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NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

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Buffalo, NY 14203

August 19, 1999

Hon. Debra Renner
Acting Secretary
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12123-1350

Dear Secretary Renner:

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

Leaf No. 3	Revision 5
Leaf No. 156.1	Revision 0
Leaf No. 156.2	Revision 0
Leaf No. 156.3	Revision 0
Leaf No. 156.4	Revision 0
Leaf No. 156.5	Revision 0

The proposed revisions are issued as of today for an effective date of November 1, 1999.

Description of Proposed Amendments: Background

The proposed new service classification, Elderly, Blind or Disabled Payment-Troubled Residential Assistance Service, is created as a subset of the Company's low income residential assistance ("LIRA") service. A limited number of eligible elderly, blind or disabled ("EBD") customers will receive the benefits similar to those currently being provided to participants by the existing LIRA program. This new service classification is designed to assist in the reduction of arrearages and to help ease the participants' financial burden.

This rate schedule is limited in nature and shall expire automatically when funding (for reduction in rates, conservation credits and arrearage forgiveness) in the aggregate amount of \$400,000 has been exhausted, unless the Company voluntarily extends the program to a later date. At the expiration of this experimental rate schedule, customers will revert to the otherwise appropriate rate schedule.

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Newspaper Publication

The Company requests waiver of newspaper publication on the grounds that it would be an unnecessary expense. The Company will provide notice of the proposed service through its outreach activities and in cooperation with Commission Staff and community-based social service organizations, throughout the service territory. Therefore, newspaper publication would not be in the public interest.

S.A.P.A.

A S.A.P.A. notice is required and has been included.

Company Contact

For questions and correspondence relating to this filing, please contact the undersigned at 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York, 14203, (716) 857-7325.

Conclusion

Accordingly, please accept this filing which would amend National Fuel's tariff to adopt a new service classification for these customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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