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Re: Case 17-E-0594 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Investigate the March 2017 Windstorm, Related Power Outages, and Rochester Gas and Electric and New York State Electric & Gas Restoration Efforts.

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

I received your letter dated February 12, 2018 on behalf of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (“NYSEG”) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (“RG&E” and together with NYSEG, the “Companies”) requesting an extension until August 1, 2018 to respond to the provision in Ordering Clause 1 of the *Order Instituting Proceeding and to Show Cause* (“Order”), issued November 16, 2017 in the above referenced proceeding, regarding the potential administrative penalty proceeding. An extension to February 15, 2018 was granted on January 12, 2018.

In your letter you state that discussions between the Companies and Staff are continuing and the Companies submitted a *Notice of Impending Settlement Negotiations* (Notice) on February 12, 2018. Since the only parties to this proceeding are Staff and the Companies, you explain that the Notice was sent to the parties in the Companies’ most recent rate cases to provide an opportunity for parties with an interest in potential settlement to be heard. You note that a settlement conference is scheduled for February 26, 2018. You state that you are requesting this extension to continue the settlement negotiations beyond the February 15, 2018 deadline. Further, since the settlement agreement will require Commission approval, you state that the extension until August 1, 2018 will allow time for the Commission consider a settlement agreement, if one is presented to the Commission.

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You note that the Companies have discussed the proposed extension with Trial Staff and understand that they do not oppose the extension.

Based upon the information you have provided, an extension is granted to August 1, 2018 to New York State Electric & Gas Corporation and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation to show cause why the Commission should not commence an administrative penalty action, pursuant to Public Service Law § 25-a, for violations of the Commission's *Order Approving Amended Emergency Plans* in Case 16-E-0636 or 16 NYCRR Part 105.

This ruling is granted in order to promote the fair, orderly and efficient conduct of this proceeding. This ruling will be posted on the Department's website.

Very truly yours,



Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary