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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
A **National Grid** Company
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October 4, 2002

Honorable Janet Hand Deixler, Secretary
State of New York
Public Service Commission
Office of the Secretary, 19th Floor
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

RE: Case No. 02-G-0952

Dear Secretary Deixler:

The enclosed postponement supplement, issued by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, is transmitted for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

Supplement No. 50

To P.S.C. No. 218 Gas

Effective: November 3, 2002

The purpose of this filing is to request postponement of the Company's filing submitted to the Public Service Commission on July 24, 2002 and September 23, 2002 proposing to implement Minimum Storage Inventory Levels applicable to Gas Marketers providing Monthly Balancing Service under Service Classification 11 of PSC 218 Gas.

Staff of the Public Service Commission has verbally requested a postponement of the current effective date of October 24, 2002 to allow additional time for their review and discussion of the Company's proposal. The Company has agreed to the extension of the current effective date of these leaves to November 23, 2002.

The Company requests permission for the postponement supplement to become effective on less than Statutory Notice effective October 23, 2002.

Waiver of newspaper publication is requested for this filing because the Company has informed all customers of their options under the terms and conditions set forth in the plan.

Please advise the undersigned of any action in regards to this filing.

Sincerely,

Received: 10/4/2002

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Manager Gas Rates

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