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## STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

September 5, 2012

TO: THE COMMISSION

- FROM: OFFICE OF ELECTRIC, GAS & WATER – Tariffs, Electric Supply and Small Utility Rates Section
- SUBJECT: CASE 11-E-0176 In the Matter of the Commission's Implementation of Certain Provisions of the Recharge New York Power Program Act.

Tariff filing by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation to revise the definition of Accepted Allocation under Section No. 40 – Recharge New York Power Program.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the filing be allowed to become effective.

## PROPOSED TARIFF FILING

On June 28, 2012, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson or the Company) filed proposed revisions to P.S.C. No. 15 – Electricity, to revise the definition of Accepted Allocation under Section No. 40 – Recharge New York (RNY) Power Program. The Company proposes to revise the definition of Accepted Allocation by adding language to allow for an adjustment to the Awarded Allocation on a prorated basis for the purpose of the determination of energy and demand in situations when the

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New York Power Authority (NYPA) is unable to supply the customer's entire Accepted Allocation or the customer voluntarily elects to accept an amount less than the Accepted Allocation. This change is required for the Company's RNY tariff language to be consistent with the terms of a contract that was recently entered into by Central Hudson and the NYPA for the delivery of RNY power. Central Hudson has also requested a waiver of the requirement of newspaper publication of its filing because the customers participating in the RNY Program will be in direct contact with the Company and NYPA.

### NOTICE AND COMMENTS

Pursuant to State Administrative Procedures Act (SAPA) §202(1), a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the <u>State Register</u> on July 18, 2012. The public comment period in conformance with SAPA expired on September 4, 2012. No comments have been received.

#### DISCUSSION

On June 28, 2012, the Company filed proposed revisions to P.S.C. No. 15 – Electricity, to revise the definition of Accepted Allocation under Section No. 40 – Recharge New York (RNY) Power Program. Upon review of the final RNY agreement between the NYPA and the Company, Central Hudson determined that a modification to its tariff language is required to comply with the terms of the agreement. The Company has filed the proposed amendment to allow for the proration of the Awarded Allocation when the NYPA is unable to supply a participating customer's entire Accepted Allocation or when the customer voluntarily elects to accept an amount less than the Accepted Allocation.

Because the proposed amendment is necessary for the Company's tariff to meet the terms of the contract between the NYPA and the Company for the delivery of RNY power, Staff recommends the proposed tariff revisions be allowed to become effective and the waiver of newspaper publication be approved.

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# Recommendation

## It is recommended that:

- 1. the amendment listed in the Appendix be allowed to become effective;
- 2. special permission be granted waiving the requirement of Public Service Law §66(12) and 16 NYCRR §720-8.1 regarding newspaper publication of the amendment listed in the Appendix; and
- 3. this case be continued.

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## APPENDIX

# SUBJECT: Filing by CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Amendment to Schedule P.S.C. No. 15 – Electricity

Second Revised Leaf No. 163.5.30

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SPECIAL PERMISSION APPLICATION: 11-E-0176SP

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