# ..DID: 15861 ..TXT: PSC NO: 218 GAS LEAF: 213.2 COMPANY: NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION REVISION: 2 INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/03/01 SUPERSEDING REVISION: 1 STAMPS: Cancelled by 3 Rev. Leaf No. 213.2 Effective 07/07/2002 Effective date postponed to 07/07/02. See Supplement No. 48, 47, 46, 44, 43, 41, RECEIVED: 06/01/01 STATUS: Cancelled EFFECTIVE: 07/07/02

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

#### If you are applying for residential rates as a religious organization, community residence, or a veteran's organization:

Certain religious organizations, community residences, as defined in the Mental Hygiene Law, and posts or halls, owned or leased by a not-for-profit corporation that is a veterans\* organization, **may** have the choice of being billed under either residential rates or commercial rates.

For most customers, if you qualify, residential rates are more economical. To receive service under residential rates, you must document your eligibility by attaching the requested information to the application For Service For Non-Residential Customers. If you submit sufficient documentation to Niagara Mohawk at a later date, the account will be transferred to residential rates as of the date we receive the documents.

If this is a religious organization, you are eligible for residential rates if the facilities are used for religious purposes by religious organizations where the purveyance of such religious doctrine pervades the activities conducted on the premises and is a requirement of employees on the premises. Examples of qualifying facilities include but are not limited to houses of worship, facilities for religious observances, and religious elementary and secondary schools and facilities used for educational purposes with required religious instruction. To qualify, religious organizations shall submit evidence of eligibility, including copies of articles of incorporation as religious corporations, charters, letters from recognized religious organizations, eligibility designations from the Internal Revenue Service and other documentation of the religious nature of the organization. The Company shall not require proof of tax-exempt status as a condition for a religious organization or body to receive the rates under this service classification, although a tax-exempt certificate can be supplied and accepted as supplement to the customer's proof of eligibility. Where religious and non-religious facilities take place in the same-metered facility and share the same space such that separate wiring and metering is not feasible, a predominant use calculation will determine the applicability of this rate. If you apply for and are denied residential rates, you may request, in writing, that we inspect the premises and review the rate determination in light of the information obtained from the inspection. You may also appeal the rate classification to the Public Service Commission.

If this is a community residence, you are eligible for residential rates if all of the following apply: the premises is occupied as a twenty-four hour a day supervised or supportive living facility (as defined in subdivisions 28, 28a or 28b of Section 1.03 of the Mental Hygiene Law); the premises provides living accommodations for 14 or fewer residents; is operated by a not-for-profit corporation, and supervisory staff is on site on a twenty-four hour a day basis. To qualify for residential rates, you must document your eligibility by providing a copy of your Certificate of Incorporation under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law and license from the NYS Office of Mental Hygiene or the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. NOTE: Usage must be primarily and principally in connection with a community residence.

If this is a veterans\* organization, you are eligible for residential rates under Section 76 of Public Service Law, if the following apply: the premises is a post or hall owned or leased by a not-for-profit veterans\* organization. To qualify for residential rates, eligible customers must submit certification of their status as an organization exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(19).

### INFORMATION ABOUT NIAGARA MOHAWK ACCOUNTS

You May Be Required To Pay A Deposit: You may be required to pay a deposit when applying for service. You can call in advance to find out approximately what that amount will be. We determine the amount of the deposit. For heating customers, we base the deposit on the cost of two months\* service during the heating season.

Security Deposit Information: New non-residential customers are required to pay a deposit when applying for service. Interest is applied only for cash deposits to your account annually at a rate set by the Public Service Commission.

If you have questions about any of the above items, please check with your accountant or call the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance at 1.800.225.5829.

#### HOW TO REACH US BY PHONE

Call our Commercial Team Service number at 1.800.664.6729 from 8 am to 5 PM, five days a week. Have your account number ready.

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