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## NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

A National Grid Company 300 Erie Boulevard West Syracuse, New York 13202 January 19, 2005

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary State of New York Public Service Commission Office of the Secretary, 19th Floor Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Secretary Brilling:

The enclosed tariff leaves, issued by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, A National Grid Company ("Company"), are transmitted for filing in accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York ("Commission").

First Revised Leaf No. 149 Fifth Revised Leaf No. 177 Fifth Revised Leaf No. 179

To PSC No. 219 Gas

Effective: March 18, 2005

The enclosed revised tariff leaves are transmitted for filing in order to incorporate revisions of a housekeeping nature to the Company's SC7 and SC11 Service Classifications set forth in its PSC No. 219 Gas Tariff.

First Revised Leaf No. 149 reflects a change in order to strike the reference to "on a Best Efforts Basis" from the SC7 "Applicable to Use of Service For" paragraph of the service class. This Service Class provides firm transportation service to customers consuming not less than 50,000 therms but not greater than 250,000 therms. This modification will correct the tariff to be consistent with the priority that the service is, and has always been, since the Service Class was implemented in late 1986.

Fifth Revised Leaf No. 177 reflects a modification to make the requirement that only SC7 <u>Human Needs</u> Customers must certify dual fuel capability in order to participate in the Company's Daily Balancing Service. This modification makes the requirement consistent with both Service Classification No. 5 requirements and the Commission's definition of Human Needs customers. In addition, in regards to Paragraph 1A - Customer Eligibility, Service Classification 13 has been removed due to the fact that Daily Balancing Service is not available to residential customers.

Fifth Revised Leaf No. 179 reflects a change to 1) correct the spelling of the Dominion Transmission Inc. (DTI) Rate Schedule from "FTNGSS" to "FTNNGSS" and to 2) insert the words "serving Monthly Balancing Customers," after the word "Marketer" in the first sentence of Paragraph 3 - Allocation of Upstream Capacity. This change merely clarifies that it is Monthly Balancing Customers, not Daily Balancing Customers, who must demonstrate ownership of non-recallable primary delivery or storage capacity under DTI rate schedules in order to participate in Monthly Balancing Service.

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The Company requests waiver of newspaper publication of the proposed changes as required by 16NYCRR 720-8.1 in that the modification is a clarifying change only, is consistent with the Company's existing practice, and therefore has no material effect on the Company's ratepayers.

Please advise the undersigned of any action taken in regards to this filing.

Sincerely,

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