



March 31, 2014

Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary
New York State Department of Public Service
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Albany, New York 12223-1350

Dear Secretary Burgess:

In accordance with Section 720-2 *et al.* of the Commission's Regulations, 16 NYCRR § 720-2 *et al.*, Niagara Mohawk Power Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") hereby submits the following tariff leaf to become effective June 1, 2014:

Second Revised Leaf No. 48
To Schedule for Gas, P.S.C. No. 219-GAS

The purpose of this filing is housekeeping in nature and seeks to remove outdoor gas lighting provisions.

Section 4.11 "Outdoor Gas Lights" is based on Commission policy to discourage the unnecessary use of gas during the gas shortages of the 1970s. These provisions are outdated and unnecessary and should be removed from the tariff.

The Commission prohibited the use of outdoor gas lights (unless a "mantle" was installed to convert the gas to "useful lighting") in a January 30, 1973 order in Case No. 25766.¹ This docket was a continuing docket beginning with the Commission's October 19, 1971 order in Case 25766 "Restrictions on Attachments of New Gas Customers" that set forth gas service restrictions in response to the gas shortage crisis that was occurring during the early 1970s. The Commission does not appear to have revisited the outdoor gas light prohibition on a generic basis, but indicated it may in the future consider removal of such restrictions on a case-by-case basis. Several gas distribution utilities, such as Consolidated Edison, KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid, and National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, no longer have these types of outdoor gas lighting provisions in their gas service tariffs. The Company respectfully submits that these provisions are outdated, have become obsolete. NMPC should be permitted to remove them from its tariff.

¹ The January 30, 1973 Order is not available on-line, but is described in *In the Matter of Leroy Fantasies, Inc., et al.*, 44 A.D.2d 266 (N.Y. App. Div. 1974). See also, *Torch Lights Turned Off By PSC*, TIMES RECORD (TROY), Feb. 1, 1973, at 8 (news article describing the PSC's January 30, 1973 Order and quoting the PSC as commenting that "Natural gas used for decorative torches is a wasteful use of a scarce natural resource currently in short supply and should be prohibited.").

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Waiver of the newspaper publication requirement of PSL § 66-12 and 16 NYCRR § 720.8 is requested for this filing.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this letter or the enclosure.

Very truly yours,

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