

Orange and Rockland Utilities Gas Rate Proposal

The New York Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking public comment on the proposal by Orange and Rockland Utilities (Orange and Rockland) to increase rates by approximately \$17.8 million annually for gas delivery service. Approximately \$5.3 million of the proposed increase would be offset due primarily to the expiration of a temporary surcharge, resulting in a net increase of \$12.5 million, or approximately \$103 for residential gas heating customers with average usage, an increase in gas delivery revenue of approximately 13.6%. The increases would become effective on November 1, 2009.

A summary of the case is available in the case [fact sheet](#) or you can access the 08-G-1398 [case file](#) for case-related documents.

PSC Seeks Public Comment on the Proposal

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 adopt changes not proposed by the Company. An Administrative Law Judge is presiding over the gathering of public comment and all evidence relating to the proposal.

Interested members of the public are invited to comment on the Company's proposal. All comments submitted via one of the methods described below should be submitted not later than **July 30, 2009**. All public comments received by the Commission will be placed in the official case file and subject to public inspection.

Ways to Comment

Written Comments:

Comments may be mailed to Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to "Case 08-G-1398, Orange and Rockland Utilities - Gas Rates."

Internet:

Comments may also be submitted via the internet using the [Case comment form](#). Many libraries offer free Internet access.

Toll-free Opinion Line:

Comments may also be submitted through the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is designed to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments.

Next Steps

Taking into account all public comments, the Judge and the Commission's Advisory Staff will prepare further recommendations. The Commission will formally consider the case at one or more regularly scheduled public meetings. Following its discussion and deliberations at such meetings, the Commission will issue a written order.