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Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

On May 26, 2022, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) (collectively the Companies/Utility) requested that the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) approve proposed changes to annual electric and natural gas delivery rates and practices, to be effective May 1, 2023. Under New York State law, the Commission must consider a utility's proposal and may adopt or reject it, in whole or in part, or modify it.

An electric or gas bill consists of two parts: a supply charge and a delivery charge. Through the *supply* charge, the utility recovers the cost of the electric or gas commodity. The cost of the commodity is determined by the competitive marketplace and is not set by the Commission or the utility. Through the *delivery* charge, the utility recovers the cost to transport electricity or gas to customers through the utility's delivery system. The delivery charge is regulated by the Commission.

NYSEG is proposing to increase its electric delivery revenue by approximately \$274 million (a 31 percent increase in base delivery revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenue by approximately \$43.4 million (a 19 percent increase in base delivery revenues). RG&E is proposing to increase its electric delivery revenue by approximately \$93.8 million (a 19 percent increase in base delivery revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenue by approximately \$37.7 million (a 20.9 percent increase in base delivery revenues).

To ensure full public participation, the Commission will hold a series of virtual public statement hearings on September 15, September 28, and October 18, 2022, to solicit input and comments from your community regarding the proposals. The enclosed announcement provides detailed information on how to participate in the public statement hearings and how to submit comment about the Companies' proposals. Information about the filing can be found at www.dps.ny.gov. From the homepage, click on "Search," and enter the associated case number (22-E-0317, 22-G-0318, 22-E-0319, or 22-G-0320) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

I would appreciate your assistance with informing your constituents about the public statement hearings and encouraging them to provide comments. It is the Commission's intent to facilitate and encourage active and meaningful participation throughout all its proceedings. We hope you will consider joining us.

Regards,

John B. Auricchio, Acting Director
Office of Consumer Services