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STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: OFFICE OF ELECTRIC, GAS AND WATER  
– Electric Rates & Tariffs

SUBJECT: CASE 11-E-0176 – In the Matter of the Commission’s Implementation of Certain Provisions of the Recharge New York Power Program Act.

Tariff filings by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation of a “housekeeping” nature to add additional types of forms to their tariffs to determine a customer’s eligibility for the Residential Agricultural Discount Program.

SUMMARY OF  
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the filings.

Discussion

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (collectively, the Companies) filed revisions to their electric tariff schedules to clarify what forms are required from customers to become eligible for the Residential Agricultural Discount Program (RAD). Specifically, the revisions identify what additional types of Internal Revenue Service forms can be used to determine a customer’s

eligibility for the RAD Program. The RAD is applicable to agricultural customers who take electric service pursuant to a residential service classification.

Section 1005, subdivision 13-b(b), of the New York Public Authorities Law requires that the New York Power Authority (NYPA) reserve from the Recharge New York Consumer Discount program up to \$8 million annually to create an agricultural discount to become effective September 1, 2014. Recharge New York established the Consumer Discount program that requires NYPA to provide the Companies funds to be used as a residential consumer discount credit. The total payment provided by NYPA to the Companies is \$70 million during the twelve month period beginning September 2014.

Recharge New York also requires that the Companies providing the consumer discount establish a corresponding agricultural discount, dedicated to agricultural producers who receive electric service at residential rates. The agricultural discount utilizes up to \$8 million of the consumer discount funds each year, allocated amongst the Companies in the same manner as the consumer discount payments. The combined consumer discount and agricultural discount credits shall not result in a residential customer's delivery bill to go below zero dollars. The Commission, by Order issued March 27, 2014, approved the Companies' filings providing for the Agricultural Discount program provisions such that the agricultural discounts will begin to be reflected on program participants' electric bills beginning September 1, 2014.

The Companies requested waivers of the requirements of newspaper publication of the revisions because they are "housekeeping" in nature and will have no effect on customers. Staff recommends approval of the filings and the requests for waivers of publication.

It is recommended that the amendments listed in the Appendix be allowed to become effective and special permission be granted waiving the requirements of Public Service Law §66(12)(b) and 176 NYCRR §720-8.1 as to newspaper publication of the changes proposed by the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBJECT: Filing by NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION

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NATIONAL GRID

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SUBJECT: Filing by ROCHESTER GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

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