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Honorable Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor PO Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

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Re: In the Matter of the 2015/2016 Annual Compliance Filings for the Universal Service Fund ("USF") Program Factor within the Societal Benefits Charge Rate – Docket No. ER15060732

## Dear Secretary Asbury:

Rockland Electric Company ("RECO") hereby submits for filing an original and ten copies of 10th Revised Leaf No. 56 of its Schedule for Electric Service B.P.U. No. 3 – Electricity. This tariff leaf is issued September 25, 2015 to become effective October 1, 2015.

This filing is made in compliance with the Board's actions at its September 11th agenda meeting, which approved the electric Universal Service Fund ("USF") program and Lifeline factors effective October 1, 2015, as shown below.

## Rates Effective October 1, 2015 (¢/kWh)

	<b>Excluding SUT</b>	<b>Including SUT</b>
USF	0.2086	0.2232
Lifeline	0.0677	0.0724

The above USF and Lifeline factors are included in RECO's Societal Benefits Charge ("SBC"). The changes in USF and Lifeline factors result in a total RECO SBC of 0.5143 cents per kWh, excluding SUT, and 0.5503 cents per kWh, including SUT.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Cheryl Ruggiero at (212) 460-3189 or at the address listed above.

Very truly yours,

William A. Atzl, Jr.

Director - Rate Engineering

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## No. 33 SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE ("SBC")

The SBC shall be applied to the kWh usage on the bills of all customers served under this Schedule. The SBC shall include costs, including current costs and any refund or recovery of prior period over- or under-collection balances, related to:

- (1) demand-side management ("DSM"), including the costs associated with DSM programs and DSM bidding programs;
- (2) Clean Energy Program, ("CEP"); and
- (3) Universal Service Fund and Lifeline.

The SBC to be effective on and after the date indicated below shall be set at 0.5503 cents per kWh, including sales and use tax ("SUT"). The SBC includes the following rate components:

	SBC Rate Components (¢ per kWh)	
	Excluding SUT	Including SUT
DSM & CEP	0.2380	0.2547
Universal Service Fund	0.2086	0.2232
Lifeline	0.0677	0.0724
Total SBC	0.5143	0.5503

The difference between actual costs incurred by the Company for the SBC components described above and SBC recoveries will be deferred, with interest, for future recovery in accordance with the Company's Plan for Resolution of Proceedings approved by the Board in its Summary Order dated July 28, 1999 and Final Order dated July 22, 2002 in Docket Nos. EO97070464, EO97070465 and EO97070466.

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ISSUED:

September 23, 2015

EFFECTIVE:

October 1, 2015

ISSUED BY:

Timothy Cawley, President Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 Filed pursuant to Order of the Board of Public Utilities, State of New Jersey, dated September 11, 2015 in Docket No. ER15060732.