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RE: Case 16-G-0431 New York State Electric & Gas Corporation -- Request for Trade Secret Protection for **REVISED** Information Regarding Purchase Gas Expense

Dear Ms. Giliberto

In connection with the filing of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation's (the "Company," "NYSEG") annual computation of the surcharge or refund applicable to the gas supply charge, the Company is submitting herewith **REVISED** documents setting forth certain data regarding the Company's purchase gas expense. We request that it be afforded trade secret protection pursuant to the regulations of the Commission (16 NYCRR § 6-1. 3).

The documents for which trade secret protection is being requested consist of Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism ("GCIM") information for September 2015 through August 2016. The information contained in these documents is highly sensitive, and its disclosure to NYSEG's competitors would be of material advantage to them in their competition or other dealing with the Company. Likewise such disclosure could be injurious to NYSEG and its customers. In their negotiations with NYSEG, certain customers would similarly derive substantial advantage from this information, at the expense of other NYSEG customers and the Company.

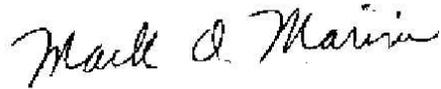
The information in this document is not generally available to the public. It would be difficult and costly for NYSEG's suppliers, competitors or customers to develop this information through their own efforts. If not afforded trade secret protection, it would give such parties "an advantage over competitors who do not know or use it" 16 NYCRR § 6-1.3(a).

In accordance with the regulations, these documents are submitted with the required cover pages, and, as discussed above, meet the Commission's other requirements for trade secret protection. The commercially sensitive information outlined above pervades the documents. The data not directly reflecting prices or other proprietary information could be manipulated with other such information elsewhere in the document to derive prices and other proprietary information. Moreover, because the data is so closely intertwined, redaction would render the documents meaningless. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the entirety of this document be accorded trade secret protection. Absent such protection, NYSEG and its customers will be exposed to significant adverse economic consequences.

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Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Shari Wells at (607) 762-8070.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark O. Marini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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