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**NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION**

*10 Lafayette Square*

*Buffalo, NY 14203*

April 27, 1999

Hon. Debra Renner  
Acting Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation Tariff Change in  
Accord with the Amendment to Section 76 of the Public Service Law

Dear Acting Secretary Renner:

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

Leaf No. 149 - Revision 2

The proposed amendment is issued as of the date hereof for an effective date of May 27, 1999.

Description and Background

On June 2, 1998 an amendment to Section 76 of the Public Service Law was made prohibiting gas and electric corporations and municipalities from charging more than the residential rate for gas or electric service consumed by a post or hall owned or leased by a not-for-profit veterans\* organization. In a Commission's Secretarial Letter dated September 30, 1998, Staff recommended that tariff amendments be filed establishing June 2, 1998 as the date for eligible veterans\* halls to obtain the residential rate. In addition, Staff requested that a plan for identifying eligible veteran hall customers and providing prompt refunds be submitted. On October 29, 1998, National Fuel submitted its plan and the Company has issued refunds as described in the plan.

Notice

The Company requests waiver of newspaper publication on the grounds that it would be an unnecessary expense. Those customers who may have an interest in this filing have been personally notified by the Company.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, National Fuel respectfully request that the above-described amendment be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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