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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

January 3, 2002

Honorable Janet Hand Deixler
Secretary
State of New York
Public Service Commission
Three Empire Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

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. 42

To P.S.C. No. 218 Gas

Effective: February 2, 2002

The enclosed supplement requests postponement of the Company's September 20, 2001 filing in Case No. 01-G-1295. The purpose of the September 20, 2001 filing was to enable customers to view their bill and render payment to the Company via the internet through an option called "On-Line Bill Pay." This filing was proposed to become effective December 3, 2001. The Company has been requested by the Commission Staff to further postpone the September 20, 2001 filing until April 29, 2002, in order to allow this filing to become effective coincident with the actual application of this program on the Company's website.

The Company requests permission for this filing to become effective on less than Statutory Notice effective January 30, 2002.

The Company requests waiver of newspaper publication as required by 16NYCRR 720-8.1 in that the Company will be notifying all eligible customers about the availability of this program.

Sincerely,

Marcia G. Collier
Manager Gas Rates

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