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July 22, 1997

Honorable John C. Crary
Secretary
Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Crary:

The enclosed leaf, issued by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is transmitted for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

First Revised Leaf No. 41

To PSC No. 214 Electricity

Effective: October 6, 1997

The purpose of this filing is to establish a new pricing exception description and billing code number that is the result of upgrading outdated incandescent and mercury vapor street lighting fixtures to energy efficient modern ones. The new pricing exception code contains billing provision for remaining Company-owned, underground supplied, cable and conduit.

The Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York has requested Niagara Mohawk to continue its upgrading of inefficient lighting fixtures. The current Company charges are administered under P.S.C. No. 214, S.C. No. 2, pricing exception provision and include lighting components of lamp, luminaire, foundation, cable and conduit. The Town owns the poles (standards). Until recently, the conversion of this lighting system has required the replacement of the lamp and luminaire components only, leaving the existing foundation, cable and conduit intact; therefore, retaining the "grandfathered" pricing for these remaining components. Now, some of the installations require the replacement of the foundation as well as the lamp and luminaire, thus forcing the creation of this new pricing exception billing code. The billing of lighting system components upgraded or replaced are provided through Niagara Mohawk's standard equipment rate provisions.

The proposed pricing exception revision establishes the annual charge of \$58.12 for remaining Company-owned cable and conduit. Exhibit A, is the documentation illustrating derivation of the proposed annual charge per unit, a copy of the authorization from the Town of Amherst for the conversion and the billing change and a copy of the proposal presented to the Town illustrating the billing charges before and after conversion. There are a total of 941 installations that will require the application of this billing code.

Billing code number 941 is a blend of 21 existing billing codes. Sheet 1 of Exhibit A is the summary of the rate derivation. This includes the

development of the composite charge for rates effective March 16, 1987 through current effective rates, April 27, 1995. The development of this charge starts with rates effective March 16, 1987 for a specific reason. Effective February 1, 1992 billing code number 951 was approved by the Commission. This

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billing code is a composite rate developed for the Town of Amherst lighting conversions where the remaining Company-owned facilities are cable, conduit and foundation. The development of billing code 941 utilizes the same derivation as the previously mentioned code number 951, but excludes the foundation component of the calculation. Since the same lighting districts within the town are affected by this conversion as the previous one, the Company is commencing this latest rate derivation from the same time-frame as the earlier one for consistency. Sheets 2 through 22 are the individual rate developments for billing codes with rates effective March 16, 1987. Sheets 23 through 27 of Exhibit A are the average percentage of rate increases to the pricing exception charges effective January 1, 1991, July 1, 1991 and 1992, February 5, 1993, and April 27, 1995. Sheet 28 is a copy of Amherst's resolution approving the composite charge for pricing exception number 941. Sheets 29 through 30 are a summary of the proposal presented to the Town illustrating information comparing the current lighting to the new lighting system. The attached Leaf No. 41 contains the proposed wording and annual charge per unit for the new billing code number 941.

The Company requests waiver of Rule 16 NYCRR 136.70 for newspaper publication. This request is premised on the basis that the Town of Amherst is the only municipality affected by the proposed billing revisions.

Also, the Company requests waiver of Ordering Clause 3 of Order issued and effective February 16, 1996 in Case Nos. 96-E-0134 and 96-E-0135 to allow this filing to become effective as proposed.

The form required for the State Administrative Procedure Act is also enclosed. Exhibits pertaining to this case will be sent under separate cover.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to Mr. David McIntyre, Electric Pricing, (315) 428-3496.

Please advise the undersigned of any action taken with respect to this filing.

Very truly yours,

George A. Bauman
Manager - Rate Administration

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