

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION  
A **National Grid** Company  
300 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, New York 13202  
October 21, 2003

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Acting Secretary  
State of New York  
Public Service Commission  
Office of the Secretary, 19th Floor  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case No. 02-M-0515

Dear Acting Secretary Brillling:

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. 51

To PSC No. 218 Gas

Effective: November 21, 2003

The enclosed supplement requests postponement of the Company's July 18, 2003 filing in Case No. 02-M-0515. The July 18, 2003 filing complied with the Commission's April 24, 2003 Order which required New York State gas utilities to institute firm delivery service for non-residential Distributed Generation customers. This service was provided by the implementation of a new service class, Service Classification No. 12, available to non-residential Distributed Generation customers who demonstrate the ability to operate at a minimum load factor of 50%.

Staff of the Public Service Commission has verbally requested a postponement of the current effective date of November 1, 2003 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 January 1, 2004.

The Company requests permission for this filing to become effective on less than Statutory Notice effective October 31, 2003, one day in advance of the otherwise effective date of the above referenced tariff leaves.

The Company requests waiver of newspaper publication as required by 16NYCRR 720-8.1 because the Company had advertised the original filing submitted on July 18, 2003.

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

Sincerely,

Marcia G. Collier  
Manager, Gas Pricing