



January 9, 2018

**VIA EMAIL**

Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary to the Commission  
State of New York Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350

**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 mentioned in the request for an extension of December 12, 2017, the Companies and designated trial staff entered into preliminary discussions regarding settlement relating to the alleged violations and administrative penalty portion of the Case. The Companies and trial staff have continued to diligently pursue a settled outcome of the penalty portion of the Case and have made significant progress and are now finalizing terms of the proposed settlement.

However, we do not anticipate finalizing and documenting the settlement terms prior to January 16, 2018. Therefore, to facilitate continued settlement discussions, the Companies request an extension of and additional thirty (30) days to respond to the Order as regarding the alleged violations and a potential administrative penalty proceeding.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffery A. Rosenbloom", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeffrey A. Rosenbloom  
Deputy General Counsel

cc: John Favreau