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NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

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Hon. Janet H. Deixler, Secretary
Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

RE: Revenue Tax Filing – RTS No. 17
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

Dear Secretary Deixler:

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or the "Company") submits the following proposed amendments to its tariff, P.S.C. No. 8-GAS.

Statement RTS No. 17

This filing is submitted in further compliance with the Commission's Order, issued in Case 00-M-1556 on December 21, 2000, directing utilities to file revisions to implement the Tax Law Changes included in the 2000-2001 State Budget. RTS Statement No. 17 has an effective date of January 2, 2002.

Under the new Revenue Tax format there is a breakdown between gross receipts tax and state income tax to arrive at a total revenue tax factor. The breakdown between components has changed for the Residential and Commercial Sales Service Classifications for the month of January 2002. There is no change to the total Revenue Tax Surcharge factor. Residential and Commercial Transportation Revenue Tax factors remain unchanged from RTS Statement No. 16.

Communications relating to this filing should be directed to the undersigned or Tom Clark at 716/857-7008.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure