

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission :
v. : Docket No. R-00061493
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation :

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the Office of Trial Staff of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in the above-captioned proceeding. Prosecutor(s) for the Office of Trial Staff, in addition to the undersigned will be:

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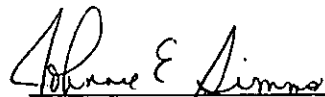
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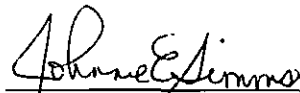
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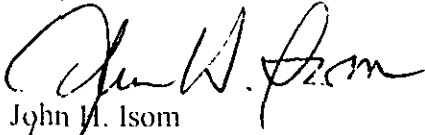
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**RE: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v.
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation
Docket No. R-00061493**

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed, for filing, are an original and three (3) copies of the Prehearing Memorandum of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation in the above-referenced proceeding. As indicated on the certificate of service, copies have been served on the parties in the manner indicated.

Respectfully submitted,


John H. Isom
JH/jl

Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service

Handwritten initials and a signature in the bottom right corner.

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**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF
NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION**

To Administrative Law Judges John H. Corbett, Jr. and Mark A. Hoyer:

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution"), as part of its direct case, will present the following witnesses who will testify as to the matters explained in the following prefiled statements and exhibits:

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| Kathleen A. Frank | Statement Nos. 1 and 101 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with uncollectible accounts expense. |
| Ruth M. Friedrich-Alf | Statement Nos. 2 and 102 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with operation and maintenance expenses, taxes other than income taxes and rate base. |
| Paul L. Malachowski | Statement Nos. 3 and 103 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with federal income taxes |
| John J. Spanos | Statement Nos. 4 and 104 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with annual and accrued depreciation. |
| Regina Truitt | Statement Nos. 5 and 105 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with revenues, cash working capital and the cost of service study. |
| Joanne E. Zablonksi | Statement Nos. 6 and 106 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with sales and transportation volumes. |
| Garth D. Anderson | Statement No. 7 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with accounting data. |

David P. Bauer Statement No. 8 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with financial data, debt costs, pension costs and post retirement benefits costs.

Thomas J. Clark Statement No. 9 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with rate design and the allocation of revenue requirement among the rate classes.

Frank J. Hanley Statement No. 10 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with fair rate of return and cost of capital.

Eric H. Meinel Statement No. 11 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with reasons for the changes in rate structure and cost recovery mechanisms proposed by the Company and the level of return on equity used by the Company to calculate its revenue requirement.

John J. Polka Statement No. 12 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with the Company's natural gas purchasing practices and procedures for tracking FERC rate activities of upstream pipelines.

Sheila Suarez Statement No. 13 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with purchased gas costs and changes to Distribution's tariff.

Scott E. Swartzfager Statement No. 14 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with the competitive situation in Distribution's service territory and Distribution's research, development and demonstration program.

Nancy J. Taylor Statement No. 15 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with Distribution's Low Income Residential Assistance Program.

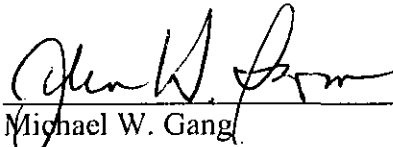
Steven Wagner Statement No. 16 and Exhibits identified therein dealing primarily with the ratemaking effects of Distribution's participation in the consolidated federal income tax returns of the National Fuel Gas corporate system.

Distribution may present additional witnesses, testimony and exhibits on matters arising during the course of the proceeding, including matters raised by other parties.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Provided as Attachment 1 hereto is the schedule that Distribution proposes for this proceeding. It was circulated to other parties on Thursday, June 29, 2006. The proposed schedule follows with only minor modifications the schedule that was adopted for the Duquesne Light Company rate proceeding at Docket No. R-00061346. As of the time of preparation of this Prehearing Conference Memorandum, no party has responded to Distribution's proposal. Distribution is willing to work with other parties to achieve a mutually agreeable schedule.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: July 5, 2006

Attorneys for National Fuel Gas
Distribution Corporation

PROPOSED LITIGATION SCHEDULE

| | |
|---------------|---|
| July 6, 2006 | Prehearing Conference |
| August 7 | Informal discovery and settlement discussions |
| August 31 | Other parties' direct |
| September 28 | Rebuttal |
| October 10 | Surrebuttal |
| October 13 | Rejoinder Outlines |
| October 16-20 | Hearings |
| November 13 | Main Briefs |
| November 22 | Reply Briefs |

All filing dates are "in hand" and service by e-mail is acceptable with first class mail follow up.

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(SEE LETTER DATED 6/12/06)

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation filed Supplement No. 61 to Tariff Gas - PA PUC No. 9 to become effective July 30, 2006. Total amount of increase: \$25,892,000 or 6.1% based upon a future test year ending January 31, 2007. Total number of customers: 214,625. Area served: Certain cities, Boroughs, and Townships in the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren.

Cancellation Notice

This is to inform you of the following cancellation:

Type: Initial Pre-Hearing Conference
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2006
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Presiding: Administrative Law Judges
John H. Corbett, Jr. and Mark A. Hoyer

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Please mark your records accordingly.

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Dear Mr. Eckenrod:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies of the National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's response to the following Office of the Trial Staff interrogatories:

OTS RE 012 *
OTS RE 042 *

Yours truly,

Ruth Friedrich-Alf
Senior Manager

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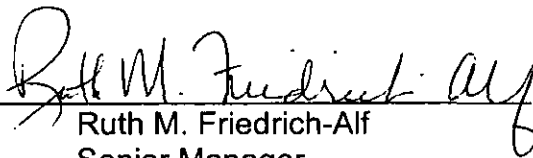
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Erie, PA 16511

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Dear Mr. Springirth:

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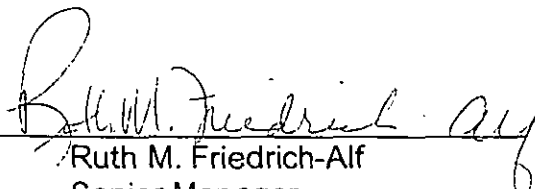
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OCA 1 012 *

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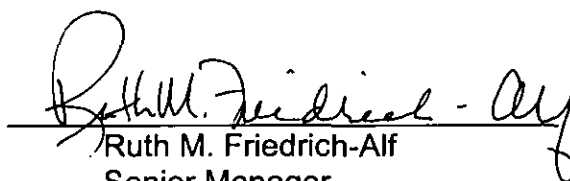
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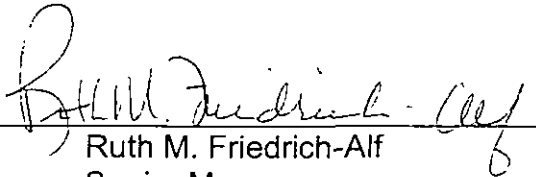
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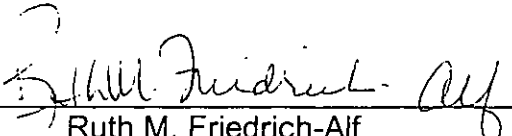
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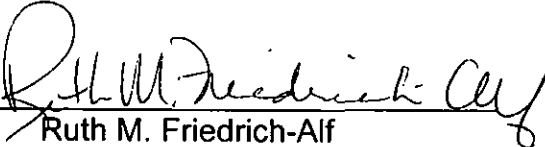
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RE: Docket # R-00061493 - Base Rates

Dear Mr. Eckenrod:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies of the National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's response to the following Office of the Trial Staff interrogatories:

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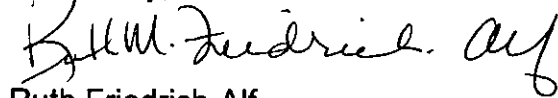
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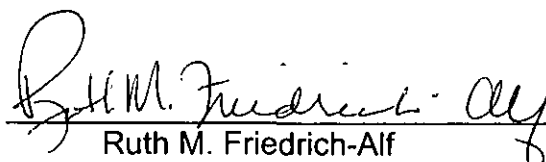
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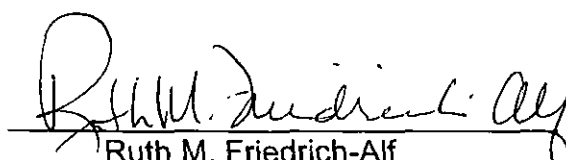
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**RE: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v.
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation
Docket No. R-00061493**

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed, for filing, are an original and three (3) copies of the Answer and New Matter of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation to the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced proceeding.

As indicated on the certificate of service, copies have been served on the parties in the manner indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ANSWER AND NEW MATTER OF
NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION TO
THE COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution") answers the Community
Action Association of Pennsylvania's ("CAAP") Petition to Intervene.

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ANSWER

1. Information regarding the organization of CAAP is not reasonably available to Distribution and, therefore, such averments are denied.
2. In response to Paragraph No. 2 of the Petition to Intervene, it is denied that CAAP may represent the interests of others in proceedings before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"). Any such representation by CAAP would violate the Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure at 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21 — 1.23.
3. Information regarding the organization of CAAP is not reasonable available to Distribution and, therefore, such averments are denied.
4. In Paragraph No. 4 of the Petition to Intervene, CAAP states that it seeks permission to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. As such, it is a summary of the relief requested by CAAP in the Petition to Intervene and, therefore, no response is required.

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5. In response to Paragraph No. 5 of the Petition to Intervene, it is admitted that Distribution, on May 31, 2006, filed Supplement No. 61 to Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 together with supporting data, proposing increases in base rates. The remaining averments of Paragraph No. 5 of the Petition to Intervene state CAAP's subjective intent in seeking to intervene. As such, they are not averments of fact, and therefore, no response is required.

6. The averments of paragraph No. 6 of the Petition to Intervene are statements of CAAP's subjective intent in seeking to intervene. As such, they are not averments of fact, and therefore, no response is required.

7. The averments of paragraph No. 7 of the Petition to Intervene are statements of CAAP's subjective intent in seeking to intervene. As such, they are not averments of fact, and therefore, no response is required.

8. In response to Paragraph No. 8 of the Petition to Intervene, it is denied that CAAP may participate in the above-captioned proceeding on behalf of any group of customers of Distribution, including low-income customers, because such participation would violate the Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure at 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21 – 1.23. Further, it is denied that CAAP's participation is required to protect the interests of low-income customer. Such interests are represented by the Office of Consumer Advocate and Office of Trial Staff.

9. In response to Paragraph No. 9 of the Petition to Intervene, it is denied that CAAP may participate in the above-captioned proceeding in a representative capacity on behalf of any group of Distribution's customers, including low-income customers, because such participation would violate the Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure at 52 Pa. Code

§§ 1.21 – 1.23. To the contrary, interests of low-income customers of Distribution will be represented by the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Trial Staff.

10. Paragraph No. 10 of the Petition to Intervene contains speculation regarding issues that CAAP may address if it is allowed to participate in the above-captioned proceeding. Such averments are not averments of fact and, therefore, no response is required.

11. Paragraph No. 11 of the Petition to Intervene contains conclusions of law and argument. Such averments are not averments of fact and, therefore, no response is required.

12. The averments in Paragraph No. 12 of the Petition to Intervene contain arguments and conclusions of law to which no response is required.

The remaining averments of the Petition to Intervene are requests to relief to which no response is required.

NEW MATTER

13. CAAP is not a customer of Distribution and therefore has no direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation respectfully requests that the Petition to Intervene of the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: July 20, 2006

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NOTICE TO PLEAD

This Answer contains New Matter. You are required to file and serve a reply to the New Matter within 20 days after service of this Answer, but not later than 5 days prior to the date set for the commencement of the hearing. Failure to file a timely reply to the New Matter may be deemed in default, and relevant facts stated in the New Matter may be deemed to be admitted.

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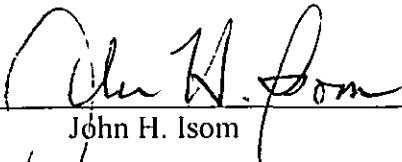
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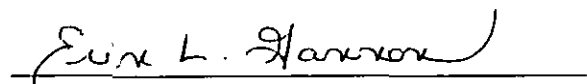
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IN REPLY PLEASE
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In Re: R-00061493

(SEE LETTER DATED 7/5/06)

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation filed Supplement No. 61 to Tariff Gas - PA PUC No. 9 to become effective July 30, 2006. Total amount of increase: \$25,892,000 or 6.1% based upon a future test year ending January 31, 2007. Total number of customers: 214,625. Area served: Certain cities, Boroughs, and Townships in the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren.

NOTICE

This is to inform you that an Initial Pre-Hearing Conference on the above-captioned case will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, August 3, 2006

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Hearing Room 5 - Harrisburg Area Parties
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