

STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

January 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Major Revenue Increase for Rate Year Ending December 31, 2025  
Case Nos.: 24-E-0060 and 24-G-0061  
Utility: **Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.**  
Date Filed: January 26, 2024                      Final Suspension Date: December 30, 2024

**Electric Service**

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R or the Company) is requesting an increase in annual electric delivery revenues of approximately \$18.1 million (7.3 percent increase in delivery revenue, or 3.7 percent increase in total revenues), for the rate year ending December 31, 2025. The requested increase in electric delivery revenues result in a monthly bill increase of \$8.81 (9.3 percent increase on the delivery bill, 6.0 percent increase on the total bill) for a residential customer using 600 kWh per month. O&R's typical electric residential customer uses 550 kWh per month and would experience a monthly bill increase of \$8.26 (9.3 percent increase on the delivery bill, 6.0 percent increase on the total bill).

The Company's filing explains the need for investments designed to improve the Company's ability to provide safe and reliable service, increase its resiliency and storm hardening efforts in anticipation of extreme weather events, address increases in electric usage and support beneficial electrification, expand on grid modernization, increase distributed energy resources, develop large-scale renewables with the incorporation of a solar project to assist with the funding of the Company's Energy Assistance Program, increase storage to support grid operations, and make progress towards the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) goals.

**Gas Service**

O&R is requesting an increase in annual gas delivery revenues of approximately \$14.4 million (11.0 percent increase in delivery revenues, or 6.3 percent increase in total revenues), for the rate year ending December 31, 2025. The requested increase in gas delivery revenues result in a monthly bill increase of \$12.73 (11.9 percent increase on the delivery bill, 8.1 percent increase on total bill) for a residential gas heating customer using 100 ccf per month.

The Company explains its filing is being made to maintain a safe and reliable gas system while taking steps towards decarbonization and gas reduction usage in furtherance of goals established by the CLCPA. The Company plans to replace 20 miles of leak-prone bare steel and aldy plastic pipe geared towards increasing the reliability of its gas delivery system while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Company seeks to install an additional 30,000 natural gas detectors throughout its service territory and proposes to shorten the depreciation service lives of its major gas assets to better align with New York State's clean energy goals.

Rate cases are a primary instrument of government regulation of these industries. Interested persons may intervene and become parties in a utility company's rate case. Typical intervenors include: industrial, commercial and other large-scale users of electricity; public interest groups; representatives of residential, low-income and elderly customers; local municipal officials; and, dedicated advocacy groups. The applicable legal requirements require the Public Service Commission (PSC) to render a decision within 11 months after a major rate case is filed. Rate cases proceed in an entirely public and open process.