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February 9, 1999

Honorable Debra Renner, Acting Secretary  
State of New York  
Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Acting Secretary Renner:

The attached tariff leaves and supplement, issued by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation ("Company"), are being transmitted for filing in accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission, State of New York:

Third Revised Leaf No. 7  
Third Revised Leaf No. 19  
Second Revised Leaf No. 29  
Third Revised Leaf No. 61  
Third Revised Leaf No. 72  
Fourth Revised Leaf No. 82

Supplement No. 3

To PSC No. 214 Electricity

Effective: February 12, 1999

The purpose of this filing is to cancel Supplement No. 2 under authority of Order in Case No. 98-E-1294 issued and effective November 24, 1998 which has suspended the effective dates of the leaves that were filed September 11, 1998 proposing to amend tariff language to conform to the billing specifications of the Company's new billing system, Customer Service System (CSS). This Order authorized Niagara Mohawk to file supplements on not less than one day's notice to become effective when the CSS system is operational, canceling the postponement of the supplement previously filed with the Commission. It has been decided that the Company will convert to the CSS system effective February 12, 1999. This filing makes effective the tariff amendments specifically designed for CSS.

The above leaves which were included in this filing, have been revised to further conform to the billing specifications of CSS to become effective on not less than one days notice from the issue date of this filing.

The tariff amendments included with this filing are specifically intended to conform with the requirements of the CSS. These amendments will become effective February 12, 1999 and subject to meter readings on this day for accounts in billing cycle number eleven for February. The actual conversion from the existing billing system to CSS will occur over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14, respectively. As with any major project of this type, the situation may occur that the conversion's completion could be canceled due to unforeseen problems or any other unknown circumstances that arise during conversion weekend. If this situation occurs

the Company may be required to cease the CSS conversion and revert to the current billing system for production billing until CSS related issues are resolved. Under this circumstance the tariff amendments included with this filing that became effective February 12 would not be, in some cases, the tariff conditions which apply to the current billing system. The Company proposes that if these situations occur that it: 1) be able to resume using the tariff conditions associated with the current billing system over the weekend and on Monday, February 15, 1999; and 2) this immediate filing be withdrawn on Tuesday, February 16, 1999, and previous prices and tariff conditions be reinstated. The Company would submit to the Commission the appropriate documentation to immediately announce the reversal of the conversion decision and the request to reinstate the previously existing tariff amendments. Once a new CSS conversion date is established the Company would resubmit the CSS related tariff amendments to become effective at that point in time.

Also, as recommended in Ordering Clause No. 3 of the above referenced Order, the requirements of Section 66(12) of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication has been waived.

Please advise the undersigned of any further action regarding this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

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