



national fuel

September 29, 2004

Hon. Jaclyn A. Brilling
Secretary
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12123-1350

Re: Case No. 04-G-1047 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission
as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of National Fuel
Gas Distribution Corporation for Gas Service

Dear Secretary Brilling:

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

Supplement No. 13

The proposed revision is issued as of today for an effective date of September 30, 2004. The Company requests that the Supplement be given “short notice” in order to go into effect simultaneously with the tariff leaves originally filed on August 27, 2004.

Explanation of Filing

Distribution submitted tariff amendments proposing to increase annual revenue recovered in base rates by \$60.9 million. The elimination of surcharges and other changes would produce a net aggregate bill increase of \$41.3 million or approximately 5.6%. The sole purpose of this filing is to defer the proposed tariff amendments until January 28, 2005 to comply with the Commission’s *Order Suspending Major Rate Filing* issued and effective September 27, 2004.

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Company Contact

For questions relating to this filing, please contact the undersigned or Eric Meinl at (716) 857-7000.

Conclusion

Distribution requests that the Commission accept the instant filing for a “short notice” effective date of September 30, 2004, as directed by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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