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Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

In May 2019, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) requested that the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) approve proposed increases in their electric and gas rates to take effect in April 2020. NYSEG and RG&E (collectively, the Companies) serve approximately 1,786,000 customers in 46 counties in upstate and western New York.

I am writing to inform you that the Commission has scheduled public statement hearings to gather public input on Companies' proposal. The hearings are open to the public who wish to participate and comment. The public comments received at these hearings will be considered by the Commission in deciding this case. The enclosed fact sheet provides detailed information on how to participate in the public statement hearings as well as the available options to submit comments on the proceedings.

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 of its proceedings. We hope you will consider joining us at one of these hearings.

Sincerely,

**John B. Auricchio**  
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