Gas Supply Charge (GSC), Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation's ("RG&E" or the "Company") is filing information pursuant to Appendix 7-H of the regulations of the Public Service Commission ("PSC" or "the Commission") of the State of New York in Case 97-G-1178, covering the month of March, 2017.

The Company is enclosing a copy of the Appendix 7-H workpaper and request that the highlighted portions be afforded trade secret protection pursuant to the Commission's rules (16 NYCRR § 6-1.3) and Public Officers Law Section 87.2(c) and (d). RG&E has filed a redacted version of the Appendix 7-H workpaper with the Secretary of the State of New York Public Service Commission.

As the Commission is aware from prior filings of a similar nature, this information is extremely sensitive from a competitive standpoint. Revealing the enclosed volume and price information would, among other things, jeopardize RG&E's ability to obtain favorable price terms and would operate to the detriment of the Company's customers.

The enclosed information is not generally available to the public and thus would be of particular value to competitors since it would be difficult to develop independently.

The enclosed material meets the relevant criteria for protection pursuant to the Commission's rules governing trade secrets and should be afforded such protection.

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In the absence of such protection, RG&E and its customers are likely to suffer substantial adverse consequences.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (585) 771-4692.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark O. Marini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mark O. Marini

Enclosure