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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 December 12, 2017, 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 a 30-day extension to respond to the provision 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.

Ordering Clause 1 of the Order directed the Companies to show cause, within 30 days of the Order, 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. Ordering Clause 2 directed the Companies, within 30 days of the Order, to address whether the Commission should mandate, reject or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendations contained in the March 2017 Windstorm: A Report on NYSEG and RGE Electric Restoration and Communication Efforts (“Windstorm Report”).

You state that the Companies and designated Trial Staff have met to discuss the Order and the Companies’ response, and have entered into preliminary discussions regarding a settlement relating to the alleged violations and administrative penalty portion of the case. You state that you are requesting an extension in order to conduct additional meetings with Trial Staff in an effort to reach a settled outcome of the penalty portion of the case. You note that you have discussed this proposed extension with Trial Staff and they have no objection. You further note

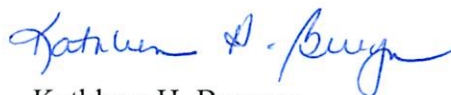
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that the Companies will timely respond within the 30-day period addressing the recommendations in the Windstorm Report, as set forth in Ordering Clause 2.

Based upon the information you have provided, an extension is granted to January 16, 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