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NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

*10 Lafayette Square
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January 15, 2003

Hon. Janet H. Deixler
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12123-1350

Re: Case No. 02-G-0858 - Partnership for Distributed Generation
Pilot Program by National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

Dear Secretary Deixler:

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or the "Company")
submits the following amendment to its tariff, P.S.C. No. 8 - GAS:

Supplement No. 9

The proposed revision is issued as of today for an effective date of February 15, 2003. The Company requests that the Supplement be given "short notice" effective January 31, 2003 to the extent necessary.

Explanation of Filing

On June 21, 2002, Distribution submitted tariff amendments proposing a "Partnership for Distributed Generation" pilot program. On September 12, 2002 and at the request of Staff, Distribution filed an amendment postponing the filing for sixty days. On November 24, 2000 Distribution filed an amendment further postponing the proposed tariff amendments until December 24, 2002 to comply with Commission's order issued and effective November 19, 2002. On December 5, 2002 Distribution again filed an amendment further postponing the proposed tariff amendments until February 1, 2003. Staff has requested that the filing be further postponed. Thus, the sole purpose of this filing is to further postpone the proposed tariff amendments until March 22, 2003.

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Newspaper Publication

The Company has met the requirement for newspaper publication and provided proof of the proposed service by letter to the Commission dated November 8, 2002.

S.A.P.A.

A S.A.P.A. notice was submitted with the original filing dated June 21, 2002 and published in the **New York State Register** on July 17, 2002.

Company Contact

For questions relating to this filing, please contact the undersigned or Eric Meinl at (716) 857-7000.

Conclusion

Distribution requests that the Commission accept the instant filing for a "short notice" effective date of January 31, 2003, as recommended by Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Reville