..DID: 15763 ..TXT: PSC NO: 218 GAS LEAF: 197.6 COMPANY: NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION REVISION: 7 INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/01/01 SUPERSEDING REVISION: 5 STAMPS: Issued in Compliance with Order of PSC in C. 99-M-0631 dated 05/18/01. RECEIVED: 05/31/01 STATUS: Effective EFFECTIVE: 06/01/01 SERVICE CLASSIFICATION NO. 11 LOAD AGGREGATION (continued)

Alternative Billing Arrangements

Billing and Payment Practices:

- All customers participating in the Company's Supplier Select Program are eligible to choose dual or consolidated billing and payment processes in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Uniform Business Practices specified in Appendix A of the "Order Establishing Uniform Retail Access Billing and Payment Processing Practices" in Case Nos. 99-M-0631 and 98-M-1343, issued and effective May 18, 2001 as may be modified by the Commission from time to time. The Uniform Billing Practices can be found on the Public Service Commission's website at <u>www.dps.state.ny.ubr.htm</u>.
 - a. The consolidated billing and payment processes set forth in the Commission*s Uniform Business Practices referenced in Rule 1 will not become effective until Electronic Data Interchange is operational.
 - b. The terms and conditions of existing Billing Service Agreements with Marketers for Consolidated Billing provided by the Company will supersede the Order referenced in Rule 1 and will remain in effect until the date of termination or either party exercises any option to terminate or modify the agreement.
 - c. The Company and Marketer are allowed to agree to other practices to the extent allowed by statute, regulation or Commission Order and to the extent consistent with electronic data interchange protocols. Mutually acceptable practices will be set forth in individual billing Service Agreements with each Marketer.
- 2. Billing Charges and Billing Backout Credit:
 - a. If the Company issues a consolidated bill on behalf of a Marketer the Company will charge the Marketer a fee of \$.50 for each bill.
 - b. If the Company issues a consolidated bill on behalf of a Marketer/ESCo for both electric and gas services the Company will charge the Marketer a fee of \$.53 for each bill generated.
 - c. A gas only customer who chooses to receive a consolidated bill from a Marketer will receive a billing backout credit of \$.53 per month per account on the Company*s portion of the consolidated bill.

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