



December 28, 2017

Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Pursuant to Commission's February 14, 2000 Order in Case 99-G-1369, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, d/b/a National Grid ("The Company") filed the addition of Rule 30 to its PSC Gas Tariff on March 22, 2000. This rule established a state funding mechanism to support medium and long-term research and development programs.

The Company's Research and Development Rule No. 30 calls for a Research & Development Rate Statement to be filed with the Commission apart from the rate schedule not less than three (3) days prior to the date the revised rate is scheduled to become effective. As such, The Company hereby files the following statement which will take effect on January 1, 2018:

**Statement of Research & Development Surcharge No. 15** to PSC No. 219 Gas which sets forth the Research and Development Surcharge Rate applicable to Firm Sales and Firm Transportation Service Classifications Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12 and 13.

Questions pertaining to this filing may be directed to Kellie Smith at (315) 428-6533.

Sincerely,

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