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December 28, 2001

Hon. Janet H. Deixler, Secretary  
New York State Department of Public Service  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Secretary Deixler:

Enclosed is an electronic version of Gas Adjustment Statement No. 47 applicable to Service Classification Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of our Rate Schedule P.S.C. No. 8 - Gas. The Gas Adjustment Statement No. 47 will be effective commencing with gas used on or after January 1, 2002.

The estimated amount related to surcharges and credits included in Statement No. 47 is \$595,000 based on estimated January 2002 sales of 97,880,000 Ccf. The estimated effect on revenue, exclusive of surcharges and credits, is a decrease of \$8,752,500 on an annual basis.

The surcharge calculation for January 2002 Transition Cost Surcharge pursuant to General Leaf No. 148.2 of P.S.C. No 8 - Gas is included as a workpaper. The unit surcharge of \$0.0908 /Mcf is applicable for January 1, 2002 through January 31, 2002.

The Company's 90/10 Symmetrical Sharing filing for the twelve months ended September 30, 2001 is included. The unit surcharge of \$.0379/Mcf is applicable for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

Pursuant to the Commission's December 19, 2001 Summary of Consent Agenda Items, session item I70, Case 01-G-1472 the Company has delayed implementation of its proposed Annual Gas Reconciliation pending the outcome of negotiations in Case 00-G-1858.

The surcharge calculation for the Research and Development Funding Mechanism pursuant to Commission Order in Case 99-G-1369 is included as a workpaper. The unit surcharge of \$.0128/Mcf is applicable for the period January 1, 2002 through December 2002.

In addition, Customer Balancing and Aggregation Statement No. 46, Deficiency Imbalance Sales Service Rate Statement No. 47, Demand Transfer Recovery Rate Statement No. 46, Gas Transportation Statement No. 47, Natural Gas Vehicle Statement No. 47, Standby Sales Service Rate Statement No. 47, Transportation Sales Service Rate Statement No.49, Upstream Pipeline Weighted Average Capacity Cost Statement No. 46, Revenue Credit Statement No. 39, Standby Capacity Insurance Rate Statement No. 27, and Reserve Capacity Cost Statement No. 14 are included.

This statement is filed in compliance with 16 NYCRR, Section 270.55. Information pertaining to section 270.55d(7) will be delivered under separate cover letter.

In connection with this filing, the Company is also required to submit information that contains trade secrets. Accordingly, the Company has filed the required information with the Department Records Access Officer, together with a request for trade secret protection under the Commission's regulation. The instant filing includes redacted copies of the documents submitted to the Department Records Access Officer. The information for which trade secret protection has been requested is deleted. Copies of the same documents, with the redacted sections shaded (but legible) for identification, are being submitted to the Department Records Access Office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Ronald J. Grabowski  
General Manager  
Rates & Regulatory Affairs

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