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August 15, 2016

Mr. Michael E. Novak
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Re: Case 12-M-0476 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Assess Certain Aspects of the Residential and Small Non-Residential Retail Energy Markets in New York State

Case 98-M-1343 – In the Matter of Retail Access Business Rules

Case 06-M-0647 – In the Matter of Energy Service Company Price Reporting Requirements

Case 98-M-0667 – In the Matter of Electronic Data Interchange

Dear Mr. Novak:

I received your letter dated August 15, 2016 on behalf of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY, KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid, and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (collectively, Joint Utilities) requesting an extension of time to comply with Ordering Clause 3 of the New York Public Service Commission's (Commission) *Order Regarding the Provision of Service to Low-Income Customers by Energy Service Companies*, issued and effective July 15, 2016 (Order) in the above proceedings.

Clause 3 of the Order requires Joint Utilities to file drafts of the letters to be sent to energy service company customers who are assistance program participants, informing them that they will be returned to utility service. Clause 3 requires such filing to be made within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, or by August 15, 2016, with the Secretary. Clause 3 further provides that the draft letters will be reviewed by Department of Public Service Staff (Staff).

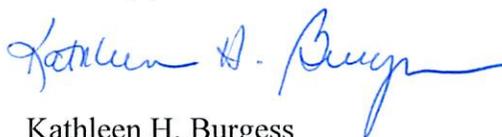
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You state that the Joint Utilities have been engaged in discussions with Staff concerning the development of these letters and, after consulting with Staff, request an additional week in order to finalize each utility's letter.

This is to advise that Joint Utilities' request to extend the date to August 22, 2016 for filing with the Secretary, drafts of the letters to be sent to the energy service company customers who are assistance program participants informing them that they will be returned to utility service, as required by Clause 3 of the Order, 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.

Sincerely,



Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary