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## NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

March 10, 2000

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

Dear Acting Secretary Renner:

Attached for filing in accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York are the following tariff leaves:

Fifth Revised Leaf No. 154
Original Leaf No. 154.1
First Revised Leaf No. 155
Third Revised Leaf No. 162
Second Revised Leaf No. 169
Fourth Revised Leaf No. 170
Third Revised Leaf No. 206

To P.S.C. No. 218 Gas

Effective: June 22, 2000

The Company is filing the above tariff leaves in order to require that customers who do not have a supplier of natural gas for a period of more than 30 days will be returned to sales service and be subject to the term provisions of the applicable sales service classifications.

The Company is requesting this modification due to the existence of 10 stand-alone customers who have not had a supplier of commodity for periods ranging from three months to twenty months and are therefore subject to an underdelivery cashout each month for 100 percent of their consumption. The underdelivery cashout then results in penalties to these customers of up to 40%.

The Company requests waiver of newspaper publication of the proposed changes required by 16 NYCRR 720-8.1 as the affected customers have been notified individually.

Questions regarding this filing can be addressed to Marcia Collier on 315-428-5692. Please advise the undersigned of any action taken in regard to this filing.

Sincerely,

Marcia G. Collier Manager Gas Rates