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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
March 30, 2001

Honorable Janet Hand Deixler
Secretary
State of New York
Public Service Commission
Three Empire Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Deixler:

Attached for filing in accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York is the following Tariff Leaf:

Sixth Revised Leaf No. 196

To P.S.C. No. 218 Gas

Effective: April 29, 2001

On July 31, 2000, the Company filed its compliance filing in Case 99-G-0336. Leaf 196 of that compliance filing provided for true up of actual usage to nominations by billing cycle for monthly metered customers. This provision was required by Appendix E, Schedule 1 of the Company's Gas Rate and Restructuring Settlement Agreement in Case 99-G-0336.

The tariff leaf filed herein is filed solely to clarify that the rate at which the differences between actual usage and nominations will be priced is equal to Gas Daily DTI North Point/Mid Point, plus DTI fuel, plus DTI's Commodity Charge. The previous leaf had indicated that the true ups would be cashed up at Commodity Cost of Gas. This change is considered a housekeeping change in that all other cashouts conducted by the Company are now priced at the effective Gas Daily DTI North Point Rate. The Company has also clarified that this process will be effective September 1, 2000 rather than "after consideration of necessary Information Technology programming changes".

Please advise the undersigned of any actions taken on this filing. I can be reached at 315-428-5692.

Sincerely,

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Manager Gas Rates

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