

Niagara Mohawk

A **National Grid** Company



December 1, 2004

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

RE: Case No. 00-M-1556, 00-G-1586, 00-G-1614
Order Implementing Tax Law Changes

Dear Secretary Brillling:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and three copies of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's (Niagara Mohawk or Company) Statement being filed in compliance with the Public Service Commission's Order in the above mentioned case numbers issued and effective December 21, 2000.

Statement of Revenue Tax Surcharge - Statement No. 12

To P.S.C. No. 214 Electricity

Effective: January 1, 2005

This filing constitutes the Company's final year of compliance with recent tax changes included in the 2000-2001 New York State Budget. These changes, when fully implemented by 2005, are expected to reduce the state and local tax burden on electric, gas, water and steam utility tax bills by about \$330 million annually.

Also, on October 5, 2005, the Department of Public Service, Office of Accounting and Finance authorized the Company to pass back to Customers \$1,342,180 during the taxable year ending December 31, 2005. This pass back was authorized by the Commission in Case No. 00-M-1556, Ordering Clause No. 7. This Ordering Clause directed the Director of the Office of Accounting and Finance to audit the annual reconciliation of tax amounts charged and deferred amount of tax expenses payable provided by the utility and provide notice of any approved difference between estimated and actual tax expense. This approved difference, as per Ordering Clause 8 of this Order, is to be used to calculate the surcharge in the following year. The amount above was included in the calculation of the surcharge factor for collection of New York State Taxes in the above Statement No. 12. Attachment No. 1, included with the companion PSC No.207 Filing, shows the derivation of these surcharges.

Also as per Ordering Clause No. 2 of the above Order, the requirements of §66(12)(b) of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication of the tariff revisions is waived.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia Rivers
Senior Rate Analyst
Electric Pricing Department

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ATTACHMENT