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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
July 2, 1997

Honorable John C. Crary
Secretary
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Crary:

The enclosed schedule, 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.

Schedule PSC No. 218 Gas
Effective: September 12, 1997

This new schedule is being proposed to fulfill the new procedure for filing tariffs electronically as proposed by the Public Service Commission. To start the new electronic Tariff System (ETS), it is necessary for New York State utilities to cancel their current schedule(s) and submit new ones formatted for the ETS system.

On July 30, 1996, a meeting was held by the Public Service Commission in Albany to introduce ETS to New York State utilities. Due to the many changes in the format of the tariff leaves and new filing procedures of the electronic filings, it is necessary to revise appropriate sections of 16NYCRR to bring them up-to-date. Staff of the Public Service Commission has sent proposed changes to 16NYCRR to each utility for comments and eventual approval by the Commission.

There will be no customer impact of this tariff because all aspects of the current tariff schedule are included in this new filing.

Niagara Mohawk requests waiver of publication of this proposed change in accordance with 16NYCRR part 270.70 since this filing has no impact on customers.

Also, Niagara Mohawk requests waiver from the applicable sections of 16NYCRR Part 270 to allow for the new electronic format.

If you have any questions regarding this tariff revision, please contact the undersigned at (315) 460-4061.

Very truly yours,

Marcia G. Collier

Enclosure

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