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NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

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August 31, 1999

Hon. Debra Renner
Acting Secretary
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 97-G-1380 et al. -- Compliance Filing

Dear Acting Secretary Renner:

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

Leaf No. 212	Revision 4
Leaf No. 222	Revision 4
Leaf No. 274	Revision 4
Supplement No. 2	
GTR No. 19	

The revised sheets are issued today for an effective date of September 1, 1999.

Explanation of Filing

This is a compliance filing. On August 19, 1999, the Commission issued an untitled order ("Order")¹ adopting Staff's recommendation to approve, on a permanent basis, Distribution's tariff amendments implementing the Commission's March 24, 1999 order concerning assignment of capacity.² Page 5 of the Order provided:

¹ Case 97-G-1380, et al., In the Matter of Issues Associated with the Future of the Natural Gas Industry and the Role of Local Gas Distribution Companies, Untitled Order adopting Staff's Recommendations (issued and effective August 19, 1999).

² Case 97-G-1380, et al., In the Matter of Issues Associated with the Future of the Natural Gas Industry and the Role of Local Gas Distribution Companies, Order Concerning Assignment of Capacity (issued March 24, 1999).

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Among other changes, [Distribution] has filed a Reliability Capacity Charge (RCC) that reallocates more of the balancing costs from sales service to aggregation service. While it may be an appropriate allocation of costs, it is not a compliance issue. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission reject the RCC at this time. Further, staff recommends that the company refund to its transportation customers any amounts that have been billed through the RCC since April 1, 1999.

The sole purpose of this filing is to comply with the Order. There are no other changes proposed herein.

Newspaper Publication

The requirement for newspaper publication was waived by the Commission. Order at 10.

Conclusion

Distribution requests that the Commission accept the instant filing for an effective date of September 1, 1999, as directed in the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

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