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STATEMENT OF STANDBY SALES SERVICE RATE

Effective With Usage During Billing Period Commencing January 1, 2003
 Applicable to Usage Under Service Classification No. 12
 NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION
 P.S.C. No. 8 - GAS

I) <u>Summary of Maximum and Minimum Allowable Prices</u>	<u>\$ Per Ccf</u>
1. Maximum Allowable Price	
<u>Demand Charge</u>	
Demand Gas Cost	\$0.139880
Multiplied by Premium Factor	<u>125%</u>
Demand Charge	<u>\$0.174850</u>
<u>Commodity Charge</u>	
Monthly Gas Cost	\$0.629800
Plus: Base Reserve Capacity Cost	\$0.014180
Plus: Delivery Adjustment Charge	<u>\$0.003120</u>
Subtotal	\$0.647100
Less: Net Demand Gas Cost	\$0.139880
Less: Transition Cost	<u>\$0.000000</u>
Commodity Gas Cost	\$0.507220
Multiplied by Premium Factor	<u>125%</u>
Commodity Charge	<u>\$0.634025</u>

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I)	<u>Summary of Maximum and Minimum Allowable Price (Cont.)</u>	<u>\$ Per Ccf</u>
2.	Minimum Allowable Price	
	Commodity Gas Cost	\$0.507220
	Plus:	<u>\$0.010000</u>
	TOTAL MINIMUM	<u><u>\$0.517220</u></u>

II) Statement of Billing Rates in Effect

Pursuant to Service Classification No. 12 of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's P.S.C. No. 8 - Gas tariff, and the maximum allowable and minimum allowable rates identified above, the Company establishes the following S.C. 12 Standby Sales Service Rates ("SBSSR") effective January 1, 2003. The rates listed below are in addition to the appropriate transportation service rate charged to the customer for the volumes of gas purchased by the customer under this service classification.

SBSSR(1) - Default RateQualifications

Transportation service customers who have contracted for S.C. 12 standby sales service for the month

Rate

The default S.C. 12 SBSS rates shall be the maximum allowable prices.

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II) Statement of Billing Rates in Effect (Cont.)

SBSSR(2) - Short Term Transitional Standby Rate

Qualifications

Transportation service customers under a former P.S.C. No. 7 - Gas S.C. 12 or S.C. 15 transportation service agreement in effect as of September 19, 1995.

Rate

The Short Term Transitional Standby rates shall be the Maximum Allowable Prices.

Monthly Demand Volume

The Short Term Transitional Standby Monthly Demand Volumes shall equal the total S.C. 13 volumes transported by the customer during the billing month.

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