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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

February 19, 2002

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

RE: Case No. 02-G-0012
Ordinary Tariff Filing of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to make
"housekeeping" changes to its PSC No. 218 Gas tariff

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. 45

To P.S.C. No. 218 Gas

Effective: March 21, 2002

The purpose of this filing is to request to further postpone the housekeeping filing submitted to the Public Service Commission on January 7, 2002.

Staff of the Public Service Commission has verbally requested an extension of the effective date of February 22, 2002 due to the Commission's change in its February session date. The Company has agreed to the extension of the effective date of these leaves to March 1, 2002.

The Company requests permission to allow the filing to become effective on less than statutory notice in order to become effective on February 21, 2002.

Waiver of newspaper publication is requested for this filing because the proposed changes have no significant impact on the Company's Gas customers.

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

Sincerely,

Marcia G. Collier
Manager Gas Rates

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