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August 27, 2007

Gregory W. Townsend, Legislator
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RE: Case 07-E-0949, Proceeding as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. for Electric Service

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 2007 to Public Service Commission Chairwoman Patricia Acampora. Chairwoman Acampora has forwarded your letter to me for response, as I am one of the Public Service Commission administrative law judges presiding over this proceeding concerning the electric rates of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (Orange and Rockland).

I appreciate your expressions of concern about the proposed rate increase and the impact on the utility bills of homeowners and your constituents. These concerns will be among the important issues under consideration in the course of this rate proceeding.

Your letter will be added to the official public record in this proceeding, and will be among the documents considered by the Commission in making its final determination. Thank you very much for your participation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle L. Phillips'.

Michelle L. Phillips
Administrative Law Judge

cc: Chairwoman Patricia Acampora
Administrative Law Judge Eleanor Stein