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Honorable Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case Nos. 02-E-0198, 02-G-0199, 09-E-0717, 09-G-0718, 15-E-0285,
15-G-0286, 19-E-0380, 19-G-0381, 22-E-0319, and 22-G-0320 - Rochester Gas
and Electric Corporation's Annual Report of its Economic Development Plan for
2025

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation ("RG&E" or the "Company") respectfully submits its Annual Report of its Economic Development Plan for 2025. This report of annual incentives incorporates prior applicable State of New York Public Service Commission ("NYPSC" or the "Commission") Orders addressing RG&E's economic development programs.¹

The Commission's Order Modifying and Approving Economic Development Plan in Part and Providing For Further Procedures, issued and effective June 2, 2004 in Case Nos. 02-E-0198 and 02-G-0199 (the "June Order"), provided the Guidelines for the Economic Development Reports in Appendix A of the June Order. The Company's current Joint Proposal continues the Company's ability to manage economic programs and expenditures in the same manner.

Electric

In reviewing the economic development activity for 2025 electric programs, the Company is providing its review of the Non-Rate Assistance Programs, Excelsior Jobs incentive program and the Flex Rate Contracts for 2025.

¹ The Company's Joint Proposal adopted by the Commission in its Order Adopting Joint Proposal, issued October 12, 2023 in Cases 22-E-0319 and 22-G-0320 includes economic development annual funding (beginning May 1, 2023) in the RG&E delivery revenue requirement of \$4 million for electric.

Non-Rate Assistance

The Non-Rate Program progress and activity report is included in Attachment A. It should be noted that these statistics reflect projects at different stages of completion. Consequently, for a multi-year project, a portion of RG&E assistance may have been either initiated or completed in 2025 and the amounts stated do not reflect the total amount of assistance.

In 2025, 42 applications were processed for grant assistance under RG&E's non-rate assistance programs. Approximately \$3.1 million in RG&E assistance will contribute to approximately \$94.8 million in capital investment and approximately 16,895 kilowatts of expected new electric load. Individual projects are monitored through RG&E's application process to ensure achievement of program eligibility requirements.

In addition to the above benefits, the applicants have reported that these investments will create or retain approximately 1,448 jobs. It is noted that although job numbers were identified by applicants during the application process, achievement of employment targets is not a requirement for eligibility under RG&E's non-rate assistance programs. Therefore, job verification is not performed by RG&E.

Flex Rate Contracts

During 2025, there were no Flex Rate Contracts in effect.

Rate Incentives

No customers received Excelsior Jobs rate incentives in 2025.

Economic Development Pilot Program for Heat Pumps for Non-Residential Sector – New Program

The Non-Residential Geothermal and Air Source Heat Pump Pilot Program provides one-time grant assistance to existing or new commercial, industrial, and municipal/public authority customers in designated natural gas capacity constrained areas or targeted gas load reduction areas. Air source and geothermal heat pump systems that meet or exceed energy efficiency baseline and technical requirements would be funded through this program. Funding for this program would be provided from economic development reserve funds. In 2025, the Company has not provided any awards to date.

ROC the Riverway Project Activity

1. Status of the Roc the Riverway Project

The ROC the Riverway program consolidates more than two dozen transformational projects along the Genesee River into a unified strategy. This will enable Rochester to better leverage the value of its riverfront. The program includes a variety of projects, such as the completion of the Genesee Riverway Trail along the riverfront through the Center City, and a redesign of Austin Steward Plaza and Genesee Crossroads Park. The plan also envisions significant upgrades to major riverfront facilities, including the Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial, the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, and the Rundel Memorial Library building along with Austin Steward Plaza.

Revitalizing the Genesee River corridor will help fuel the local economy. ROC the Riverway is intended to serve as a substantial catalyst in attracting new jobs and solidifying Rochester's identity as a vibrant waterfront community. Cities around the world have discovered the power of great public spaces, bicycle/pedestrian-focused infrastructure, and water-oriented development in attracting employers and the next generation workforce.

Overall, the renovation of Austin Steward Plaza- the western riverfront link between Main Street and Andrews Street - will reinvigorate this critical public space by improving access, safety, connectivity, and programming opportunities. Improvements will include improved lighting, greenspace, and views of the river. It will create ADA-accessible connections between Main Street, Andrews Street, State Street, and St. Paul Street as well as via the Sister Cities Bridge (for non-motorized uses). Numerous walls that block views and create the perception of unsafe spaces will be removed along with overall Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) elements.

Austin Steward Plaza – Phase One, which focused on renovation and upgrades to the Sister Cities Bridge and Genesee River railing, and Phase Two, which included the holistic plaza reconstruction and related renovations to the Genesee Crossroads Parking Garage, are now complete.. The construction of the *Austin Steward Plaza - State Street Connection* Project, which is the third phase in this project is intended to create an east/west fully-accessible multimodal connection between State Street and the Genesee Riverway Trail at Austin Steward Plaza, was completed in 2025.

Note: This public space, and multi-phased project, was previously named Charles Carroll Plaza. In July 2024 the Charles Carroll Plaza was renamed and dedicated as the **Austin Steward Plaza**. Austin Steward was one of Rochester's first prominent Black business owners, an entrepreneur who not only gained freedom from slavery, but opened a successful business, operated the first school for black children in Rochester, and wrote his memoir, "22 Years a Slave and 40 Years a Freeman."

2. *Charles Carroll Plaza – State Street Connection*

a. Project description

The *Charles Carroll Plaza – State Street Connection* Project includes the design and construction of a new, fully-accessible non-motorized multimodal connection between State Street and the Genesee Riverway Trail at Charles Carroll Plaza. The current connection to State Street is constrained by a series of stairs and walls, which prevents ADA-access and does not serve bicyclists. The proposed project will eliminate the stairs and walls, creating a fully-accessible, highly-visible connection and entrance at State Street with enhanced lighting and gateway features . The proposed project is an integral component of ROC the Riverway, helping to link many major recent and forthcoming investments. When complete, all users will be able to travel directly from State Street through the newly-renovated Charles Carroll Plaza, across the re-designed Sister Cities Bridge, to Genesee Crossroads Park on the east side of the Genesee River where the users can access St. Paul Street and points beyond. State Street and St. Paul Street are also primary connectors to the proposed High Falls State Park.

The State Street Construction Project was publically bid for construction in Spring 2024. Keeler Construction Co. was the low bidder for the project and the City entered into a contract with Keeler in June 2024 to perform the work. Construction on this project began in 2024.

Of the funding provided by RG&E, \$873,941.36 has been spent towards design and construction oversight. The balance of \$124,120.90 is all encumbered in contracts, contractor final payment in the amount of \$81,071.44 was sent to accounting on 10/26/25 and has been on hold by compliance. \$27,324.22 remains in the design contract with TY LIN, and \$15,725.24 remains in the construction management agreement. Final invoices for construction management have been received. Construction and construction management are complete. Design work is being finalize and is anticipated to be completed by 4/1/26. Design and construction management contracts will be left open throughout the two year warranty period which ends June 10, 2027.

The *Charles Carroll Plaza – State Street Connection* Project will provide a new, fully-accessible multimodal connection between State Street and the Genesee Riverway Trail at Charles Carroll Plaza and will include public safety improvements. This project will not only connect the Riverway Trail and Charles Carroll Plaza to State Street but will also fill the last accessibility gap in a downtown pedestrian travel route, connecting eastern points such as the RTS Transit Center with destinations on the west side of downtown, such as City Hall.

fairlife Project Activity

Construction of the fairlife Webster greenfield facility continues to track to overall schedule. Utility systems were commissioned Q2 & Q3 of 2025. RGE Power feed to the site was energized July 31st. Process and packaging systems are progressing through commissioning and approvals with state agencies through Q4 2025 and Q1 2026. Contracts for milk supply,

ingredients, and operations support services are in place. Production ramp up is on track for H1 2026.

Recruitment and training of senior site leadership is complete. Over 300 people are employed to assist with completion of commissioning activities and, ultimately, operate and maintain the facility.

Gas

In reviewing the economic development activity for 2025 gas programs, the Company is providing its review of the Non-Rate Assistance Programs and Excelsior Jobs incentive program Contracts for 2025.

Non-Rate Assistance

During 2025, there was no grant assistance under RG&E's gas non-rate assistance program.

Rate Incentives

No customers received Excelsior Jobs rate incentives in 2025.

Conclusion

Electric

In summary, the following chart provides the total dollars for the calendar year 2025 attributed to electric non-rate program assistance and Excelsior Jobs rate discounts.

Incentive Type (Electric)	2025 Incentive Amount
Excelsior Jobs	\$0
Flex Rates	\$0
Non-Rate Program	\$3,084,800
Heat Pump Pilot Program	\$0
Total	\$3,084,800

Gas

The chart below indicates the total dollars for the calendar year 2025 attributed to RG&E's Gas non-rate program assistance and Excelsior Jobs rate discounts .

Incentive Type (Gas)	2025 Incentive Amount
Excelsior Jobs	\$0
Non-Rate Program	\$0
Total	\$0

Please direct any questions pertaining to this filing to Joe Sayre, Manager – Economic Development at joseph_sayre@rge.com.

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Attachments