## STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- CASE 24-E-0060 Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. for Electric Service.
- CASE 24-G-0061 Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. for Gas Service.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCING IN-PERSON PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued May 23, 2024)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that public comment is invited concerning proposed changes in the electric and gas delivery rates and practices of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the Company).

The Company filed amendments to its electric and gas tariff schedules on January 26, 2024, proposing to increase its annual electric and gas delivery revenues effective January 1, 2025. More specifically, the Company seeks to increase its electric delivery revenues by approximately \$18.1 million (7.3% increase in base delivery revenues or a 3.7% increase in total revenues) and its gas delivery revenues by approximately \$14.4 million (11.0% increase in base delivery revenues or a 6.3% increase in total revenues). These increases would result in total monthly bill increases for the average residential customer of approximately \$8.81 (6%) for electric and \$12.73 for gas (8%). The Company states that the proposed increases will enable it to, among other things, make necessary investments in critical energy infrastructure, adequately compensate its employees, and develop and implement initiatives that advance

the goals of New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

The Company's pre-filed testimony and exhibits in these proceedings may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service website, <a href="www.dps.ny.gov">www.dps.ny.gov</a>, by clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files") and entering "24-E-0060" or "24-G-0061" in the box labelled "Search by Case Number."

Under New York State law, the Public Service

Commission (Commission) must consider a utility's rate proposal and may adopt or reject it, in whole or in part, or modify it. In doing so, the Commission will consider changes proposed by the participating parties and the public. Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) are presiding over the gathering of public comments and all evidence relating to these proceedings. As indicated in this Notice, public statement hearings will be held to obtain comments from the public concerning the Company's proposals.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that in-person public statement hearings will be held on:

DATE: June 17, 2024

TIMES: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Middletown City Hall

16 James Street

Middletown, New York 10940

DATE: June 18, 2024

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Allison-Parris County Government Building

11 New Hempstead Road New City, New York 10956

Those wishing to comment on any aspect of these proceedings will have the opportunity to make a statement on the

record before the ALJs. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or present written material to speak at a hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. Each public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of thirty minutes and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of each public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518)474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at (800)342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this Notice.

## Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 24-E-0060 - O&R" or "Case 24-G-0061 - O&R." All comments must be received by November 29, 2024, and may be submitted as follows:

Internet or Mail: Go to <a href="www.dps.ny.gov">www.dps.ny.gov</a>, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "24-E-0060" or "24-G-0061" in the box labelled "Search by Case Number," and then click on "Post Comments" located at the top right of the page.1

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Electronic filing is strongly encouraged.

Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case numbers, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive comments about pending cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary