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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
October 31, 1997

Mr. John C. Crary
Secretary
State of New York
Department of Public Service
Three Empire Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Crary:

The enclosed tariff leaves, issued by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, are transmitted for filing in accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission, State of New York:

First Revised Leaf	No. 154
First Revised Leaf	No. 160
First Revised Leaf	No. 170
First Revised Leaf	No. 201
First Revised Leaf	No. 206

To P.S.C. No. 218 Gas

Effective: January 23, 1998

The above leaves are being filed to make "clarifying" changes to P.S.C. No. 218 Gas Tariff regarding the billing of the Company's Demand Cost Adjustment charge and standby charge.

On May 22, 1997 the Company filed modifications to its Basic Aggregation Pooling Option under Service Classification No. 11 at the request of the Commission's Staff. That filing included the implementation of a standby charge per therm of MPDQ, as a result of the Commission's request set forth in Order issued and effective April 25, 1997 in Case No. 93-G-0932.

The April 25, 1997, order required the Company to continue to act as a supplier of last resort by maintaining gas supplies to serve residential and human needs customers. Further changes were filed with the Commission on June 26, 1997 to become effective on June 27, 1997.

The changes included in this filing provide clarification when Demand Cost Adjustment and Standby charges apply to human needs and non-human needs customers.

The Company hereby requests waiver of advertising required under the provisions of 16NYCRR 270.70 in that the original filing has already been advertised and that these housekeeping changes have no impact on the general body of ratepayers.

For any questions regarding this housekeeping filing, please contact me at (315) 460-4060.

Please advise the undersigned of any action taken with respect to this filing.

Very truly yours,

David P. Stempowski
Senior Rate Analyst