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Honorable Michelle Phillips
Acting Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza

Re: Case 19-G-0309 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY for Gas Service

Case 19-G-0310 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid for Gas Service

NOTICE OF CONTINUING SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 3.9(a) of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations, The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY and KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid (collectively, the “Companies”) submit this notice of continuing settlement negotiations in the above-referenced proceedings. As discussed more below, the Companies and Department of Public Service Staff (“Staff”) have agreed to restart confidential settlement negotiations regarding the Companies’ rate filing.

As the providers of essential energy services in New York, the Companies are keenly aware of the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on customers and residents of New York State. In recognition of these impacts, the Companies have temporarily suspended collections-related activities, including service disconnections, to lessen the financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, among other efforts to assist customers. COVID-19 has also impacted the Companies’ operations, as the Companies have suspended non-essential work activities out of concern for public and employee safety. Given these unprecedented circumstances and the need to address the challenges presented by the pandemic, the Companies believe that a rate settlement is the best interest of our customers and other stakeholders. To this end, the Companies are interested in advancing a comprehensive settlement that mitigates customer bills, advances the State’s clean energy objectives, and maintains the safety and reliability of the gas systems.

The Companies intend to circulate a new settlement proposal next week and propose to meet via telephone conference on **Monday, June 15th at 10am**. Information on the call will be provided with the settlement proposal.

To enable settlement discussions and promote the orderly conduct of these proceedings, the Companies request an additional three-month extension of the suspension period, such that new rates would now become effective November 1, 2020. The Companies understand Staff supports this proposal.

I certify that I am notifying the administrative law judges in these proceedings and all parties on the Active Parties list of the pendency of negotiations in a manner that permits reasonable time for preparation as required by § 3.9(a)(iii).

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Philip A. DeCicco

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cc: Active Parties in Cases 19-G-0309 and 19-G-0310 (via DMM)
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Hon. Maureen F. Leary