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Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary
NYS Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

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 Secretary Burgess:

By the November 16, 2017 Commission Order Instituting Proceeding and to Show Cause in the above-referenced Case (the “Order”), New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (“NYSEG”) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (“RG&E”) and together with NYSEG, the “Companies”) were directed to show cause why: (i) the Commission should not pursue an administrative penalty, pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) § 25-a, for the Companies’ apparent failure to follow their ERP as approved and mandated by the ERP Order and Commission regulations, and (ii) the Companies should not implement the DPS Report recommendations into their ERPs.

As encouraged by the Order, the Companies and designated Trial Staff met to discuss the Order and the Companies’ response. In that meeting and one subsequent meeting, the Companies and Trial Staff entered into preliminary discussions regarding a settlement relating to the alleged violations and administrative penalty portion of the Case. The Companies would like to conduct additional meetings with Trial Staff in an effort to reach a settled outcome of the penalty portion of the Case.

To facilitate continued settlement discussions, the Companies request an extension of thirty (30) days to respond to the Order as regarding the alleged violations and a potential administrative penalty proceeding. This would result in an extended date for any show cause filing on this item of January 15, 2018. The Companies will respond to the Order by the time required and as directed with regard to the DPS Report and the recommendations.

The Companies’ have discussed this proposed extension with designated Trial Staff and understand that they do not oppose the extension. Please contact me directly with any questions about this request. Thank you for your continuing attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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