

August 13, 2018

Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess Secretary Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12123-1350

Re: <u>Proposed Tariff Revisions - Case 14-M-0565 - Order Approving Implementation Plans with Modifications - Energy Affordability for Low Income Utility Customers</u>

Dear Secretary Burgess:

The attached leaves and statement for tariff P.S.C. No. 9 – GAS, issued by National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or the "Company"), are being submitted for filing in compliance with Order issued by the New York State Public Service Commission ("Commission") on February 17, 2017 in Case 14-M-0565 ("Order") to become effective on December 1, 2018:

Section No. –		Superseding
Leaf No.	Revision No.	Revision No.
0 - 3	6	5
0 - 50	3	2
0 - 60	2	1
0 - 61	2	1
0 - 122	2	1
0 - 124	2	1
0 - 125	2	1
0 - 129	2	1
0 - 130	4	3
0 - 131	3	2
0 - 147	3	2
2 - 1	2	1
2 - 2	2	1
2 - 3	0	
9 – 1	2	1
9 - 2	2	1
9 - 3	2	1

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Purpose of Filing

On February 17, 2017, the above Order was issued by the Commission approving the utilities' low income implementation plans with certain modifications. This Order directed the utilities to file tariff amendments implementing the provisions of this order to become effective on April 1, 2017.

On March 24, 2017, Distribution filed a letter to the Secretary of the Commission requesting an extension of the April 1, 2017 filing date to July 1, 2017 in anticipation of an April 20, 2017 Order in the Company's rate case, Case 16-G-0257, to allow a more efficient, reasonable and less confusing submission of tariff leaves consistent with Commission orders. On March 28, 2017, the Secretary granted Distribution's request extending the filing of these tariff revisions to July 3, 2017.

On April 20, 2017, the Commission issued its <u>Order Establishing Rates for Gas Service</u> in Case 16-G-0257 ("Rate Order") in which Distribution is required to complete low income program modifications consistent with the Order by no later than December 31, 2018.

On June 14, 2017, Distribution filed a letter with the Secretary of the Commission requesting a further extension until November 1, 2018 to file tariff amendments implementing the provisions of the Order because the tiered low income rates were not expected to be implemented until December 2018, and such extension would synchronize the times of the requirements of the Order with the Rate Order as well as minimize customer confusion. On June 20, 2017, the Secretary granted the Company this further extension of the filing of these tariff revisions until November 1, 2018.

The purpose of the instant filing is to update the Company's low income implementation plans consistent with Commission orders in the above referenced cases.

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Newspaper Publication

Ordering Paragraph 3 of the Order waived the requirements of Public Service Law §66(12)(b) as to newspaper publication of the low income program changes included with this filing. The other revision is largely non-substantive in customer effect, and therefore the expense of publication would not serve the public interest.

For questions relating to this filing, please contact the undersigned at (716) 857-7325.

Respectfully submitted,

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