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National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation  
10 Lafayette Square  
Buffalo, NY 14203

June 28, 1999

Hon. Debra Renner, Acting Secretary  
New York State Department of Public Service  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Acting Secretary Renner:

Enclosed is an electronic version of Gas Adjustment Statement No. 16 applicable to Service Classification Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of our Rate Schedule P.S.C. No. 8 - Gas. The Gas Adjustment Statement No. 16 will be effective commencing with gas used on or after July 1, 1999.

The estimated amount related to surcharges and credits included in Statement No. 16 is \$24,000 based on estimated July 1999 sales of 16,296,000 Ccf. The estimated effect on revenue, exclusive of surcharges and credits, is a decrease of \$6,889,900 on an annual basis.

The surcharge calculation for May 1999 in accordance with the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism described in General Information Leaf Nos. 87 and 88 of P.S.C. No. 8 is included. Surcharge reconciliation for April 1999 is also included. The unit surcharge of \$0.0049/Mcf is applicable for July 1, 1999 through July 31, 1999.

The annual Take-Or-Pay Reconciliation for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999 results in a \$0.0017/Mcf refund applicable for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

In addition, Customer Balancing and Aggregation Statement No. 16, Deficiency Imbalance Sales Service Rate Statement No. 16, Demand Transfer Recovery Rate Statement No. 16, Gas Transportation Statement No. 16, Natural Gas Vehicle Statement No. 16, Standby Sales Service Rate Statement No. 16, Transportation Sales Service Rate Statement No. 16, Upstream Pipeline Weighted Average Capacity Cost Statement No. 16, Revenue Credit Statement No. 9 and Reliability Capacity Cost Statement No. 5 are included.

This statement is filed in compliance with 16 NYCRR, Section 270.55. Information pertaining to section 270.55d(7) will be delivered under separate cover letter.

In connection with this filing, the Company is also required to submit information that contains trade secrets. Accordingly, the Company has filed the required information with the Department Records Access Officer, together with a request for trade secret protection under the Commission's regulation. The instant filing includes redacted copies of the documents submitted to the Department Records Access Officer. The information for which trade secret protection has been requested is deleted. Copies of the same documents, with the redacted sections shaded (but legible) for identification, are being submitted to the Department Records Access Office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Ronald J. Grabowski  
General Manager, Valuation

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