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Ms. Beth Finkel, State Director  
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Re: Case 16-G-0058 - KeySpan Gas East Corp. d/b/a Brooklyn Union  
of L.I. (KEDLI) - Rates

Case 16-G-0059 - Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National  
Grid NY (KEDNY) - Rates

Dear Ms. Finkel:

I write concerning your June 1, 2016 letter asking that the public be allowed to submit comments on the above-referenced rate filings until July 29, 2016 and that public statement hearings be scheduled. You state that considering the sizeable rate increases proposed by KEDLI and KEDNY, the public should be given as much time as possible to provide comments on their requests.

In pending major rate cases pursuant to Public Service Law §66(12), public comments are generally accepted up until the time that the Commission renders its decision. The litigated case schedule that was adopted for the KEDLI and KEDNY proceedings is based on an 11-month schedule, which is characteristic of major gas rate cases. The adopted schedule contemplates that these cases will be presented to the Commission for decision at its December 2016 session. I note that consistent with the 11-month process, the Commission's

Secretary issued a further suspension of the effectiveness of the proposed tariff revisions, until December 28, 2016. Given the schedule adopted for these cases, public comments will obviously be accepted up to and beyond the July 29, 2016 date that you propose.

With respect to the public statement hearings, on June 6, 2016, following my receipt of your letter, I spoke with Bill Ferris of your office and informed him that plans were being made to hold public statement hearings in these cases. There will be a public notice issued for the hearings as well as a press release.

To ensure that the public comments are received in sufficient time to be reviewed and considered by the Commission, I recommend that they be submitted by November 18, 2016. You should continue to monitor the Department's DMM system for any issuances in these cases that may establish a further deadline for public comments.

Sincerely,

/s/

David R. Van Ort  
Administrative Law Judge