# RESIDENTIAL METHANE DETECTOR PROGRAM – AMMENDED STATUS REPORT July 31, 2025

In compliance with the Joint Proposal adopted in the State of New York Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") Order Adopting Joint Proposal issued October 12, 2023, in Cases 22-E-0317 et. al. (the "Order"), New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E, and together with NYSEG, the Companies) hereby submit the Residential Methane Detector ("RMD") Program status for filing in the above-referenced cases. Questions regarding the Plan may be directed to Ann Marie Lay at <a href="mailto:amlay@nyseg.com">amlay@nyseg.com</a> or by phone at 607-725-1724.

## 1.) The number of detectors distributed in Rate Year 2

For the rate year of 5/1/24 - 4/30/25 (Rate Year 2) the Companies distributed 3,964 devices. The prior report had incorrectly stated 3,966 (3,824 for NYSEG and 142 for RGE).

The breakdown is as follows:

- 3,861 devices were directly shipped to customers within NYSEG territory.
- 103 devices were directly shipped to customers within RGE territory.

The Companies continue to use the DeNova Detect Natural Gas Alarm (model ML-310ES-GAS) by New Cosmos USA, which is a battery-operated, stand-alone model. Devices are shipped directly to customers with detailed instructions for self-installation and an explanation for its use.

#### 2.) The total number of detectors distributed to date

Under the current rate agreement that went into effect 5/1/24, the Companies distributed 3,964 alarms. The total number of devices that have been distributed to customers, as well as to division offices to distribute and use for training since the program inception in 2021 is 73,701.

#### 3.) The costs of devices and distribution in Rate Year 2

NYSEG	RG&E
\$406,517	\$11,104

Note- Costs were updated to reflect what was recorded in the accounting period.

The chart above represents the total cost of the device and distribution only; installation is performed by the recipient of the device.

## 4.) The total cost per calendar year<sup>1</sup>

Year	NYSEG	RG&E	
2021	\$169,854	\$169,854	
2022	\$1,626,832	\$1,627,181	
2023	\$1,936,515	\$2,240,893	
2024	(\$368)	(\$2,883)	
2025	\$405,521	\$10,818	
Total	\$4,138,354	\$4,045,864	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Invoices accrued after the end of the year are included in the following calendar year. The NYSEG units were mailed in December 2024, and the invoice processed in January 2025. Costs were updated to reflect what was recorded in the accounting period.

The total cost since the program inception in 2021 is \$8,184,218 for both NYSEG and RGE.

## 5.) Reconciliation of incurred NRA's with RMD program costs

Remote Methane Detection Program			
	NYSEG	RGE	
Balance at 4/30/2023	\$ 1,349,396	\$ 2,791,587	
Appendix AA NRA Amounts applied	\$(3,790,514)	\$(1,526,393)	
Asset/(liability) at 5/1/2023	\$(2,441,118)	\$ 1,265,195	>>Balance on implementation of new JP
Spending, May 2023-June 2024	\$ 115,203	\$ 128,800	
Accrued interest, May 2023-June 2024	\$ (161,662)	\$ 97,317	
Remaining asset/(liability) as of June 30, 2024	\$(2,487,577)	\$1,491,312	
Spending, July 2024-June 2025	\$ 406,517	\$ 11,104	
Accrued interest, July 2024-June 2025	\$ (138,647)	\$ 91,496	
Remaining asset/(liability) as of June 30, 2025	\$(2,219,706)	\$ 1,593,912	

Pursuant to Section XIII, Gas Safety, C. Residential Methane Program, 1. Program Funding of the Joint Proposal, the Companies are authorized to fund the RMD Program through any NRAs incurred by the Companies.

## 6.) A review of the effectiveness of the RMD programs in the subject Rate Year

The DeNova Detect Natural Gas Alarm (model ML-310ES-GAS) from the DeNova Detect Store, was and continues to be the model selected by the Companies to distribute through the RMD program. Through benchmarking with other gas utilities, the Companies learned that plug-in detectors limit the placement of such detectors in many applications. Internal battery-powered detectors allow customers to place the device in an ideal home location—without being limited to a location with an accessible AC outlet.

#### 7.) The number of alarms received in the Rate Year

The design of the DeNova Detect Natural Gas Alarm (model ML-310ES-GAS) is that of an early warning device meant to alert the building occupant to the presence of natural gas through a loud, audible alarm. The Companies rely on a call from the occupant to initiate a response. The device is not connected to the Companies' AMI network so we

are unable to track the number of calls received as a result of an alarm provided through this program.

In the Companies' recently filed major rate proceedings (Cases 25-E-0375, et al.), the Companies describe the current program and their request to move towards the installation of connected units within the existing AMI networks. However, the technology needed for these compatible connected devices will not be available until late 2026. Gas alarms from connected RMDs can be received remotely in our Energy Control Center. Expansion to connected devices will allow trackability of alarms received and actions taken.

### 8.) The actions taken in response to each of the alarms received

The Companies' response to gas emergency calls as a result of an alarm or a gas odor call is to immediately send a first responder from the Companies. The Companies do not separately track responses to RMD alarms.