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## Re: National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation Supplement No. 228 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 <br> Docket No. R-2021-

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:
Enclosed for filing on behalf of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or the "Company") is Supplement No. 228 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 ("Supplement No. 228"). Supplement No. 228 is being filed with an issue date of July 22, 2021 and an effective date of October 1, 2021.

In this filing, Distribution is proposing to reduce base rates by $\$ 7,704,085$ in order to stop collecting Other Post Employment Benefits ("OPEB") expenses from customers. The Company is also proposing to refund to customers $\$ 50,000,000$ in OPEB expenses paid for by customers that are not needed for future OPEB costs. The Company is proposing to refund $\$ 25,000,000$ of this amount through a one-time bill credit and the remaining $\$ 25,000,000$ over a 5 -year period ( $\$ 5,000,000$ per year) through a non-reconcilable surcredit.

Distribution's OPEB expense amount was established in its last base rate proceeding at Docket No. R-00061493. Distribution's OPEB trusts are currently over-funded, and it proposes to stop collecting OPEB expenses from customers at this time and to begin to refund over-collected expenses to customers. Distribution also believes that given the COVID 19 pandemic and its impact on customers it is an opportune time to reduce customers' rates. An October 1, 2021 date has been selected in order to effectuate the rate reductions prior to commencement of the winter heating season.

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The proposed rate reductions for customers are shown on Exhibits DNK-4 and DNK-5. As shown on Exhibit DNK-5, if the filing is approved, an average Residential customer using 100.3 Mcf per year will experience an annual distribution rate reduction of $\$ 52.56$ or approximately a $17 \%$ distribution rate reduction, which translates to an approximate $6.31 \%$ total bill rate reduction based upon gas costs as of May 1, 2021.

Distribution is also requesting certain OPEB-related accounting approvals as explained in the Direct Testimony of Michael P. Weidner.

The filing is organized as follows:
Appendix A - Statement of Reasons
Appendix B - Company responses to the Commission's Filing Requirements Concerning Changes in Tariff contained in 52 Pa . Code $\S 53.52$ (a) and (b).

Appendix C - Supplement No 228.
Distribution Statement No. 1 - Direct Testimony of Donald N. Koch including Distribution Exhibits DNK-1 through DNK-5.

Distribution Statement No. 2 - Direct Testimony of Michael P. Weidner including Distribution MPW-1.

The Company requests that the following be entered as counsel for the Company in this proceeding:

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Distribution has served a copy of this filing on all active parties in its last base rate proceeding at Docket No. R-00061493. In addition, Distribution is providing notice of this filing to all customers through a bill insert.

Distribution's counsel is authorized to receive all notices and communications regarding this filing. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,


Anthony D. Kanagy
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cc: Certificate of Service

## APPENDIX A

## APPENDIX A

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

In this filing, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or the "Company") proposes to reduce base rates by $\$ 7,704,085$ in order to stop collecting Other PostEmployment Benefits ("OPEB") expenses from customers. The Company also proposes to refund to customers $\$ 50,000,000$ for certain amounts previously collected that are no longer needed for future OPEB costs and are currently available in a grantor trust. The Company proposes to refund $\$ 25,000,000$ of this amount through a one-time bill credit to all customers and the remaining $\$ 25,000,000$ through a non-reconcilable surcredit over a 5 -year period ( $\$ 5,000,000$ per year).

Given the Company's current OPEB funding status, Distribution is able to stop collecting OPEB expenses from customers at this time and to refund certain amounts that are no longer needed for future OPEB costs and have been deferred for the benefit of ratepayers. If Distribution continues to collect OPEB expenses from customers, the over-funded balance will continue to grow. Distribution also believes that given the current COVID-19 pandemic and its deleterious financial impact on customers, it is an appropriate time to reduce customers' rates.

In the Settlement of Distribution's last base rate proceeding at Docket No. R-00061493, the parties agreed that Distribution would collect $\$ 7,704,085$ per year in OPEB expenses from customers. In turn, Distribution was required to deposit funds into irrevocable external trusts primarily Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) trusts - where the funds are invested and used to pay future OPEB expenses. The Company's projected future OPEB obligation has not increased significantly since the last rate proceeding in 2006 due to the prudent management of retiree medical costs and favorable revisions to actuarial estimates of future OPEB expenses. Additionally, the market performance on the assets held in the VEBA trusts has been strong. As a result, the Company's future OPEB costs can be met with existing funds held in the

VEBA trusts, and Distribution does not need to continue collecting OPEB expenses from customers at this time, and does not anticipate needing to collect OPEB expenses from customers in the foreseeable future.

In addition, Distribution is proposing to begin returning certain funds previously collected from customers for OPEB expenses that are no longer needed to pay for future OPEB expenses. As explained in the Company's direct testimony in this proceeding, Distribution began funding OPEB amounts into a grantor trust in 2014 as OPEB expenses calculated by third-party actuaries under generally accepted accounting principles declined and the funded status of the future OPEB obligation improved due to the factors discussed above. Funds set aside in the grantor trust can be used to either fund the VEBA trusts to pay for future OPEB costs, if necessary, or be used for other purposes approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. In this proceeding, Distribution is proposing to use $\$ 25,000,000$ of grantor trust funds to provide a one-time bill credit for customers and use another $\$ 25,000,000$ to provide recurring savings through a nonreconcilable surcredit over a 5 -year period ( $\$ 5,000,000$ per year). The total $\$ 50,000,000$ benefit to ratepayers represents substantially all of the funds available in the grantor trust, including amounts not funded by ratepayers, and more than half of the OPEB regulatory liability balance that has been deferred for the benefit of ratepayers. The Company is not proposing to refund any amounts contained in the VEBA trusts at this time, nor could it, as described in the referenced testimony. Those amounts will be addressed in a future base rate proceeding.

The proposed rate reductions for customers are shown on Exhibits DNK-4 and DNK-5. As shown on Exhibit DNK-5, if the filing is approved, an average residential customer using 100.3 Mcf per year will experience an annual distribution rate reduction of $\$ 52.72$ or approximately a

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$17 \%$ distribution rate reduction, which translates to an approximate $6.33 \%$ total bill rate reduction based upon currently effective gas costs.

For the reasons explained herein and in the Company's Direct Testimony in this proceeding, Distribution respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approve this filing, including the requests for accounting treatment set forth in the Direct Testimony of Michael P. Weidner.

APPENDIX B

Filing Requirements Concerning Changes in Tariff
52 Pa. Code $\S 53.52$ (a) and (b)
(a) Whenever a public utility, other than a canal, turnpike, tunnel, bridge or wharf company files a tariff, revision or supplement effecting changes in the terms and conditions of service rendered or to be rendered, it shall submit to the Commission, with the tariff, revision or supplement, statements showing all of the following:
(1) The specific reasons for each change.

See statement of reasons, submitted separately as Appendix A.
(2) The total number of customers served by the utility.

As of March 31, 2021, the twelve month average number of customers that National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or the "Company") provided either delivery service only or delivery and natural gas supply service to was as follows:

Class of Service
Residential
Commercial/PA
Industrial Total

Average Customers
Served
197,385
16,015
597
213,997
(3) A calculation of the number of customers, by tariff subdivision, whose bills will be affected by the change.

Class of Service Average Customers
Affected
197,385
Residential
16,015
Commercial/PA
Industrial
597
Total
213,997
(4) The effect of the change on the utility's customers.

Rates charged to customers will be reduced as a result of the proposed changes. Specifically, Other Post-Employment Benefit ("OPEB") expenses will be removed from Distribution's base rates. Distribution is also proposing an additional reduction to customer bills by way of a one-time bill credit and a temporary non-reconcilable surcredit. The one-time bill credits and surcredits will refund to ratepayers the portion of expenses collected that reside in a grantor trust and are not needed for future OPEB costs. See the aforementioned Statement of Reasons and the response to (b)(6) below for a more specific iteration of customer bill impact.
(5) The direct or indirect effect of the proposed change on the utility's revenues and expenses.

Revenues will be reduced by $\$ 7,704,085$ to reflect the removal of OPEB expense from base rates ( $\$ 10,005,305$ gross OPEB cost $\times 77 \%$ from the most recent rate case).
(6) The effect of the change on the service rendered by the utility.

There will be no effect on the service rendered by the utility.

Filing Requirements Concerning Changes in Tariff
52 Pa . Code $\S 53.52$ (a) and (b)
(7) A list of factors considered by the utility in its determination to make the change. The list shall include a comprehensive statement about why these factors were chosen and the relative importance of each. This subsection does not apply to a portion of a tariff change seeking a general rate increase as defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308 (relating to voluntary changes in rates).

The Company's OPEB trusts are fully funded and the Company does not need to collect OPEB expenses from customers at this time. The Company is proposing to reduce rates to eliminate the ongoing OPEB expense recovery and to refund certain OPEB expenses that are not needed to pay for future costs.

A portion of these expenses reside in a grantor trust that can be accessed with a Commission order. The Company proposes to refund these amounts to customers through a one-time bill credit and a non-reconcilable surcredit over a 5 -year period, as shown in the response to (b)(6) below.
(8) Studies undertaken by the utility in order to draft its proposed change. This paragraph does not apply to a portion of a tariff change seeking a general rate increase as defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308.

Distribution has not undertaken any specific actuarial studies for the sole purpose of this filing. However, the annual actuarial valuations, including the determination of funded status and net periodic benefit costs/credits in accordance with SFAS 106, continue to be performed. It is evident based on these actuarial valuations that there is not a need for recovery of OPEB costs in the foreseeable future.
(9) Customer polls taken and other documents which indicate customer acceptance and desire of the proposed change. If the poll or other documents reveal discernible public opposition, an explanation of why the change is in the public interest shall be provided.

No polls or studies were conducted by the Company to indicate customer acceptance or desire for the proposed change.
(10) Plans the utility has for introducing or implementing the changes with respect to its ratepayers.

After the tariff supplement and related documents are filed, the Company will disseminate a bill insert notifying customers of the filing. When an order is received from the Commission, Distribution will proceed with implementation, including any Commission requirements regarding communication.
(11) FCC, FERC or Commission orders or rulings applicable to filing.

No FCC or FERC orders apply to this filing. Please refer to Commission order at Docket \# R00061493.
(b) Whenever a public utility, other than a canal, turnpike, tunnel, bridge or wharf company files a tariff, revision or supplement which will increase or decrease the bills to its customers, it shall submit in addition to the requirements of subsection (a), to the Commission, with the tariff, revision or supplement, statements showing the following:
(1) The specific reasons for each increase or decrease.

See reasons stated above in section (a) (7).
(2) The operating income statement of the utility for a 12-month period, the end of which may not be more than 120 days prior to the filing. Water and wastewater utilities with annual revenues under $\$ 100,000$ and municipal corporations subject to Commission jurisdiction may provide operating income statements for a 12-month period, the end of which may not be more than 180 days prior to the filing.

The operating income statement for the twelve months ended March 31, 2021 is attached hereto as Attachment "A".
(3) A calculation of the number of customers, by tariff subdivision, whose bills will be increased.

No customer bills will increase.
(4) A calculation of the total increases, in dollars, by tariff subdivision, projected to an annual basis.

No customer bills will increase.
(5) A calculation of the number of customers, by tariff subdivision, whose bills will be decreased.

| Class of Service | Total Customers <br> Affected |
| :--- | ---: |
| Residential | 197,385 |
| Commercial/PA | 16,015 |
| Industrial | 597 |
| Total | 213,997 |

(6) A calculation of the total decreases, in dollars, by tariff subdivision, projected to an annual basis.

See Attachment "B" hereto.

## National Fuel

## Income Statement - 12 Months Ended

For The Period Ended March 31, 2021
Business Unit: NFG Distribution Co-PA
Report Number: GL3103

|  | Current |
| :---: | :---: |
| Gas Revenues | \$162,568,364 |
| Less: Purchased Gas Sold | 81,173,924 |
| Revenue Taxes | 0 |
| Net Gas Revenues | 81,394,440 |
| Transportation Revenues | 36,983,299 |
| Less: Purchased Gas Sold | 2,483,501 |
| Revenue Taxes | 0 |
| Net Transportations Revenue | 34,499,798 |
| Other Operating Revenues | -1,494,997 |
| Total Net Revenues | 114,399,242 |
| Operating Revenue Deductions: |  |
| Operation Expense | 61,189,049 |
| Maintenance Expense | 3,903,313 |
| Depletion, Depreciation \& Amortization | 15,268,050 |
| Income Tax Federal - Current | 8,361,237 |
| Income Tax State - Current | 1,923,810 |
| Provision For Deferred Income Tax | -3,873,961 |
| Investment Tax Credit | 0 |
| Other Taxes | 1,599,642 |
| Total Operating Revenue Deductions | 88,371,140 |
| Operating Income/(-)Loss | 26,028,102 |

## Attachment B

| Service Class | Base Rate |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reduction |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$/Mcf |  | Mcf |  | Amount |
| Sales \& SATC |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residential (RSS \& LIRA) | \$ | 0.3845 | 8,375,738 | \$ | 3,220,471 |
|  | \$ | 0.2638 | 11,903,768 | \$ | 3,140,214 |
| Small Commercial/Public Authority < 250 | \$ | 0.2149 | 373,769 | \$ | 80,323 |
|  | \$ | 0.1889 | 744,851 | \$ | 140,702 |
| Small Commercial/Public Authority > 250 | \$ | 0.0335 | 553,879 | \$ | 18,555 |
|  | \$ | 0.0311 | 1,042,255 | \$ | 32,414 |
| Large Commercial/Public Authority | \$ | 0.1126 | 417,207 | \$ | 46,977 |
|  | \$ | 0.1040 | 23,432 | \$ | 2,437 |
|  | \$ | - | - | \$ | - |
| Small Volume Industrial Service | \$ | 0.0497 | 143,083 | \$ | 7,111 |
| Intermediate Volume Industrial Service | \$ | 0.0474 | 51,919 | \$ | 2,461 |
|  | \$ | 0.0349 | 274,118 | \$ | 9,567 |
|  | \$ | 0.0251 | 31,113 | \$ | 781 |
| Large Volume Industrial Service | \$ | 0.0500 | - | \$ | - |
|  | \$ | 0.0417 | - | \$ | - |
|  | \$ | 0.0322 | - | \$ | - |
|  | \$ | 0.0259 | - | \$ | - |
| Large Industrial Service | \$ | 0.0123 | - | \$ | - |
|  | \$ | 0.0097 | - | \$ | - |
|  | \$ | 0.0068 | - | \$ | - |
|  | \$ | 0.0049 | - | \$ | - |
|  |  |  | 23,935,129 | \$ | 6,702,014 |
| MMT and DMT |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residential | \$ | 0.3240 | 90,317 | \$ | 29,263 |
| Small Commercial/Public Authority < 250 | \$ | 0.2114 | 155,943 | \$ | 32,970 |
| Small Commercial/Public Authority > 250 | \$ | 0.0340 | 765,372 | \$ | 26,023 |
| Large Commercial/Public Authority | \$ | 0.1066 | 6,185,236 | \$ | 659,346 |
| Small Volume Industrial Service | \$ | 0.0524 | 17,123 | \$ | 897 |
| Intermediate Volume Industrial Service | \$ | 0.0340 | 3,215,254 | \$ | 109,319 |
| Large Volume Industrial Service | \$ | 0.0384 | 2,629,082 | \$ | 101,000 |
| Large Industrial Service | \$ | 0.0070 | 5,607,259 | \$ | 39,251 |
|  |  |  | 18,665,586 | \$ | 998,068 |
| TOTALS |  |  | 42,600,715 | \$ | 7,700,082 |

## Attachment B

Rate table to be added to Page 171 in Filing Total OPEB Liability to passback
One time bill credit
Remaining liability to passback
Amortization period (years)
Annual amount to passback
Total Amount to Surcredit to Customers

| $\$$ | $50,000,000$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$$ | $25,000,000$ |
| $\$$ | $25,000,000$ |
|  | 5 |
| $\$$ | $5,000,000$ |
| $\$$ | $5,000,000$ |

## Surcredit

Service Class
Sales \& SATC
Residential (RSS \& LIRA)
Small Commercial/Public Authority < 250
Small Commercial/Public Authority > 250
Large Commercial/Public Authority
Small Volume Industrial Service
Intermediate Volume Industrial Service

MMT \& DMT
Residential
Small Commercial/Public Authority < 250
Small Commercial/Public Authority > 250
Large Commercial/Public Authority
Small Volume Industrial Service
Intermediate Volume Industrial Service
Large Volume Industrial Service
Large Industrial Service

Grand Total

## One-Time Bill Credit

Residential
Commercial/Public Authority
Industrial
Total Bill Credit

| Refund per Customer | \# Customers |  | Total |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$$ | 100 | 198,500 | $\$$ | $19,850,000$ |
| $\$$ | 250 | 16,250 | $\$$ | $4,062,500$ |
| $\$$ | 1,500 | 600 | $\$$ | 900,000 |
|  |  |  | $\$$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 8 1 2 , 5 0 0}$ |

APPENDIX C

# NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION BUFFALO, NEW YORK 

RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING THE FURNISHING<br>OF<br>NATURAL GAS SERVICE<br>IN<br>TERRITORY DESCRIBED HEREIN

## LIST OF CHANGES MADE BY THIS TARIFF

CHANGE:

1. Tariff Supplement No. 228 establishes a negative surcharge, on a per Mcf basis, and one-time bill credit by service class effective October 1, 2021. This temporary surcharge has been established to implement the pass-back of an Other Post-Employment Benefit ("OPEB") regulatory liability. Page 171 and 171A.

DECREASE:
2. The Natural Gas Supply Charge for Residential, Commercial and Public Authority, Small Volume Industrial, Intermediate Volume Industrial, Large Volume Industrial and Large Industrial Service Classes decrease. Pages 36A, 41, 41A, 42, 53, 55, 66 and 76A.
3. Monthly Metered Transportation rates decrease. Pages 100 and 101.
4. Daily Metered Transportation rates decrease. Pages 111, 112, and 146C.
5. SATC rates decrease. Pages 120 and 121

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| Low Income Residential Assistance Service |  | Tenth Revised |
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|  | 62 | Ninety-Third Revised |
|  | 63 | Thirty-Third Revised |
| Rate Schedule LVIS |  |  |
| Large Volume Industrial Service | 64 | Original |
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|  | 66 | Fifty-Third Revised |
| Large Volume Industrial Service |  |  |
| BDS - Business Development |  |  |
| Service Rider | 67 | Original |
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|  | 69 | Original |



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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
This classification shall include gas supplied for residential purposes such as a private dwelling, apartment house with a single meter supplying four or less dwelling units, separately metered apartments of a multiple dwelling, accessory buildings to dwellings or apartment houses such as garages, except at residences receiving service under Rate Schedule LIRAS for Low Income Residential Assistance Service and other places of residence where gas is used for residential purposes.

Churches and missions (places of worship) shall be entitled to Service under the Residential service rate schedule.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE
Gas Service shall be available at one location, except as otherwise provided, for residential customers.

APPLICABILITY
Applicable in all areas served under this tariff.
MONTHLY RATE


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COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC AUTHORITY SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE (cont.)

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APPLICABILITY
    Applicable in all areas served under this tariff.
MONTHLY RATE
    For "Small" Commercial/Public Authority Customers using not more than
250,000 cubic feet per year:
    Basic Service Charge
            $19.89 per Month
        Distribution Charges
            27.922& per 100 cubic feet for the first 5,000 cubic feet
            24.924% per 100 cubic feet for all over 5,000 cubic feet
Gas Adjustment Charge
            (3.396)& per 100 cubic feet Purchased Gas Cost Component
                                    (Rider A)
            (0.008)& per 100 cubic feet Merchant Function Charge
                        (Rider G)
            (3.404)& per 100 cubic feet Total Gas Adjustment Charge
    Natural Gas Supply Charge
        38.755% per 100 cubic feet Purchased Gas Cost Component
                        (Rider A)
            0.089& per 100 cubic feet Merchant Function Charge
                        (Rider G)
            1.050& per 100 cubic feet Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H)
            39.894% per 100 cubic feet Total Natural Gas Supply Charge
The Natural Gas Supply Charge shall include a Merchant Function Charge (Rider G)
to recover uncollectible costs associated with purchase gas costs of 0.2285% and
the Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H) to recover costs of procuring natural gas
pursuant to 52 Pa. Code $62.223.
    The above rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with the
provisions of Rider B - State Tax Adjustment Surcharge as set forth in this
tariff.
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(D) Indicates Decrease
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COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC AUTHORITY SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE (Cont'd)
For "Small" Commercial/Public Authority Customers using greater than 250,000 cubic feet but not more than $1,000,000$ cubic feet per year:
Basic Service Charge

| $\$ 27.53$ | per Month |
| :--- | :--- |

Distribution Charges

| $22.249 \%$ | per 100 cubic feet for the first 20,000 cubic feet |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $20.909 \%$ | per 100 cubic feet for all over 20,000 cubic feet |

Gas Adjustment Charge

| $(3.396) \&$ | per 100 cubic feet | Purchased Gas Cost Component <br> (Rider A) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\underline{(0.008) \&}$ | per 100 cubic feet | Merchant Function Charge <br> (Rider G) |
| (3.404) \& per 100 cubic feet | Total Gas Adjustment Charge |  |

Natural Gas Supply Charge

| $38.755 \%$ | per 100 cubic feet | Purchased Gas Cost Component <br> (Rider A) |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $0.089 \xi$ | per 100 cubic feet | Merchant Function Charge <br> (Rider G) |
| $3 \frac{1.050 \xi}{9.894 \xi}$ | per 100 cubic feet | Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H) <br> peral Natural Gas Supply Charge |

The Natural Gas Supply Charge shall include a Merchant Function Charge (Rider G) to recover uncollectible costs associated with purchase gas costs of $0.2285 \%$ and the Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H) to recover costs of procuring natural gas pursuant to 52 Pa . Code $\$ 62.223$.

The above rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with the provisions of Rider B - State Tax Adjustment Surcharge as set forth in this tariff.

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Commercial and Public Authority Service Rate Schedule (Cont'd)
For "Large" Commercial/Public Authority Customers:
Basic Service Charge
\$121.01 per Month
Distribution Charges

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Natural Gas Supply Charge

| $38.755 \dot{\xi}$ | per 100 cubic feet | Purchased Gas Cost Component <br> (Rider A) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0.089 \dot{1.050 \xi}$ | per 100 cubic feet | Merchant Function Charge <br> (Rider G) |
| $39.894 \xi$ | per 100 cubic feet cubic feet | Gas Procurement Charge <br> (Rider H) <br> Total Natural Gas Supply Charge |

The Natural Gas Supply Charge shall include a Merchant Function Charge (Rider G) to recover uncollectible costs associated with purchase gas costs of $0.2285 \%$ and the Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H) to recover costs of procuring natural gas pursuant to 52 Pa . Code $\$ 62.223$.

The above rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with the provisions of Rider B - State Tax Adjustment Surcharge as set forth in this tariff.

## APPLICATION PERIOD

The Application Period shall be the twelve months beginning March 1 of each year.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
The Rules and Regulations set forth in this tariff shall govern, where applicable, the supply of gas service under this rate schedule.
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Small Volume Industrial Service Rate Schedule (Cont'd)
MONTHLY RATE
Basic Service Charge

Distribution Charges
23.991\& per 100 cubic feet

Natural Gas Supply Charge
38.755 ¢ per 100 cubic feet Purchased Gas Cost Component (Rider A)
0.089 per 100 cubic feet Merchant Function Charge (Rider G)
1.050 per 100 cubic feet Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H)
$39.894 \xi$ per 100 cubic feet Total Natural Gas Supply Charge
The Natural Gas Supply Charge shall include a Merchant Function Charge (Rider G) to recover uncollectible costs associated with purchase gas costs of $0.2285 \%$ and the Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H) to recover costs of procuring natural gas pursuant to 52 Pa . Code $\$ 62.223$.

The above rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with the provisions of Rider B - State Tax Adjustment Surcharge.

## APPLICATION PERIOD

The Application Period shall be the twelve months beginning March 1 of each year.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
The Rules and Regulations set forth in this tariff shall govern, where applicable, the supply of gas service under this rate schedule.
(D) Indicates Decrease
(I) Indicates Increase

IVIS
INTERMEDIATE VOLUME INDUSTRIAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE (Cont'd)
MONTHLY RATE
Basic Service Charge

| $\$ 201.91$ |
| :--- | per Month

Distribution Charges

| $18.133 \%$ | per 100 cubic feet for the first 100,000 cubic feet |
| ---: | :--- |
| $14.177 \%$ | per 100 cubic feet for the next $1,900,000$ cubic feet |
| $11.081 \%$ | per 100 cubic feet for all over $2,000,000$ cubic feet |

Gas Adjustment Charge

| (3.396) | per 100 cubic feet | Purchased Gas Cost Component <br> (Rider A) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\underline{(0.008) \&}$ per 100 cubic feet | Merchant Function Charge <br> (Rider G) |  |
| (3.404) \& per 100 cubic feet | Total Gas Adjustment Charge |  |

Natural Gas Supply Charge

| $38.755 \xi$ | per 100 cubic feet | Purchased Gas Cost Component <br> (Rider A) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0.089 \%$ | per 100 cubic feet | Merchant Function Charge <br> (Rider G) |
| $\frac{1.050 \xi}{99.894 \xi}$ | per 100 cubic feet | Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H) |
| per 100 cubic feet Natural Gas Supply Charge |  |  |

The Natural Gas Supply Charge shall include a Merchant Function Charge (Rider G) to recover uncollectible costs associated with purchase gas costs of $0.2285 \%$ and the Gas Procurement Charge (Rider H) to recover costs of procuring natural gas pursuant to 52 Pa . Code $\$ 62.223$.

The above rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with the provisions of Rider B - State Tax Adjustment Surcharge as set forth in this tariff.

## APPLICATION PERIOD

The Application Period shall be the twelve months beginning March 1 of each year.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
The rules and regulations set forth in this tariff shall govern, where applicable, the supply of gas service under this rate schedule.
(D) Indicates Decrease
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LVIS
Large Volume Industrial Service (Cont'd)
C. An Industrial Customer, for which the Company estimates that the total volumes of gas purchased from the Company or transported by the Company during the next succeeding twelve months will be not less than $50,000 \mathrm{Mcf}$, if the Industrial Customer has used total volumes of gas in at least one billing month of not less than 4,167 Mcf, even if the Customer disagrees with the Company's estimate.
D. An Industrial Customer for which the Company estimates that total volumes of gas to be used by the customer during the next succeeding twelve months will not be less than $50,000 \mathrm{Mcf}$ of gas per year whether the gas is purchased by the Industrial Customer from the Company, delivered by the Company to the Industrial Customer, or obtained by the customer from another source.

An Industrial Customer that meets the above criteria under this rate schedule at the beginning of an Application Period is required to continue to be subject to this rate schedule during all months of such Application Period. An Industrial Customer that meets the above criteria under this rate schedule during an Application Period is required to continue to be subject to this rate schedule during all or remaining months of such Application Period.

MONTHLY RATE

| Basic Service Charge $\$ 809.00$ | per Month |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Distribution Charges |  |  |
| 13.627 ¢ | per 100 cubic feet for | he first 100,000 cubic feet |
| 11.892 ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ | per 100 cubic feet for | he next 1,900,000 cubic feet |
| 9.899\% | per 100 cubic feet for | he next 18,000,000 cubic feet |
| 8.590\% | per 100 cubic feet for | 11 over 20,000,000 cubic feet |
| Gas Adjustment Charge |  |  |
| $(3.396) \&$ | per 100 cubic feet | Purchased Gas Cost Component <br> (Rider A) |
| (0.008) $¢$ | per 100 cubic feet | Merchant Function Charge (Rider G) |
| (3.404) ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Per 100 cubic feet | Total Gas Adjustment Charge |

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LIS
Large Industrial Service (Cont'd)
C. An Industrial Customer, for which the Company estimates that the total volumes of gas purchased from the Company or transported by the Company during the next succeeding twelve months will be not less than 200,000 Mcf, if the Industrial Customer has used total volumes of gas in at least one billing month of not less than 17,000 Mcf, even if the Customer disagrees with the Company's estimate.

An Industrial Customer that meets the above criteria under this rate schedule at the beginning of an Application Period is required to continue to be subject to this rate schedule during all months of such Application Period. An Industrial Customer that meets the above criteria under this rate schedule during an Application Period is required to continue to be subject to this rate schedule during all or remaining months of such Application Period.

MONTHLY RATE


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RATE SCHEDULE FOR MONTHLY METERED TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE (cont'd)
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## MONTHLY RATES

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Commodity Rates
The commodity rates set forth below contain a component, presently \(\$ 0.3200\) per Mcf, for recovery of purchased gas costs.
For transportation of gas to Residential Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas both within and outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 2.7758\) Mcf
For transportation of gas to Commercial and Public Authority Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 2.7458\) per Mcf for Small Commercial/Public Authority using not more than 250 Mcf per year
\(\$ 2.2601\) per Mcf for Small Commercial/Public Authority using greater than 250 Mcf but not more than 1,000 Mcf per year \(\$ 1.6996\) per Mcf for Large Commercial/Public Authority
For transportation of gas to Commercial and Public Authority Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 2.7458\) per Mcf for Small Commercial/Public Authority using not more than 250 Mcf per year
\(\$ 2.2601\) per Mcf for Small Commercial/Public Authority using greater
\(\$ 1.6996\) per Mcf for Large Commercial/Public Authority
For transportation of gas to Small Volume Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\$2.5173 per Mcf for SVIS Customers
For transportation of gas to Small Volume Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 2.5173\) per Mcf for SVIS Customers
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\section*{RATE SCHEDULE FOR MONTHLY METERED TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE (cont'd)}

For transportation of gas to Intermediate Volume Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 1.3920\) per Mcf for IVIS Customers
For transportation of gas to Intermediate Volume Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 1.3920\) per Mcf for IVIS Customers
For transportation of gas to Large Volume Industrial Customers and any entity that is not a Gas Service Customer, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:

\section*{\(\$ 1.1245\) per Mcf}

For transportation of gas to Large Volume Industrial Customers and any entity that is not a Gas Service Customer, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 1.1245\) per Mcf
For transportation of gas to Large Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 0.8039\) per Mcf
For transportation of gas to Large Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 0.8039\) per Mcf
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Provided, however, that the Company, in its sole discretion, may reduce by contract the portion of the above rates applicable to the Customer that are for recovery of gas or the portion of the rate for recovery of non-gas costs of service if it is reasonably necessary to do so to meet competition from another supplier of energy including gas from another supplier of gas that has constructed, or could construct, facilities to deliver supplies of gas to a MMT Customer of the Company without use of the Company's facilities or another transportation of gas. The Company may also reduce or eliminate the compensation for line losses provided for in Special Provisions paragraph B of this rate schedule in order to meet the competitive circumstances for alternate fuels or bypass situations cited above excluding competition from other Pennsylvania local distribution companies. The Company will reduce the applicable rate only if:
(a) Either (1) the MMT Customer has facilities in place and operable to use an alternative fuel or obtain gas from an alternative supplier or (2) in the Company's judgment, such facilities would be constructed;
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(I) Indicates Increase
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MONTHLY RATES
Commodity Rates
For transportation of gas to Residential customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas both within and outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 2.4558\) per Mcf.
For transportation of gas to Commercial and Public Authority Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\begin{tabular}{ll}
\(\$ 2.4258\) per Mcf & \begin{tabular}{l} 
for Small Commercial/Public Authority using not more \\
than 250 Mcf per year
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\(\$ 1.9401\) per Mcf & \begin{tabular}{l} 
for Small Commercial/Public Authority using greater \\
than 250 Mcf but not more than 1,000 Mcf per year
\end{tabular} \\
\(\$ 1.3796\) per Mcf & \begin{tabular}{l} 
for Large Commercial/Public Authority
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For transportation of gas to Commercial and Public Authority Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
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\hline \$2.4258 per Mcf & for Small Commercial/Public Authority using not more than 250 Mcf per Year \\
\hline \$1.9401 per Mcf & for Small Commercial/Public Authority using greater than 250 Mcf but not more than 1,000 Mcf per year \\
\hline \$1.3796 per Mcf & for Large Commercial/Public Authority \\
\hline For transportat monthly rate for of Pennsylvania & of gas to Small Volume Industrial Customers, the ansportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth ll be: \\
\hline \$2.1973 per Mcf & for SVIS Customers. \\
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\hline \$2.1973 per Mcf & for SVIS Customers. \\
\hline For transportat the monthly rat Commonwealth of & of gas to Intermediate Volume Industrial Customers, transportation of gas produced within the nsylvania shall be: \\
\hline \$1.0720 per Mcf & for IVIS Customers \\
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RATE SCHEDULE FOR DAILY METERED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (cont'd)

For transportation of gas to Intermediate Volume Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 1.0720\) per Mcf for IVIS Customers.
For transportation of gas to Large Volume Industrial Customers and any entity that is not a Gas Service Customer, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 0.8045\) per Mcf.
For transportation of gas to Large Volume Industrial Customers and any entity that is not a Gas Service Customer, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 0.8045\) per Mcf.

For transportation of gas to Large Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 0.4839\) per Mcf.
For transportation of gas to Large Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 0.4839\) per Mcf.

Provided, however, that the Company, in its sole discretion, may reduce by contract the portion of the above rates applicable to the customer that is for recovery of gas costs or the portion of the rate for recovery of non-gas costs of service if it is reasonably necessary to do so to meet competition from another supplier of energy including gas from another supplier of gas that has constructed, or could construct, facilities to deliver supplies of gas to a Gas Service Customer of the Company without use of the Company's facilities or another transporter of gas. The Company may also reduce or eliminate the compensation for line losses provided for in Special Provisions paragraph \(B\) of this rate schedule in order to meet the competitive circumstances for alternate fuels or bypass situations cited above excluding competition from other Pennsylvania local distribution companies. The Company will reduce the applicable rate only if:
(a) Either (1) the Customer has facilities in place and operable to use an alternative fuel or obtain gas from an alternative supplier or (2) in the Company's judgment, such facilities would be constructed;
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(D) Indicates Decrease & (C) Indicates Change \\
(I) Indicates Increase & Effective: October 1, 2021
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\section*{SMALL AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER SERVICE (Cont.)}
1. Residential Transportation Rates

SATC Customers that meet the qualifications under the Residential Service Rate Schedule classification:

Rates per Residential SATC Customer per Month:
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\begin{array}{ll}
\$ 12.00 & \text { Basic Service Charge } \\
\$ 0.32307 & \text { per } 100 \text { cubic feet for the first } 5,000 \text { cubic feet } \\
\$ 0.23156 & \text { per } 100 \text { cubic feet for all over 5,000 cubic feet } \tag{D}
\end{array}
\]
2. Commercial and Public Authority Transportation Rates

SATC Customers that meet the qualifications under the Commercial and Public Authority Service Rate Schedule classification:
a. Rates per Commercial/Public Authority customer per month for "Small" Commercial/Public Customers using not more than 250,000 cubic feet per year:
\[
\begin{array}{ll}
\$ 19.89 & \text { Basic Service Charge } \\
\$ 0.27922 & \text { per } 100 \text { cubic feet for the first } 5,000 \text { cubic feet } \\
\$ 0.24924 & \text { per } 100 \text { cubic feet for all over 5,000 cubic feet } \tag{D}
\end{array}
\]
b. Rates per Commercial/Public Authority customer per month for "Small" Commercial/Public Customers using greater than 250,000 cubic feet but not more than \(1,000,000\) cubic feet per year:
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\$27.53 Basic Service Charge
\$0.22249 per }100\mathrm{ cubic feet for the first 20,000 cubic feet
\$0.20909 per }100\mathrm{ cubic feet for all over 20,000 cubic feet
c. Rates per Commercial/Public Authority customer per month for

``` "Large" Commercial/Public Customers:
\begin{tabular}{ll}
\(\$ 121.01\) & Basic Service Charge \\
\(\$ 0.17722\) & per 100 cubic feet for the first 300,000 cubic feet \\
\(\$ 0.16616\) & per 100 cubic feet for the next \(1,700,000\) cubic feet \\
\(\$ 0.15472\) & per 100 cubic feet for all over \(2,000,000\) cubic feet
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(D) Indicates Decrease
(I) Indicates Increase
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    RATE SCHEDULE SATC
            SMALL AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER SERVICE (Cont.)
    3. Small Volume Industrial Service Transportation Rates
    SATC Customers that meet the qualifications under the Small Volume
    Industrial Service Rate Schedule classification:
Rates per Small Volume Industrial Service SATC Customer per Month:
\$65.60 Basic Service Charge
\$0.23991 per 100 cubic feet
4. Intermediate Volume Industrial Service Transportation Rates
SATC Customers that meet the qualifications under the Intermediate Volume Industrial Service Rate Schedule classification:
Rates per Intermediate Volume Industrial Service SATC Customer per Month:

| $\$ 201.91$ | Basic Service Charge |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 0.18133$ | per 100 cubic feet for the first 100,000 cubic feet |
| $\$ 0.14177$ | per 100 cubic feet for the next $1,900,000$ cubic feet |
| $\$ 0.11081$ | per 100 cubic feet for all over $2,000,000$ cubic feet |

B. Miscellaneous Customer Surcharges

1. Residential rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with Rider $F$ - LIRA Discount Charge as set forth in this tariff.
2. The above SATC rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with provisions of Rider B - State Tax Adjustment Surcharge.
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RATE SCHEDULE FOR DAILY METERED LARGE MANUFACTURING TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (cont'd)
MONTHLY RATES

For transportation of gas to Large Industrial Manufacturing Customers, the monthly rate for transportation shall be:
\(\$ 0.4839\) per Mcf.

Provided, however, that the Company, in its sole discretion, may reduce by contract the portion of the above rates applicable to the Customer that is for recovery of gas costs or the portion of the rate for recovery of non-gas costs of service if it is reasonably necessary to do so to meet competition from another supplier of energy including gas from another supplier of gas that has constructed, or could construct, facilities to deliver supplies of gas to a Gas Service Customer of the Company without use of the Company's facilities or another transportation of gas. The Company will reduce the applicable rate only if:
(a) Either (1) the Customer has facilities in place and operable to use an alternative fuel or obtain gas from an alternative supplier or (2) in the Company's judgment, such facilities would be constructed;
(b) Volumes of gas that would be transported by the Company would be displaced by an alternate fuel or an alternative source of gas unless the Company reduces its transportation rate;
(c) The Company will not reduce the rate for transportation service below the level necessary to transport gas; and
(d) In the Company's judgment the DMLMT Service Customer has taken all reasonable steps to minimize the cost of gas supplies delivered to the Company's system in order to help meet competition.

Where the above criteria are met, the Company may, in its discretion enter into an agreement setting either: (1) a fixed transportation rate or (2) the basis for determining the transportation rate, for the period of the Service Agreement, which will specify which portion of the rate is being reduced.

Volumes delivered as transportation service pursuant to this rate schedule shall be subject to State Tax Adjustment Surcharge

CHARGES FOR TRANSPORTATION BY OTHERS
If furnishing service, pursuant to this Rate Schedule, requires the use of a transportation service provided other than by the Company, any cost incurred by the Company, with regard thereto, shall be billed to DMLMT Service Customer by the Company.
(D) Indicates Decrease
(C) Indicates Change
(I) Indicates Increase

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\section*{RIDER I OPEB TEMPORARY SURCREDIT}

Effective October 1, 2021, a one-time bill credit will be applied and a surcredit will be included in the rates subject to this Rider to provide for the pass back of funds collected previously for Other Post Retirement Benefits ("OPEB") expenses that have been deferred for the benefit of ratepayers as a regulatory liability in accordance with the settlement order in Docket \# R00061493 .
\(\$ 25,000,000\) of the OPEB regulatory liability has been reserved to pass back to customers as a one-time bill credit. The bill credit will be applied to customers' bills for active accounts as of October 1, 2021 and in the following amounts per class:
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Residential \$100
C/PA \$250
Industrial \$1,500

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An additional \(\$ 25,000,000\) of the OPEB regulatory liability has been reserved to pass back via a surcredit over 5 -years ( \(\$ 5,000,000\) per year). The surcredit will apply as a credit to all customer bills at a set allocation percentage equal to the allocation percentage of the Company's base rate increase in Docket \# R-00061493 among the various customer classes, exclusive of STAS and automatic adjustment clause revenues, for bills rendered for intrastate service on and after October 1, 2021. The surcredit will be applied on a per Mcf basis, by service class, as indicated in the table below. The surcredit will continue for a period of 5 years without reconciliation. Interest is not applicable to the OPEB balance. The OPEB Temporary Surcredit will be filed with the Commission by October 1 of each year and will be recalculated annually during the 5 -year period.
\begin{tabular}{|l|r|}
\hline Service Class & \begin{tabular}{c} 
Refund Rate \\
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\end{tabular} \\
\hline Sales \& SATC & \\
\hline Residential (RSS \& LIRA) & \((\$ 0.20402)\) \\
\hline Small Comm./Public Authority < 250 & \((\$ 0.13592)\) \\
\hline Small Comm./Public Authority > 250 & \((\$ 0.02319)\) \\
\hline Large Comm./Public Authority & \((\$ 0.26167)\) \\
\hline Small Volume Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.03212)\) \\
\hline Intermediate Vol. Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.01108)\) \\
\hline MMT \& DMT & \\
\hline Residential & \((\$ 0.13888)\) \\
\hline Small Comm./Public Authority < 250 & \((\$ 0.08309)\) \\
\hline Small Comm./Public Authority > 250 & \((\$ 0.01697)\) \\
\hline Large Comm./Public Authority & \((\$ 0.05581)\) \\
\hline Small Volume Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.02357)\) \\
\hline Intermediate Vol. Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.02334)\) \\
\hline Large Volume Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.02491)\) \\
\hline Large Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.00446)\) \\
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A total of \(\$ 50,000,000\) held in a grantor trust will be used for the passback of funds described above. At the conclusion of the 5 -year period, the Company will terminate the grantor trust.

The Company is suspending regulatory accounting associated OPEB expense because such costs are \(\$ 0\) and base delivery rates have been reduced to eliminate the recovery of OPEB expenses. The \(\$ 50,000,000\) passed back to ratepayers through the one-time bill credit and surcredit mechanisms described above will reduce the regulatory liability due to ratepayers. The remaining regulatory liability balance due to ratepayers will be addressed in the next base rate proceeding.

Of the regulatory liability balance that is not attributed to ratepayers, the Company will immediately record any portion of the balance attributed to the O\&M component of any SFAS 106 income that has accumulated since the last base rate proceeding as a reduction to OPEB expense. The remaining regulatory liability balance not attributed to ratepayers is to be transferred into an account separate from the regulatory liability due to ratepayers and be used to reduce the cost of labor charged to capital projects and affiliates over a period of 5 years. Any remaining portion of the regulatory liability after the expiration of the 5 -year period will be addressed in the next base rate proceeding.

\section*{REDLINED VERSION}
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\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION} & Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 & \\
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RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
This classification shall include gas supplied for residential purposes such as a private dwelling, apartment house with a single meter supplying four or less dwelling units, separately metered apartments of a multiple dwelling, accessory buildings to dwellings or apartment houses such as garages, except at residences receiving service under Rate Schedule LIRAS for Low Income Residential Assistance Service and other places of residence where gas is used for residential purposes.

Churches and missions (places of worship) shall be entitled to Service under the Residential service rate schedule.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE
Gas Service shall be available at one location, except as otherwise provided, for residential customers.

APPLICABILITY
Applicable in all areas served under this tariff.
MONTHLY RATE

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COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC AUTHORITY SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE (Cont'd)
For "Small" Commercial/Public Authority Customers using greater
than 250,000 cubic feet but not more than \(1,000,000\) cubic feet per year:

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RATE SCHEDULE FOR MONTHLY METERED TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE (cont'd)
For transportation of gas to Intermediate Volume Industrial Customers,
the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 1.3920\) per Mcf for IVIS Customers (D)
For transportation of gas to Intermediate Volume Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 1.3920\) per Mcf for IVIS Customers
For transportation of gas to Large Volume Industrial Customers and any entity that is not a Gas Service Customer, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 1.1245\), per Mcf \(\qquad\)
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\(\$ 1.1245\) per Mcf \(\qquad\)
For transportation of gas to Large Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
\(\$ 0.8039\) per Mcf
For transportation of gas to Large Industrial Customers, the monthly rate for transportation of gas produced outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be:
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Provided, however, that the Company, in its sole discretion, may reduce by contract the portion of the above rates applicable to the Customer that are for recovery of gas or the portion of the rate for recovery of non-gas costs of service if it is reasonably necessary to do so to meet competition from another supplier of energy including gas from another supplier of gas that has constructed, or could construct, facilities to deliver supplies of gas to a MMT Customer of the Company without use of the Company's facilities or another transportation of gas. The Company may also reduce or eliminate the
compensation for line losses provided for in Special Provisions paragraph B of this rate schedule in order to meet the competitive circumstances for alternate fuels or bypass situations cited above excluding competition from other Pennsylvania local distribution companies. The Company will reduce the applicable rate only if:
(a) Either (1) the MMT Customer has facilities in place and operable to use an alternative fuel or obtain gas from an alternative supplier or (2) in the Company's judgment, such facilities would be constructed;
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RATE SCHEDULE SATC
SMALL AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER SERVICE (Cont.)
1. Residential Transportation Rates
SATC Customers that meet the qualifications under the Residential
Service Rate Schedule classification:
Rates per Residential SATC Customer per Month:

SATC Customers that meet the qualifications under the Commercial and Public Authority Service Rate Schedule classification:
a. Rates per Commercial/Public Authority customer per month for "Small" Commercial/Public Customers using not more than 250,000 cubic feet per year:
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\(\$ 19.89\) \\
\(\$ 0.27922\), & pasic Service Charge \\
\(\$ 0.24924\) & per 100 cubic feet for the first 5,000 cubic feet &
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"Small" Commercial/Public Customers using greater than 250,000 cubic feet but not more than \(1,000,000\) cubic feet per year:
\$27.53 Basic Service Charge
\(\$ 0.22249\) per 100 cubic feet for the first 20,000 cubic feet
per 100 cubic feet for all over 20,000 cubic feet \(\qquad\) (D)
c. Rates per Commercial/Public Authority customer per month for "Large" Commercial/Public Customers:
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\(\$ 121.01\) & Basic Service Charge \\
\(\$ 0.17722\) & per 100 cubic feet for the first 300,000 cubic feet \\
\(\$ 0.16616\) & per 100 cubic feet for the next \(1,700,000\) cubic feet (D) \\
\(\$ 0.15472\) & per 100 cubic feet for all over \(2,000,000\) cubic feet
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SMALL AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER SERVICE (Cont.)
3. Small Volume Industrial Service Transportation Rates

SATC Customers that meet the qualifications under the Small Volume Industrial Service Rate Schedule classification:

Rates per Small Volume Industrial Service SATC Customer per Month:
\(\$ 65.60 \quad\) Basic Service Charge
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4. Intermediate Volume Industrial Service Transportation Rates

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SATC Customers that meet the qualifications under the Intermediate Volume Industrial Service Rate Schedule classification:

Rates per Intermediate Volume Industrial Service SATC Customer per
Month:
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\text { Basic Service Charge } \\
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\$ 0.14177 & \text { per } 100 \text { cubic feet for the first } 100,000 \text { cubic feet } \\
\$ 0.11081 & \text { per } 100 \text { cubic feet for the next } 1,900,000 \text { cubic feet } \\
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B. Miscellaneous Customer Surcharges
1. Residential rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with Rider \(F\) - LIRA Discount Charge as set forth in this tariff.
2. The above SATC rates shall be subject to surcharges in accordance with provisions of Rider B - State Tax Adjustment Surcharge.
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(a) Either (1) the Customer has facilities in place and operable to use an alternative fuel or obtain gas from an alternative supplier or (2) in the Company's judgment, such facilities would be constructed;
(b) Volumes of gas that would be transported by the Company would be displaced by an alternate fuel or an alternative source of gas unless the Company reduces its transportation rate;
(c) The Company will not reduce the rate for transportation service below the level necessary to transport gas; and
(d) In the Company's judgment the DMLMT Service Customer has taken all reasonable steps to minimize the cost of gas supplies delivered to the Company's system in order to help meet competition.

Where the above criteria are met, the Company may, in its discretion enter into an agreement setting either: (1) a fixed transportation rate or (2) the basis for determining the transportation rate, for the period of the Service Agreement, which will specify which portion of the rate is being reduced.

Volumes delivered as transportation service pursuant to this rate schedule shall be subject to State Tax Adjustment Surcharge

CHARGES FOR TRANSPORTATION BY OTHERS
If furnishing service, pursuant to this Rate Schedule, requires the use of a transportation service provided other than by the Company, any cost incurred by the Company, with regard thereto, shall be billed to DMLMT Service Customer by the Company.
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\section*{RIDER I OPEB TEMPORARY SURCREDIT}

Effective October 1, 2021, a one-time bill credit will be applied and a surcredit will be included in the rates subject to this Rider to provide for the pass back of funds collected previously for Other Post Retirement Benefits ("OPEB") expenses that have been deferred for the benefit of ratepayers as a regulatory liability in accordance with the settlement order in Docket \# R00061493 .
\(\$ 25,000,000\) of the OPEB regulatory liability has been reserved to pass back to customers as a one-time bill credit. The bill credit will be applied to customers' bills for active accounts as of October 1, 2021 and in the following amounts per class:
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Residential \$100
C/PA \$250
Industrial \$1,500

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An additional \(\$ 25,000,000\) of the OPEB regulatory liability has been reserved to pass back via a surcredit over 5 -years ( \(\$ 5,000,000\) per year). The surcredit will apply as a credit to all customer bills at a set allocation percentage equal to the allocation percentage of the Company's base rate increase in Docket \# R-00061493 among the various customer classes, exclusive of STAS and automatic adjustment clause revenues, for bills rendered for intrastate service on and after October 1, 2021. The surcredit will be applied on a per Mcf basis, by service class, as indicated in the table below. The surcredit will continue for a period of 5 years without reconciliation. Interest is not applicable to the OPEB balance. The OPEB Temporary Surcredit will be filed with the Commission by October 1 of each year and will be recalculated annually during the 5-year period.
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\hline Sales \& SATC & \\
\hline Residential (RSS \& LIRA) & \((\$ 0.20402)\) \\
\hline Small Comm./Public Authority < 250 & \((\$ 0.13592)\) \\
\hline Small Comm./Public Authority > 250 & \((\$ 0.02319)\) \\
\hline Large Comm./Public Authority & \((\$ 0.26167)\) \\
\hline Small Volume Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.03212)\) \\
\hline Intermediate Vol. Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.01108)\) \\
\hline MMT \& DMT & \\
\hline Residential & \((\$ 0.13888)\) \\
\hline Small Comm./Public Authority < 250 & \((\$ 0.08309)\) \\
\hline Small Comm./Public Authority > 250 & \((\$ 0.01697)\) \\
\hline Large Comm./Public Authority & \((\$ 0.05581)\) \\
\hline Small Volume Industrial Service & \((\$ 0.02357)\) \\
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The Company is suspending regulatory accounting associated OPEB expense because such costs are \(\$ 0\) and base delivery rates have been reduced to eliminate the recovery of OPEB expenses. The \(\$ 50,000,000\) passed back to ratepayers through the one-time bill credit and surcredit mechanisms described above will reduce the regulatory liability due to ratepayers. The remaining regulatory liability balance due to ratepayers will be addressed in the next base rate proceeding.

Of the regulatory liability balance that is not attributed to ratepayers, the Company will immediately record any portion of the balance attributed to the O\&M component of any SFAS 106 income that has accumulated since the last base rate proceeding as a reduction to OPEB expense. The remaining regulatory liability balance not attributed to ratepayers is to be transferred into an account separate from the regulatory liability due to ratepayers and be used to reduce the cost of labor charged to capital projects and affiliates over a period of 5 years. Any remaining portion of the regulatory liability after the expiration of the 5 -year period will be addressed in the next base rate proceeding.

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\section*{Statement No. 1}
Q. Please state your name and business address.
A. My name is Donald N. Koch and my business address is 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221.
Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
A. I am employed by National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or "Company") as a Rate Analyst III in the Rates and Regulatory Affairs Department.
Q. Will you state briefly your educational background and experience?
A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from SUNY Geneseo in May 2004. I received a Masters of Business Administration with a specialization in Accounting/Finance from St. Bonaventure University in December 2009. Prior to joining Distribution, \(I\) worked in banking for 11 years at M\&T Bank specializing in various compliance and financial roles. In June 2015, I was hired by Distribution as a Rate Analyst II in the Rates and Regulatory Affairs Department. I was promoted to Rate

Analyst III, my current position, effective February 1, 2020
Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?
A. I am testifying in support of the Company's proposal to reduce base rates by the amount currently included for recovery of Other Post-Employement Benefits ("OPEB") expenses. I will also be supporting the Company's proposal to refund a portion of OPEB expenses that have been funded by ratepayers and are not necessary for future OPEB costs. I will be providing Exhibits DNK-1, DNK-2, DNK-3, DNK-4, and DNK-5 to support the aforementioned proposals.
Q. What is the amount of OPEB expenses included in base rates?
A. The amount of OPEB expenses included in base rates is \(\$ 7,704,085\). This amount was established in the Company's settlement at Docket R-00061493. A copy of this settlement agreement is provided as Distribution Exhibit DNK-1, pages 4-18.
Q. The settlement references total OPEB costs of \(\$ 10,005,305\). Why are the OPEB expenses included in rates \(\$ 7,704,085\) ?
A. As indicated in its 2006 base rate proceeding, the Company is only recovering the expense component of OPEB costs from customers in rates. A review of the rate case exhibits from that proceeding demonstrates that only the expense component, or \(77 \%\) of total OPEB costs, was included in rates.
Q. Please describe Exhibit DNK-1
A. Exhibit DNK-1 details the amount of OPEB expenses initially claimed by the Company in the base rate filing. This exhibit was originally included in Docket R-00061493 as support for the Company's OPEB costs that were included in total O\&M expense. Exhibit DNK-1 page 1 reflects total OPEB costs in the initial filing of \(\$ 11,237,484\) and an expense amount of \(\$ 8,652,862\), which is \(77 \%\) of the total of \(\$ 11,237,484\). The OPEB expense amount of \(\$ 8,652,862\) from Exhibit DNK-1 page 1 is carried through to the postretirement benefits line on Exhibit DNK-1 page 2. The total amount of
annualized benefits on this schedule is \(\$ 21,199,369\). This amount then appears on the Statement of Operations and Maintenance expenses on page 3 (line 3) of the exhibit.
Q. Were total OPEB costs and expenses reduced under the settlement in the base rate proceeding?
A. Yes, in that proceeding, OCA proposed to amortize deferred OPEB costs of \(\$ 1,642,905\) over a 4 -year period which adjusted total OPEB costs in the filing of \(\$ 11,237,484\) down to \(\$ 10,005,305\). See Exhibit DNK-1 page 6. By amortizing the deferred OPEB costs of \(\$ 1,642,905\) over a 4-year period, the annual OPEB costs for this deferred amount decreased to \(\$ 410,726\) per year or by \(\$ 1,232,179\). This reduced the total OPEB costs to \(\$ 10,005,305\) \((\$ 11,237,484-\$ 1,232,179=\$ 10,005,305)\). This also reduced the expense amount under the settlement to \(\$ 7,704,085\) ( \(\$ 10,005,305 \times 77 \%=\) \$7,704, 085).
Q. Why is the Company proposing this rate reduction?
A. As explained in Mr. Weidner's testimony, the Company is collecting more in rates than is
needed for OPEB benefit obligations. Currently the funded status of the OPEB benefit obligation is positive and the Company believes that any future increase in the OPEB benefit obligation due to market changes or adjustments to actuarial estimates are likely to be met with existing funds held in the Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association ("VEBA") trusts. Therefore, it is appropriate to eliminate the ongoing OPEB expense claim. Reducing the collection of OPEB expense in base rates will stop the increase of the deferred liability.
Q. Please explain the additional amount the Company is proposing to refund to customers.
A. As explained in Mr. Weidner's testimony, there is a portion of the funds collected from ratepayers that reside in the grantor trust that are not needed to fund future OPEB benefit obligations and can be utilized if authorized by an order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. It is the Company's position that these amounts be refunded to customers, especially in light of the
negative economic impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
Q. Please explain Exhibit DNK-2.
A. Exhibit DNK-2, page 1, shows the calculation of the rate reduction by class of the \(\$ 7.7\) million of OPEB expenses. The Company is proposing to reduce rates by the same allocation percentage that rates were increased under the settlement of the 2006 base rate proceeding at Docket R0061493. The reduction of \(\$ 7.7\) million was allocated to retail and transportation rates using normalized volumes for the fiscal year 2022 period of Sept 1, 2021 - Oct 31, 2022.
Q. Why did you use forecasted normalized volumes for the fiscal year period 2022?
A. The Company is forecasting relatively stable consumption in the near future. The fiscal year 2022 forecasted period closely aligns to the period the new base rates would go into effect.
Q. Please explain Exhibit DNK-3.
A. Exhibit DNK-3 Page 1 is the calculation of the surcredit mechanism being proposed to pass back the amounts in the grantor trust as explained in Mr. Weidner's testimony. Each service class was allocated a portion of the OPEB liability to pass back as the same percentage as they were allocated in the base rate decrease calculation. A surcredit rate was then calculated based upon projected volumes for each service class. Exhibit DNK-3 Page 2 is an estimated rate reduction/bill impact schedule. This schedule also shows the calculation and allocation of approximately \(\$ 25,000,000\) of the OPEB regulatory being passed back via a one-time bill credit.
Q. Please further describe the one time bill credit.
A. In order to provide immediate relief to all customers, the Company is proposing to pass back approximately \(\$ 25,000,000\) of the \(\$ 50,000,000\) OPEB regulatory liability available in the grantor trust. Using a very similar allocation percentage to that used to calculate the base rate reduction and surcredit allocation, and the estimated number of customers by class, the Company is
proposing the following one time bill credit amounts:

Residential - \$100
Commercial/Public Authority - \$250
Industrial - \$1,500
This one time bill credit would be applied to all customer bills rendered on or after October 1, 2021.
Q. What is the total amount to be passed back through the surcredit mechanism?
A. Per the testimony of Mr. Weidner, the total amount to be passed back through the surcredit mechanism is \(\$ 25,000,000(\$ 50,000,000\) less \$25,000,000 one-time bill credit).
Q. Is there a reconciliation component included in the surcredit calculation?
A. No, the Company did not include a reconciliation component in the surcredit mechanism. These expenses were recovered in base rates without any reconciliation mechanism for changes in throughput volumes. The Company also seeks to implement a simple mechanism that avoids reconciliation of over/under collections.
Q. Will the surcredit be subject to interest?
A. No, it will not be subject to interest. If the Company was proposing to amortize the refund amount to customers in a base rate proceeding, the amortization would not be subject to interest.
Q. How long is the Company proposing to keep the surcredit in place?
A. The surcredit is designed to return the funds to ratepayers over a five year period but will stop by class when the refund amount is completed. Using a five year pass-back period, approximately \(\$ 5,000,000\) will be passed back annually.
Q. Please explain Exhibit DNK-4
A. Exhibit DNK-4 is a rate summary schedule that shows the Company's current rates before and after the proposed rate reductions.
Q. Using the Residential class as an example, please summarize the magnitude of the rate reductions.
A. Using current rates in effect May 1, 2021, the first 5 Mcf of usage decreases the distribution Charge \(\$ 0.3845\) per MCf from \(\$ 3.6152\) per Mcf to \(\$ 3.2307\) per MCf. Over 5 Mcf of usage decreases the distribution charge \(\$ 0.2638\) per Mcf from \(\$ 2.5794\) per Mcf to \(\$ 2.3156\) per Mcf. When including the proposed surcredit mechanism rate of ( \(\$ 0.20402\) ) per MCf, the total distribution charge rate reduction for the first 5 Mcf usage is \(\$ 0.5885\) per Mcf, or a \(16.3 \%\) decrease. The total distribution charge rate reduction for over 5 Mcf of usage is \(\$ 0.4678\) per MCf, or a \(18.1 \%\) decrease.
Q. Please explain Exhibit DNK-5.
A. Exhibit DNK-5 shows the calculation of the decrease to an average residential customer's bill using 100.3 Mcf of gas annually, compared to rates in effect as of May 1, 2021. The average residential customer would see their average monthly bill decrease from \(\$ 69.21\) to \(\$ 64.85\) which equates to a monthly savings of \(\$ 4.36\), or \(6.3 \%\).

2 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

3 A. Yes, at this time.

\section*{Exhibit DNK-1}

Exhibit No. 104
Schedule 2 (Benefits)
Witness: Bauer
Page 14
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation
Pennsylvania Division
Operations and Maintenance Expense Adjustments to Benefits
Other Post Retirement Benefits
Twelve Months Ending January 2007


National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation
Pennsylvania Division
Operation and Maintenance Adjustments to Benefits
Twelve Months Ending January 2007
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & Normalized January 2006 & Adjustment & Annualized January 2007 \\
\hline Group Life Insurance & \$56,064 & \$9,962 & \$66,025 \\
\hline Hospitalization Insurance & 2,396,100 & 1,008,292 & 3,404,392 \\
\hline 401 (K) Plan & 454,824 & 11,587 & 466,411 \\
\hline Dental Plan & 192,117 & 13,448 & 205,565 \\
\hline Long Term Disability & 4,422 & 116 & 4.538 \\
\hline Annuity & 4,807,475 & \((1,184,598)\) & 3,622,877 \\
\hline Postretirement Benefits & 8,185,184 & 467,678 & 8,652,862 \\
\hline Retirement Savings Account & 6,407 & 14,641 & 21,048 \\
\hline Miscellaneous & 92,998 & 2,446 & 95,444 \\
\hline Benefits From New York & 3,405,471 & 85,413 & 3,490,884 \\
\hline Benefits From Supply & 1,150,898 & 18,425 & 1,169,323 \\
\hline Total Benefits & \$20,751,960 & \$447,410 & \$21,199,369 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Exhiblt No. 104
Schedule 1
Witness: Friedrich-Alf
Page 2
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Natlonal Fuet Gas Distribution Corporation Pennsylvania Division \\
Statement of Operattons and Maintenance Expenses at Present Rates Twelve Months Ending January 31, 2007
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\hline & Nole 1 (i) Normalized Twelve Months Ended January 31, 2006 & \begin{tabular}{l}
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Specific Adjusiments
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(3) \\
Other Adjustments
\end{tabular} & \begin{tabular}{l}
(4) \\
Annualized Twelve Months Ending January 31, 2007
\end{tabular} & Exhibit 104 Schedule 2 Note 3 \\
\hline Labor & \$19,092,923 & \$452,308 & & \$19.545.231 & Labor Pages 1-4 \\
\hline Uncollectibles & 8,782,652 & \((345,652)\) & & 8,437.000 & Uncorlectibles Pages 5-T \\
\hline Emblayeo Benefls & 20,751.960 & 447,409 & & 21,189,369 & Benefits Pagos 8-16 \\
\hline Malerials & 842.559 & & 22.117 & 864,676 & Infation Note 2 \\
\hline Rents & 665,590 & 8,283 & & 673.873 & Rent Page 17 \\
\hline Transportation Clearing & 2,202,316 & 57,592 & & 2,259,908 & Transportation Clearing Page 19 \\
\hline Transportation Other & 241.913 & & 6,350 & 248,263 & Infation Note 2 \\
\hline Uulilies Clearing & 362,159 & 9,375 & & 371,534 & Telephone Clearing Pago 19 \\
\hline Utilities Other & 638,207 & & 16.753 & 654.960 & Inflation Note 2 \\
\hline Outside Services & 2,517,528 & & 66,085 & 2,583,613 & Infation Note 2 \\
\hline Equipment Rentals & 385,046 & & 10.107 & 395, 153 & Infation Note 2 \\
\hline Office Employee Expense & 383,365 & & 10,063 & 393,428 & Inflation Note 2 \\
\hline Adverising & 589,685 & & 15.479 & 605.164 & Inflation Note 2 \\
\hline Reiearch and Development & 33,977 & & 892 & 34,869 & Inflation Note 2 \\
\hline Dues & 199,038 & & 5,225 & 204,263 & Infation Note 2 \\
\hline Other Expense Meter Snop Clearing & 477.518 & 12,401 & & 489,919 & Meter Shop Clearing Page 20 \\
\hline Other Expense Other & 586,769 & & 15,403 & 602.172 & Inflation Note 2 \\
\hline Customer Education Amontization & 0 & & 0 & - & \\
\hline PPUC Assessment & 940,458 & 225.804 & & 1.166.262 & PPUC Page 21 \\
\hline Other Insurance & 554,491 & & 14,555 & 569,046 & Inflation Note 2 \\
\hline Injuries and Damages & 573,884 & 725,370 & & 1,299.254 & Injuries and Damages Page 22 \\
\hline Poqlage & 89,153 & 5,795 & & 94,948 & Poslage Page 23 \\
\hline Information Services Clearing & 2,965,172 & 76,839 & & 3,042,011 & ISD Cleanng Page 24 \\
\hline Mersenger Expense & 97.164 & & 2,551 & 99,715 & Infation Note 2 \\
\hline Contract Admin. Clearing & 523,195 & 13.530 & & 536,725 & Contract Admin Clearing Page 25 \\
\hline Contract Admin Other & 76,084 & & 1.997 & 78.081 & Inflation Note 2 \\
\hline Customer Bilting and Postage Clearing & 1,070,861 & 60.279 & & 1.131.140 & Custorner Billing Clearing Page 26 \\
\hline Rale Case Expense & 207.586 & 633,606 & & 841,192 & Rate Case Expense Page 27 \\
\hline LIURP & 1,183,566 & - & & 1,183,566 & As per R-038168 Selttement \\
\hline Customer Deposil Inlerest & 190.455 & \({ }^{0}\) & & 190,455 & \\
\hline Reconnection Charge & (600.049) & 232,530 & & (367,519) & Reconnection Charge Pages 28 - 29 \\
\hline Other Gas Purchase Expense & (62,181) & & \((1,632)\) & \((63,813)\) & Inflation Nole 2 \\
\hline UNICAP & (466.463) & & \((12,245)\) & \((478,708)\) & Inflation Nole 2 \\
\hline Remitance Clearing & 182,374 & 4,716 & & 187,090 & Remittonce Clearing Page 30 \\
\hline Gas Transportation Clearing & 783,594 & 20.262 & & 803,856 & Gas Transportation Clearing Page 31 \\
\hline Gas Transporation Other & B5,156 & & 2,235 & 87,391 & Inflation Note 2 \\
\hline Kaylor Gas deferral & 13,345 & 57,378 & & 70.723 & Kaylor Gas Expense Pages 32CONF - 33 \\
\hline GTI Deferral & 526.466 & 350,476 & & 876.942 & GTI Deferral Expense Page 34 \\
\hline Pipeline Inteqrity Expendilures & 0 & 1,490,497 & & 1,490,497 & Pipetine Integrity Expenditures Page 35 \\
\hline FERC 2004 Compliance & 0 & 407.680 & & 407,680 & FERC 2004 Expenditures Page 36 \\
\hline Energy Efficiency Expenditures & 0 & 1,800,000 & & 1,800,000 & Energy Effidency Expenditures Page 38 \\
\hline Totat Operation and Maintenance Expense & 567,687,516 & \$6,746,478 & \$175,935 & \$74.609.929 & \\
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Note 1: See Exhibit No. 4 Schedule 1 Page \\
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\section*{BEFORE THE}

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, : et al.
v.

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation :


JOINT PETITION FOR SETTLEMENT OF ALL ISSUES

\section*{TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES JOHN H. CORBETT, JR. AND MARK A. HOYER:}

\section*{INTRODUCTION}

The Office of Trial Staff ("OTS") of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"), the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania ("CAAP") and National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or "Company"), being all of the parties who submitted prepared, written testimony and exhibits for the evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned proceeding (hereinafter collectively referred to as the ("Joint Petitioners"), hereby join in this Joint Petition for Settlement of All Issues ("Settlement") and respectfully request that Administrative Law Judges John H. Corbett, Jr. and Mark A. Hoyer ("ALJs") recommend and the Commission approve all terms and conditions of this Settlement as set forth below.

Specifically, the Joint Petitioners request that the ALJs issue a Recommended Decision that requests the Commission to: (1) approve all terms and conditions of this Settlement,
including the rates to become effective for service furnished on and after January 1, 2007, that are set forth in the form of tariff supplement provided as Appendix " \(A\) " hereto and which are shown in the proof of revenues, Appendix " B " hereto; (2) include in the Order in this proceeding the provisions concerning Other Post Employment Benefits ("OPEB") that are set forth in Paragraph No. 18.A. 2 of this Settlement below; (3) include in the Order in this proceeding the provisions concerning the research funding set forth in Paragraph No. 18.A. 3 of this Settlement below; (4) include in the Order in this proceeding the provisions concerning LIURP funding that are set forth in Paragraph No. 18.A. 4 of this Settlement below; and (5) terminate this proceeding. Under this Settlement, as fully set forth and explained below, the Joint Petitioners agree to resolve all issues by authorizing Distribution to increase its base rates by amounts designed to produce a \(\$ 14.3\) million increase in annual operating revenues, in lieu of the increase of \(\$ 25.892\) million originally proposed by Distribution in this proceeding. The terms and conditions of this Settlement are set forth in their entirety hereinafter.

\section*{BACKGROUND}

In support of this Settlement, the Joint Petitioners state the following:
1. Distribution is a public utility subject to the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction with regard to its Pennsylvania operations. Distribution provides retail gas sales and transportation services to customers in fourteen counties in northwestern Pennsylvania. Distribution also provides natural gas services in western New York, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the New York Public Service Commission.
2. On May 31, 2006, Distribution filed with the Commission Supplement No. 61 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 together with supporting written testimony and exhibits, which were designated Docket No. R-00061493. In Supplement No. 61, Distribution proposed a general increase in base rates designed to produce \(\$ 25.892\) million of additional annual operating
revenues based upon the level of operations for the twelve months ending January 31, 2007 (the "Future Test Year"). The proposed rate increase was submitted pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d).
3. On July 20, 2006, the Commission entered an Order in which it noted that the proposed increase in base rates had been suspended by operation of law pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d), for up to seven months, or until March 2, 2007, unless permitted by the Commission to become effective at an earlier date, and initiated an investigation of Supplement No. 61.
4. OTS entered an appearance in these proceedings. OCA and OSBA filed complaints against the proposed general rate increase, and CAAP filed its Petition to Intervene.
5. On July 20, 2006, Distribution filed an Answer and New Matter to CAAP's petition to intervene.
6. A significant number of Formal Complaints were filed in these proceedings by individual consumers. Distribution timely answered a number of the complaints in these proceedings. However, with the Commission's institution of an investigation, Distribution suspended filing Answers on August 10, 2006.
7. An initial prehearing conference was scheduled for August 3, 2006. Prior to the initial prehearing conference, the parties agreed to a procedural schedule. Parties participating in the prehearing conference filed their respective prehearing memoranda identifying potential issues and their expected witnesses.
8. The initial prehearing conference was held August 3, 2006. At the prehearing conference, the ALJs adopted the schedule agreed to by the parties. Prior to the prehearing conference, the parties agreed to discovery rules for the proceeding, which included shorter
response times than those provided in the Commission's regulations, that were so implemented by the ALJs. See 52 Pa . Code \(\S \S 5.321\) et seq. At the prehearing conference, the ALJs modified these rules to provide that parties attempt to resolve discovery disputes by telephone, and that in the event the parties were unsuccessful in resolving their disputes, they were to send interrogatories and objections to the ALJs for a further telephone discussion.
9. Also on August 3, 2006, the ALJs issued a Prehearing Order. In the Prehearing Order, the ALJs listed the parties that had filed notices of intervention and petitions to intervene through that date. The ALJs specifically noted and granted the CAAP Petition to Intervene. The ALJs further set forth the rules regarding electronic service of documents, discovery, scheduling of witnesses and common brief outline, and instructions for briefs.
10. On August 9, 2006, Distribution filed with the Commission a Motion for a Protective Order. No party opposed this Motion. The ALJs granted the Motion for a Protective Order on August 21, 2006
11. Public input hearings were held in Erie, Pennsylvania, the largest city in Distribution's Pennsylvania service territory, on the afternoon and evening of August 28, 2006. 43 persons testified in the afternoon public input hearing, and 43 persons testified in the evening public input hearings.
12. On August 29, 2006 public input hearings were held during the afternoon in Meadville and in evening in Farrell, Pennsylvania. A public input hearing was held the afternoon of August 30, 2006 in Franklin, Pennsylvania 2006. In total, 82 persons testified at these public input hearings.
13. The Joint Petitioners undertook substantial formal and informal discovery in this proceeding. Pursuant to the procedural schedule adopted by the ALJs, OTS, OCA, OSBA, and

CAAP submitted direct testimony on September 6, 2006. Distribution, OCA and OSBA submitted rebuttal testimony on September 28, 2006.
14. In addition, Distribution submitted supplemental testimony to provide updated information on certain topics.
15. The Joint Petitioners held multiple settlement conferences to attempt to amicably resolve all outstanding issues in the proceeding. As a result of these conferences and the efforts of the Joint Petitioners to examine and resolve the issues in the proceeding, a settlement in principle of all issues was achieved by the Joint Petitioners prior to the dates scheduled for evidentiary hearings.
16. The Joint Petitioners have been able to agree to this instant Settlement covering all issues. Joint Petitioners have agreed to a base rate increase and have also agreed to a rate design to implement said increase. The Joint Petition provides for the continuation and expansion of Distribution's Low Income Usage Reduction ("LIURP") Program. The Joint Petitioners are in agreement that the Settlement is in the public interest as being in the best interests of both Distribution and its customers.
17. The Settlement is set forth in the following Section.

\section*{SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS}
18. The Joint Petitioners agree as follows:
A. Distribution will be permitted to file a tariff supplement increasing rates in amounts designed to produce \(\$ 14.3\) million in increased revenues, before late payments, based upon sales and transportation volumes for the twelve months ended January 31, 2007. The Joint Petitioners agree that increased rates are to become effective on January 1, 2007, and agree to make best efforts to obtain Commission approval of this Settlement prior to that date.
1. The Enhanced Energy Efficiency ("EEE") Rider and associated \$1.8M EEE outreach program proposed by Distribution will not be implemented. (Revenue de-coupling proposal.)
2. Deferral treatment shall continue for Other Post Retirement Benefits ("OPEBs") costs. The Joint Petitioners will accept the OCA's amortization of R-00061493 deferred OPEB costs of \(\$ 1,642,905\) over 4 years ( \(\$ 410,726\) per year). The previously approved amortizations (\$2,228,176 from R00038168 and \(\$ 502,673\) from R-00049656) will continue per their respective settlement agreements.

Distribution will continue to account for the difference between the OPEB cost determined annually by the actuary in accordance with SFAS 106 and the \(\$ 6,863,730\) of annual OPEB cost included in rates. That difference will continue to be recorded as a regulatory asset or liability and will be expensed or credited in future rate proceedings in determining periodic OPEB costs. After the conclusion of the amortization periods discussed above, the amortization amounts will be added to the \(\$ 6,863,730\) of OPEB cost used to calculate the OPEB regulatory asset or liability.

The total amount of OPEB costs is \(\$ 10,005,305(\$ 6,863,730+\$ 2,228,176\) \(+\$ 502,673+\$ 410,726)\). Of that amount, \(\$ 7,704,085\) will be charged to operation and maintenance expense ( \(\$ 10,005,305 \times 77.00 \%\) ).

Distribution will continue to fund OPEBs through irrevocable external trusts, into which will be deposited the \(\$ 6,863,730\) of current annual OPEB cost and, for the remainder of the amortization periods, the \(\$ 2,228,176, \$ 502,673\) and
\(\$ 410,726(\$ 1,642,905 \div 4)\) amortization amounts. Retiree OPEBs and administrative costs of maintaining the trusts will continue to be paid from amounts deposited in the trusts.

The amortization period for any deferred asset or liability that has not been previously recovered or refunded prior to the effective date of rates in any future proceeding under Section 1308(d) of the Public Utility Code shall be determined in such proceeding.
3. The Joint Petitioners agree to \(\$ 526,466\) to fund the Delta research and development program pursuant to the Statement of Scott E. Swarzfager No. 14. The deferral treatment and review process outlined in R-00049656 will continue. The company will not expend these dollars on additional customer outreach for enhanced energy efficiency.

Distribution will be permitted to record a regulatory asset or liability for differences between the annual rate allowance and annual expenditures. However, Distribution will not be permitted to retroactively recover in a future proceeding any expenditures in excess of the annual rate allowance and any deferred balance from the previous year's Delta funding. Distribution will provide for review of research projects as described in its testimony. In order to implement this Settlement, the Joint Petitioners request that the Commission's Final Order in this proceeding include the following language to allow Distribution to qualify for deferred accounting under SFAS 71:
"National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's accounting policies conform to the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 71 'Accounting for the Effect of Certain Type of Regulations' which are in accordance with the accounting
requirements and ratemaking practices of regulatory authorities. The application of these accounting policies allows the Company to defer expenses and income on the balance sheet as regulatory assets and liabilities when it is probable that those expenses and income will be allowed in the rate-setting process in a period different from the period in which they would have been reflected in the income statement by an unregulated Company.
"Because research and development projects often require a commitment over multiple years and because the expenditures for such projects may not match on an annual basis revenues for funding of research and development projects, deferred accounting is appropriate and is approved. The regulatory deferral treatment sought for the Research and Development expenditures and rate relief requested in the case are in accordance with SFAS No. 71.
"The Company will manage the costs of the Research and Development expenditures to match revenues deferred pursuant to this Order to eliminate any differences between deferred costs and deferred revenues at the end of a five-year period commencing on the day after the R-00049656 Order was entered."

Distribution will file with the Commission and serve upon other Parties on or before December 31 an annual report for the preceding twelve month period ended September 30, setting forth revenues for the Delta Fund for research and development projects and expenditures for such projects. In addition, Distribution will describe in the annual report projects that have been funded.
4. The Company's LIURP funding will be increased from \(\$ 1,183,566\) to \(\$ 1,300,000\). Both amounts are greater than the \(0.2 \%\) of revenue minimum.
5. The Company agrees not to file a tariff proposing a general increase to base rates prior to January 28, 2008, unless there are substantial changes in regulations, regulatory rulings or federal tax policy.
6. The Capital Stock Tax rate reflected in the test year was 0.489 percent, which is the rate for Distribution effective on October 1, 2006. Therefore, the State Tax Adjustment Surcharge will be reset to zero when base
rates are effective. The Company agrees to withdraw the proposed addendum to the STA that would include the PUC Assessment.

\section*{Revenue Allocation And Rate Design}
B. The allocation of \(\$ 14.3\) million to the rate classes represents a compromise of the various revenue allocation positions filed by the Joint Petitioners. The Joint Petitioners explicitly agree that this Settlement is not based on any particular methodology for allocating costs among the various rate classes, nor may this Settlement be used as precedent by any of the Joint Petitioners in support of a particular cost allocation methodology in a future regulatory proceeding.
1. The revenue allocation proposal is presented on page 1 of the proof of revenues which is attached as Appendix B.
2. The Joint Petitioners agree that the proposed revenue allocation represents a reasonable compromise the various filed positions.
3. The revenue increase to the residential class will be recovered through an equal percentage increase to the rate blocks. There will be no increase to the residential customer charge.
4. The Company agrees to withdraw its seasonal purchased gas demand charge recovery proposal.
5. The rate design for the Commercial and Public Authority classes that the Company will use to recover the revenue increase for those classes will be as proposed by the OSBA.
6. The Company will recover the revenue increases for the Industrial rate classes as follows:
(a) For the SVIS class the increase will be recovered through the volumetric usage rates of the class.
(b) For the IVIS rate class the customer charge will be increased to \(\$ 201.91\) and the remaining increase will be recovered as an equal percentage increase to the volumetric usage rates exclusive of negotiated rate volumes.
(c) For the LVIS rate class the customer charge will be increased to \(\$ 809.00\) and the remaining increase will be recovered as an equal percentage increase to the volumetric usage rates exclusive of negotiated rate volumes.
(d) For the LIS rate class the customer charge will be increased to \(\$ 1,029.00\) and the remaining increase will be recovered as an equal percentage increase to the volumetric usage rates exclusive of negotiated rate volumes.
7. The Joint Petitioners agree with the Company's proposal to roll-in the transportation administrative fee revenue into the base rates of the rate classes as proposed by the Company.
8. The Joint Petitioners agree to the Company's proposal to equalize the interstate and intrastate transportation rates for each rate class.

\section*{Other}
C. The Joint Petitioners will agree to all other proposed tariff changes included in Exhibit No. 14 of the Company's filing.
D. The Company withdraws its proposals for a merchant function charge and for a purchase of receivables pilot program

\section*{THE PUBLIC INTEREST}
19. This Settlement was achieved by the Joint Petitioners after a thorough investigation of Distribution's filing, including extensive informal and formal discovery and the filing of direct testimony by a number of parties and rebuttal testimony by Distribution.
20. Acceptance of the Settlement will avoid the necessity of further administrative and potential appellate proceedings at what would have been a substantial cost to the Joint Petitioners and Distribution's customers.
21. The rates reflected in this Settlement will allocate the agreed-upon revenue requirement to each customer class in a manner that is reasonable in light of the rate structure and cost of service positions advanced in the testimony and exhibits of the various parties.
22. Attached to this Settlement document are the respective Statements in Support of a number of the Joint Petitioners setting forth the basis upon which they consider the Settlement to be fair, just and reasonable and therefore in the public interest. The Joint Petitioners respective Statements in Support are attached hereto as Appendix C.

\section*{SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS}
23. This Settlement is conditioned upon Commission approval of all terms and conditions contained herein without modification. If the Commission modifies the Settlement, then any Joint Petitioner may elect to withdraw from this Settlement and may proceed with litigation and, in such event, this Settlement shall be void and of no effect. Such election to withdraw must be made in writing, filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served upon
all Joint Petitioners within five (5) business days after the entry of an order modifying the Settlement.
24. This Settlement shall be considered to have the same effect as full litigation of this proceeding resulting in the establishment of rates that are Commission-made, just and reasonable rates.
25. This Settlement is proposed by the Joint Petitioners to settle all issues in the instant proceeding. If the Commission does not approve the Settlement and the proceedings continue to further hearings, the Joint Petitioners reserve their respective rights to present additional testimony and to conduct full cross-examination, briefing and argument. The Settlement is made without any admission against, or prejudice to, any position which any Joint Petitioner may adopt in the event of any subsequent litigation of this proceeding.
26. This Settlement may not be cited as precedent in any future proceeding, except to the extent required to implement this Settlement.
27. The Commission's approval of the Settlement shall not be construed to represent approval of any party's position on any issue, except to the extent required to effectuate the terms and agreements of the Settlement in this and future proceedings involving Distribution.
28. It is understood and agreed among the parties that the Settlement is the result of compromise, and does not necessarily represent the position(s) that would be advanced by any party in this proceeding if it were fully litigated.
29. This Settlement is being presented only in the context of this proceeding in an effort to resolve the proceeding in a manner which is fair and reasonable. This Settlement is the product of compromise. This Settlement is presented without prejudice to any position which any of the Joint Petitioners may have advanced and without prejudice to the position any of the

Joint Petitioners may advance in the future on the merits of the issues in future proceedings except to the extent necessary to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Settlement. This Settlement does not preclude the Joint Petitioners from taking other positions in proceedings of other public utilities under Section 1308 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308, or any other proceeding.
30. A copy of this Settlement will be served upon the customer complainants without the tariff supplement. The tariff supplement will be posted on Distribution's and OCA's websites.
31. If the ALJs adopt this Settlement without modification, the Joint Petitioners waive their rights to file Exceptions.

\section*{CONCLUSION}

WHEREFORE, the Joint Petitioners, by their respective counsel, respectfully request as follows:
1. That Administrative Law Judges John H. Corbett, Jr. and Mark A. Hoyer recommend and the Commission approve this Settlement including all terms and conditions thereof;
2. That the Commission's Investigation at R-00061493, et al be marked closed;
3. That all other Complaints associated with this proceeding, including all Complaints consolidated with the Commission's investigation at R-00061493, be dismissed; and,
4. That the Commission enter an Order consistent with this Settlement, terminating the proceeding and authorizing National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation to file the tariff attached as Appendix "A" effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2007.

\section*{Respectfully submitted,}


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\section*{Exhibit DNK-2}

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation
Pennsylvania Division
Calculation of Base Rate Decrease Allocation
\begin{tabular}{lrrr} 
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Proposed Base Rate \\
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Residential \\
Settlement
\end{tabular}} & \multicolumn{2}{l}{ Reduction } \\
Small Commercial/Pub Auth \(<250\) & 11,869 & \(83.0 \%\) & \((6,391)\) \\
Small Commercial/Pub Auth \(>250\) & 472 & \(3.3 \%\) & \((254)\) \\
Large Commercial/Pub Auth & 143 & \(1.0 \%\) & \((77)\) \\
SVIS & 1,317 & \(9.2 \%\) & \((709)\) \\
IVIS & 14 & \(0.1 \%\) & \((8)\) \\
LVIS & 226 & \(1.6 \%\) & \((122)\) \\
LIS & 187 & \(1.3 \%\) & \((101)\) \\
& 72 & \(0.5 \%\) & \((39)\) \\
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\section*{Exhibit DNK-3}

OPEB Rider Rate Calculation
Rates to be Effective June 1, 2021

Total OPEB Liability to passback
One time bill credit (estimated)
Remaining liability to passback
Amortization period (years)
Annual amount to passback
Total Amount to Sur-credit to Customers
Total Non-Gas Revenues
\begin{tabular}{cr}
\(\$\) & \(50,000,000\) \\
\(\$\) & \(25,000,000\) \\
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\(\$\) & \(5,000,000\) \\
\hline\(\$\) & \(5,000,000\) \\
\(\$\) & \(118,574,545\)
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Non-Gas Revenues

Base rate
Base rate
decrease Allocation of allocation \% Revenue Excess
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\section*{Normalized Surcredit Volumes (Mcf) Rate (\$/Mcf)}

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\(\$\) & \(65,858,906\) \\
\(\$\) & \(3,375,775\) \\
\(\$\) & \(10,449,818\) \\
\hline\(\$\) & \(82,814,883\)
\end{tabular}
\(82.7 \% \quad \$ \quad 4,137,457\)
17,025,700
848,341
\(\begin{array}{r}2,405,464 \\ \hline 20,279,505\end{array}\)
\$ 0.20402
\(82.7 \%\) \$ 4,137,457
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SMALL CPA LE 250 SATC
\begin{tabular}{rr}
\(\$\) & \(3,579,953\) \\
\(\$\) & 575,191 \\
\hline\(\$\) & \(4,844,276\) \\
\(\$\) & \(2,923,234\) \\
\(\$\) & 656,392 \\
\hline\(\$\) & \(4,305,226\)
\end{tabular}
\(\begin{array}{lll} & & \\ 3.0 \% & \$ & 152,043 \\ & & \\ 0.7 \% & \$ & 37,011\end{array}\)
\begin{tabular}{rr}
\begin{tabular}{r}
990,999 \\
127,621
\end{tabular} & \\
\hline \(1,118,620\) & 0.13592 \\
\(1,396,497\) & \\
199,636 \\
\hline \(1,596,133\) & 0.02319
\end{tabular}

LARGE CPA
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RESIDENTIAL TRANS
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\section*{LARGE CPA TRANS}

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TOTAL
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \$ & \(2,009,605\)
210,048 & & & & \[
\begin{array}{r}
383,347 \\
57,292
\end{array}
\] & & \\
\hline \$ & 3,070,518 & 2.3\% & \$ & 115,304 & 440,639 & \$ & 0.26167 \\
\hline \$ & 115,092 & & & & 131,793 & & \\
\hline \$ & 39,188 & & & & 11,290 & & \\
\hline \$ & 438,660 & 0.1\% & \$ & 4,596 & 143,083 & \$ & 0.03212 \\
\hline \$ & 187,439 & & & & 350,851 & & \\
\hline \$ & 20,829 & & & & 6,298 & & \\
\hline \$ & 1,271,432 & 0.1\% & \$ & 3,956 & 357,149 & \$ & 0.01108 \\
\hline \$ & 251,063 & 0.3\% & \$ & 12,543 & 90,317 & \$ & 0.13888 \\
\hline \$ & 412,812 & 0.3\% & \$ & 12,957 & 155,943 & \$ & 0.08309 \\
\hline \$ & 1,510,921 & 0.3\% & \$ & 12,989 & 765,372 & \$ & 0.01697 \\
\hline \$ & 9,192,498 & 6.9\% & \$ & 345,196 & 6,185,236 & \$ & 0.05581 \\
\hline \$ & 38,522 & 0.0\% & \$ & 404 & 17,123 & \$ & 0.02357 \\
\hline \$ & 3,556,070 & 1.5\% & \$ & 75,044 & 3,215,254 & \$ & 0.02334 \\
\hline \$ & 2,591,705 & 1.3\% & \$ & 65,500 & 2,629,082 & \$ & 0.02491 \\
\hline \$ & 4,275,959 & 0.5\% & \$ & 25,000 & 5,607,259 & \$ & 0.00446 \\
\hline \$ & 118,574,545 & 100.0\% & \$ & 5,000,000 & 42,600,715 & & \\
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\end{tabular}

\section*{Exhibit DNK-4}

\section*{National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation}

Pennsylvania Division
Rate Summary - (based
Rate Summary - (based on May 1,2021 current rates)
This Rate Summary Does Not In Any Way Supers
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Rate Structure before OPEB reduction} & \multicolumn{7}{|c|}{Rate Structure after OPEB reduction} \\
\hline Sales Service & Basic Service Charge \& Distribution Charges & Gas Adjustment Charge (E-Factor) & Natural Gas Supply Charge & Basic Service Charge \& Distribution Charges & Gas Adjustment Charge (E-Factor) & Natural Gas Supply Charge & Distribution Rate & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Rider I } \\
\text { Surcredit }{ }^{1}
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Total } \\
\text { Distribution } \\
\text { Rate Reduction }
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\% \text { Total } \\
\text { Distribution Rate } \\
\text { Reduction }
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{Residential} \\
\hline Basic Monthly Service Charge & \$12.00 & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline First 5 Mcf & \$3.6152 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$3.2307 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.3845) & (\$0.2040) & (50.5885) per Mcf & -16.3\% \\
\hline Over 5 Mcf & \$2.5794 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$2.3156 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.2638) & (\$0.2040) & (\$0.4678) per Mcf & -18.1\% \\
\hline Transtion Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider E Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider F Surcharge & \$0.0924 per Mcf & & & \$0.0924 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider G (MFC) & & (\$0.0076) per Mcf & \$0.0865 per Mcf & & (\$0.0076) per Mcf & \$0.0865 per Mcf & & & & \\
\hline Rider H (GPC) & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & & \\
\hline Total & & (\$0.3472) per Mcf & \$4.2585 per Mcf & & (\$0.3472) per Mcf & \$4.2585 per Mcf & & & & \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{"Small" Commercia/Public Authority "LL" \(\mathbf{2 5 0} \mathbf{M c f / Y e a r}\)} \\
\hline Basic Monthly Service Charge & \$19.89 & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline First 5 Mcf & \$3.0071 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$2.7922 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.2149) & (\$0.1359) & (50.3508) per Mcf & -11.7\% \\
\hline Over 5 Mcf & \$2.6813 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$2.4924 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.1889) & (\$0.1359) & ( 50.3248 ) per Mcf & -12.1\% \\
\hline Transition Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider E Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider G (MFC) & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & & & \\
\hline Rider H (GPC) & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & & \\
\hline Total & & ( 50.3404 ) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & & & \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{"Small" Comme rcia/Public Authority "UL"> 250 and < \(\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0} \mathrm{Mcf}\) /Year} \\
\hline Basic Monthly Service Charge & \$27.53 & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline First 20 Mcf & \$2.2584 per Mcf & (50.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$2.2249 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0335) & (50.0232) & (50.0567) per Mcf & -2.5\% \\
\hline Over 20 Mcf & \$2.1220 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$2.0909 per Mcf & (80.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0311) & (\$0.0232) & ( 50.0543 ) per Mcf & -2.6\% \\
\hline Transition Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider E Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider G (MFC) & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & \(\$ 0.0089\) per Mcf & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & & & & & \\
\hline \(\underset{\text { Total }}{\text { Rider }}\) (GPC) & & (80.3404) per Mcf & \$0.1050
\(\$ 4.1809\) per Mcf
pef Mcf & & (50.3404) per Mcf & \begin{tabular}{l}
\(\$ 0.1050\) per Mcf \\
\(\$ 4.1809\) per Mcf
\end{tabular} & & & & \\
\hline & & (50.3404) per Mcf & 84.1809 per Mcf & & (50.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & & & \\
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\end{tabular}

\section*{Pational Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation}

Pennsylvania Division
Rate Summary - (based on May 1,2021 current rates)
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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Rate Structure before OPEB reduction} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Rate Structure after OPEB reduction} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Ride I I } \\
\text { Surcre dit }{ }^{1}
\end{gathered}
\]} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Total } \\
\text { Distribution } \\
\text { Rate Reduction }
\end{gathered}
\]} & \\
\hline Sales Service & Basic Service Charge \& Distribution Charges & Gas Adjustment Charge (E-Factor) & Natural Gas Supply Charge & Basic Service Charge \& Distribution Charges & Gas Adjustment Charge (E-Factor) & Natural Gas Supply Charge & Distribution Rate
Reduction & & & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { \% Total } \\
\text { Distribution Rate } \\
\text { Reduction }
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{"Large" Comme rcia/Public Authority \(\mathbf{~} \mathbf{1 , 0 0 0} \mathrm{McfiVe}\) ar}} \\
\hline & & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline First 300 Mcf & \$1.8848 per Mcf & (80.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.7722 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.1126) & (\$0.2617) & (50.3743) per Mcf & -19.9\% \\
\hline Next 1,700 Mcf & \$1.7566 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.6616 per Mcf & (50.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.1040) & (\$0.2617) & (\$0.3657) per Mcf & -20.7\% \\
\hline Over 2,000 Mcf & \$1.5472 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.5472 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$0.0000 & (\$0.2617) & (\$0.2617) per Mcf & \\
\hline Transition Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider E Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider G (MFC) & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & ( \(\$ 0.0008\) ) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Rider H (GPC) & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Total & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{Small Volume Industrial \(<1,000 \mathrm{Mc} /\) /Year} \\
\hline Basic Monthly Service Charge & \$65.60 & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline All Consumption & \$2.4488 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$2.3991 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0497) & (\$0.0321) & ( 50.0818 ) per Mcf & \\
\hline Transition Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider E Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider G (MFC) & & (80.0008) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Rider H (GPC) & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Toal & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{Intermediate Volume Industrial \(>1,000\) and \(<50,000 \mathrm{Mcfi}\) Year} \\
\hline Basic Monthly Service Charge & \$201.91 & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline First 100 Mcf & \$1.8607 per Mcf & (50.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.8133 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0474) & (80.0111) & (50.0585) per Mcf & -3.1\% \\
\hline Next 1,900 Mcf & \$1.4526 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.4177 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0349) & (\$0.0111) & ( 50.0460 ) per Mcf & -3.2\% \\
\hline Over 2,000 Mcf & \$1.1332 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.1081 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0251) & (\$0.0111) & (\$0.0362) per Mcf & \\
\hline Transition Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider E Surcharge & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider G (MFC) & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & ( 80.0008 ) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Rider H (GPC) & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Total & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
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Rate Summary - (based on May 1,2021 current rates)
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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Rate Structure before OPEB reduction} & \multicolumn{7}{|c|}{Rate Structure after OPEB reduction} \\
\hline Sales Service & Basic Service Charge \& Distribution Charges & \(\underset{\text { Charge (E-Factor) }}{\text { Gas Adjustment }}\) & Natural Gas Supply
Charge & Basic Service Charge \& Distribution Charges & Gas Adjustment Charge (E-Factor) & Natural Gas Supply Charge & Distribution Rate
Reduction & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Ride I I } \\
\text { Surcredit }{ }^{1}
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Total } \\
\text { Distribution } \\
\text { Rate Reduction }
\end{gathered}
\] & \(\underset{\substack{\text { Distribution Rate } \\ \text { Reduction }}}{\text { Dot }}\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{Large Volume Industrial \(>\mathbf{5 0 , 0 0 0}\) and \(<\mathbf{2 0 0 , 0 0 0} \mathbf{M c f / Y e a r}\) Basic Monthly Service Charge \(\$ 809.00\)}} \\
\hline & & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline First 100 Mcf & \$1.4127 per Mcf & (50.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.3627 per Mcf & (50.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0500) & (\$0.0249) & (80.0749) per Mcf & -5.3\% \\
\hline Next 1,900 Mcf & \$1.2309 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.1892 per Mcf & ( 50.3396 ) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0417) & (\$0.0249) & (\$0.0666) per Mcf & -5.4\% \\
\hline Next 18,000 Mcf & \$1.0221 per Mcf & (50.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$0.9899 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0322) & (\$0.0249) & (80.0571) per Mcf & -5.6\% \\
\hline Over 20,000 Mcf & \$0.8849 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$0.8590 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0259) & (\$0.0249) & ( 80.0508 ) per Mcf & -5.7\% \\
\hline Transition Surcharge/Mcf & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & (s0.030) pr Mof & \\
\hline Rider G(MFC) & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & (\$0.0008) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Rider H (GPC) & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Total & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{Large Industrial \(>\mathbf{2 0 0 , 0 0 0}\)}} \\
\hline & & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline Basic Monthly Service Charge & \$1,029.00 & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline First 100 Mcf & \$1.1818 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$1.1695 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0123) & (50.0045) & (\$0.0167) per Mcf & -1.4\% \\
\hline Next 1,900 Mcf & \$1.0018 per Mcf & ( 80.3396 ) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$0.9921 per Mcf & (50.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0097) & (\$0.0045) & (\$0.0142) per Mcf & -1.4\% \\
\hline Next 18,000 Mcf & \$0.7949 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$0.7881 per Mcf & ( 80.3396 ) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0068) & (\$0.0045) & (\$0.0112) per Mcf & -1.4\% \\
\hline Over 20,000 Mcf & \$0.6591 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & \$0.6542 per Mcf & (\$0.3396) per Mcf & \$4.0670 per Mcf & (\$0.0049) & (\$0.0045) & (80.0093) per Mcf & -1.4\% \\
\hline Transition Surcharge/Mcf & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & \$0.0000 per Mcf & & & & & & \\
\hline Rider \(\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{MFC})\) & & ( \(\$ 0.0008\) ) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & ( \(\$ 0.0008\) ) per Mcf & \$0.0089 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Rider H (GPC) & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & \$0.1050 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
\hline Total & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & (\$0.3404) per Mcf & \$4.1809 per Mcf & & & per Mcf & \\
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\end{tabular}

\section*{National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation}

Pennsylvania Division
Rate Summary - (based on May 1.2021 current rates)
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Transportation Service

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Rate Structure after OPEB reduction} & Distribution
Rate Reduction & Rider I & Total Distribution Rate Reduction & \% Total Dis & \begin{tabular}{l}
ution Rate \\
ion
\end{tabular} \\
\hline DMT & MmT & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{DMT and MMT} & & DMT & mmt \\
\hline \$2.4558 & \$2.7758 & (\$0.3240) & (\$0.1389) & (\$0.4629) & -16.7\% & -14.9\% \\
\hline \$2.4558 & \$2.7758 & (\$0.3240) & (\$0.1389) & (\$0.4629) & -16.7\% & -15.0\% \\
\hline \$2.4258 & \$2.7458 & (\$0.2114) & (\$0.0831) & (\$0.2945) & -11.2\% & -10.0\% \\
\hline \$2.4258 & \$2.7458 & (\$0.2114) & (\$0.0831) & (\$0.2945) & -11.2\% & -10.0\% \\
\hline \$1.9401 & \$2.2601 & (50.0340) & (\$0.0170) & (\$0.0510) & -2.6\% & -2.2\% \\
\hline \$1.9401 & \$2.2601 & (\$0.0340) & (\$0.0170) & (\$0.0510) & -2.6\% & -2.2\% \\
\hline \$1.3796 & \$1.6996 & (\$0.1066) & (\$0.0558) & (\$0.1624) & -10.9\% & -9.0\% \\
\hline \$1.3796 & \$1.6996 & (\$0.1066) & (\$0.0558) & (\$0.1624) & -10.9\% & -9.0\% \\
\hline \$2.1973 & \$2.5173 & (\$0.0524) & (\$0.0236) & (\$0.0760) & -3.4\% & -3.0\% \\
\hline S2.1973 & \$2.5173 & (\$0.0524) & (\$0.0236) & (\$0.0760) & -3.4\% & -3.0\% \\
\hline \$1.0720 & \$1.3920 & (\$0.0340) & (\$0.0233) & (\$0.0573) & -5.2\% & -4.0\% \\
\hline \$1.0720 & \$1.3920 & (\$0.0340) & (\$0.0233) & (\$0.0573) & -5.2\% & -4.0\% \\
\hline 50.8045 & \$1.1245 & (S0.0384) & (\$0.0249) & (\$0.0633) & -7.5\% & -5.4\% \\
\hline \$0.8045 & \$1.1245 & (\$0.0384) & (\$0.0249) & (\$0.0633) & -7.5\% & -5.4\% \\
\hline \$0.4839 & \$0.8039 & (\$0.0070) & (\$0.0045) & (\$0.0115) & -2.3\% & -1.4\% \\
\hline \$0.4839 & \$0.8039 & (\$0.0070) & (\$0.0045) & (\$0.0115) & -2.3\% & -1.4\% \\
\hline S0.4839 & & (\$0.0070) & (\$0.0045) & (50.0115) & -1.4\% & \\
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\end{tabular}

Exhibit DNK-5

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National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation
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Exhibit DNK - 5
Pennsylvania Division
Witness: Koch
Page 1
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline RESIDENTIAL & Mcf & \begin{tabular}{l}
5/1/21 \\
Present Rates
\end{tabular} & Amount & Proposed Rates & Amount & Difference & \% Change \\
\hline & & \$/mcf & \$ & \$/Mcf & \$ & \$ & \\
\hline Bills & 12 & 12.00 & 144.00 & 12.00 & 144.00 & & \\
\hline First 5 Mcf & 46.7 & 3.6152 & 168.83 & 3.2307 & 150.87 & & \\
\hline Over 5 Mcf & 53.6 & 2.5794 & 138.26 & 2.3156 & 124.12 & & \\
\hline Sub Total & 100.3 & & 307.09 & & 274.99 & -32.10 & -10.45\% \\
\hline & Avg Rate & 3.0617 & & 2.7417 & & (0.3200) & -10.45\% \\
\hline Rider 1- OPEB \({ }^{1}\) & & 0.0000 & 0.00 & -0.2040 & (20.46) & (20.46) & \\
\hline Total Distribution Charges & & & 307.09 & & 254.53 & (52.56) & -17.12\% \\
\hline & Avg Rate & 3.0617 & & 2.5377 & & (0.5240) & -17.12\% \\
\hline GAC & & (0.3472) & (34.82) & (0.3472) & (34.82) & & \\
\hline NGSC & & 4.0670 & 407.92 & 4.0670 & 407.92 & & \\
\hline Rider E Cust. Ed. & & 0.0000 & 0.00 & 0.0000 & 0.00 & & \\
\hline Rider F - LIRA & & 0.0924 & 9.27 & 0.0924 & 9.27 & & \\
\hline Total (Inc. Dist. Charges) & 100.3 & & 833.46 & & 780.90 & -52.56 & -6.31\% \\
\hline STA & & (0.0035) & (2.92) & (0.0035) & (2.73) & 0.19 & -6.51\% \\
\hline Grand total & 100.3 & & 830.54 & & 778.17 & \$ (52.37) & -6.31\% \\
\hline Monthly & & & 69.21 & & 64.85 & \$ (4.36) & -6.30\% \\
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\({ }^{\prime}\) For illustratative purposes, Rider I residential rate shown as estimated full surcredit rate excluding any one time bill credit impacts.

\section*{VERIFICATION}

I, Donald Koch, being a Rate Analyst III in the Rates and Regulatory Affairs Department at National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, hereby state that the information set forth in the foregoing Tariff Supplement Filing (including Statement No. 1 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DONALD KOCH and Exhibits DNK-1, DNK-2, DNK-3, DNK-4, and DNK-5) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief and that I expect National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: July 22, 2021

Donald Koch
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National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

\section*{Distribution}

\section*{Statement No. 2}

\section*{DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL P. WEIDNER}

Distribution Statement No. 2
Q. Please state your name and business address.
A. My name is Michael P. Weidner. My business address is 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, 14221.
Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
A. I am employed by National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or "Company") in the position of Assistant General Manager within the Human Resources Department.
Q. Please describe your educational and employment background.
A. I graduated from the St. Bonaventure University in May 1998 with a Master of Business Administration Degree and Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, concentrating in Accounting and Finance. In September 1998, I joined Ernst \& Young, LLP, as a Staff Accountant. I was promoted to Senior Accountant in 2000. I

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have been a Certified Public Accountant since December 1999.

> I began my employment with Distribution in October 2000 in the Audit Services Department. In July 2005, I transferred to the Financial Accounting Department. In September 2013, I was promoted to Manager of Financial Accounting. In February 2018, I was promoted to my current position.
Q. Please describe your responsibilities and duties in your position at Distribution.
A. Under the general direction of the Assistant Vice President of Human Resources, I am responsible for management, design, development, implementation, communication and compliance of all benefit programs for National Fuel Gas Company. In addition, under the direction of the Retirement Plan and Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association ("VEBA") Committees, I am

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responsible for managing the assets set aside for pension and OPEB benefits.
Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
A. I am presenting testimony and exhibits concerning OPEB cost recovery and the calculation of any related deferral.
Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission?
A. No.

Q Have you previously testified before any other Commission?

A Yes, I testified before the New York State Public Service Commission (Case 16-G-0258).

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Other Post-retirement Benefits (OPEBs)
Q. Is there an amount currently included in Distribution's base rates for recovery of OPEB expenses?
A. Yes, the Company currently recovers \(\$ 7,704,085\) per year for OPEB expenses (gross OPEB costs of \(\$ 10,005,305 \times 77.00 \%\) operation and maintenance expense portion). As explained in the accompanying testimony of Donald N. Koch, this amount was established in the Company's settlement of its last base rate proceeding at Docket R-00061493.
Q. Does Distribution need ratepayers to continue to fund OPEB costs, and what is it proposing to do with the aforementioned rate recovery?
A. Given the funded status of the VEBA accounts and \(401(h)\) accounts (accounts maintained within the Master Retirement Plan Trust that are set aside for OPEBs) noted below, Distribution does not need ratepayers to continue to fund OPEB costs at
this time. As such, Distribution is proposing to reduce base rates to decrease the OPEB rate allowance to zero. This would reduce ratepayer collections by \(\$ 7,704,085\) per year. This reduction is also explained in Mr. Koch's testimony. In addition, Distribution will prospectively discontinue all regulatory deferral accounting for OPEB costs or income, since OPEBs will no longer be a component of rates.
Q. How well funded are the VEBA and \(401(\mathrm{~h})\) accounts relative to the benefit obligation as calculated by the actuary?
A. As of September 30, 2020 (the most recent audited annual report), the fair value of Distribution's VEBA and \(401(\mathrm{~h})\) assets was \(\$ 116,844,008\) versus the benefit obligation of \(\$ 80,502,516\).
Q. What is the methodology used to account for OPEBs and any related deferrals?

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A. The settlement associated with Docket R-00061493 noted that total OPEB costs were \(\$ 10,005,305\) (\$6,863,730 of total SFAS 106 costs estimated at the time of the rate case, plus \(\$ 3,141,575\) of annual amortization of deferred OPEB costs whose deferrals were established in accordance with Dockets R-00061493 (\$410,726 - expired December 2010), R-00038168 (\$2,228,176 - expired January 2008) and R-00049656 (\$502,673 - expired April 2007)). In accordance with the settlement, Distribution has been accounting for the difference between the OPEB cost or income (determined by the actuary in accordance with SFAS 106) and the \(\$ 6,863,730\) plus the aforementioned deferral amortizations (subsequent to their expiration) as a regulatory asset or liability.
Q. Using the aforementioned calculation of regulatory asset or liability, as noted in the

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        settlement, what is the amount of the regulatory
        asset or liability?
A. As of March 31, 2021, the amount of the regulatory liability recorded on Distribution's general ledger was \(\$ 149,599,657\).
Q. Of the gross \(\$ 149,599,657\) liability, how much is due to ratepayers?
A. The amount due to ratepayers at March 31, 2021 is \$96,197,606, which is based on the expense amounts actually collected from rate payers minus the operation and maintenance expense portion of actual SFAS 106 costs incurred. The remainder of the liability reflects SFAS 106 income and the non-operation and maintenance portion of the deferral calculated in accordance with the settlement (i.e. amounts charged to capital and affiliates).

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Q. Since rates went into effect under Docket R00061493 (January 1, 2007), how much have ratepayers contributed related to OPEB costs?
A. As reflected in Distribution Exhibit MPW-1, since rates went into effect, ratepayers contributed \(\$ 111,218,168\) to OPEB costs through the expense component included in base rates under the settlement (or \(\$ 107,784,320\) excluding \(\$ 3,433,848\) related to amortization of the aforementioned regulatory assets prior to their expiration).
Q. What is the aggregate amount of actual SFAS 106 costs (excluding years in which there was SFAS 106 income) since rates went into effect, as calculated by the actuary?
A. As reflected in Exhibit MPW-1, since rates went into effect, actual SFAS 106 costs (excluding years in which there was SFAS 106 income) are \$16,139,254 (\$11,586,714 excluding amounts attributable to capital and affiliates). This represents \(\$ 96,197,606\) of collections in excess

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of actual SFAS 106 expenses (\$107,784,320 \(\$ 11,586,714)\).
Q. What are the funding requirements per the settlement?
A. Distribution was required to contribute to irrevocable external trusts \(\$ 6,863,730 /\) year and, for the remainder of the amortization periods, the annual amortization amounts of \(\$ 2,228,176\), \(\$ 502,673\) and \(\$ 410,726\), which are noted above. Distribution was not required to fund these amortization amounts after the amortization periods expired. These amortization amounts totaled \(\$ 40,901,532\), of which \(\$ 31,494,180\) was attributable to ratepayers ( \(\$ 40,901,532 \times 77.00 \%\) )
Q. Did Distribution make contributions to the VEBA or \(401(\mathrm{~h})\) accounts in accordance with the settlement, and under what conditions is Distribution allowed to make disbursements or transfers out of the VEBA and \(401(\mathrm{~h})\) accounts?
A. Yes. Distribution contributed \(\$ 50,920,907\) to the VEBA and \(401(\mathrm{~h})\) accounts in accordance with the settlement associated with Docket R-0061493 through fiscal year 2013, and \(\$ 39,209,099\) of those contributions were attributable to ratepayers (\$50,920,907 x 77.00\%). VEBA and \(401(\mathrm{~h})\) assets may only be used to pay benefits of OPEB participants who have retired and related administrative costs, and are not available for any other purpose. Due to this fact and as a result of a growing regulatory liability through fiscal year 2013, it was decided that subsequent contributions would not be made to the VEBA or 401(h) accounts.
Q. Are there any other assets set aside for OPEBs and under what conditions is Distribution allowed to make disbursements or transfers from those assets?
A. Distribution set aside grantor trust assets subsequent to fiscal 2013. A grantor trust is an

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irrevocable external trust, so Distribution's contributions to it were in accordance with the settlement associated with Docket R-00061493. Grantor trust assets can be used as contributions to the VEBA or for other business purposes consistent with applicable rate orders of the Commission, including the refund of over collected amounts to customers. Through March 31, 2021, Distribution has contributed \(\$ 52,616,725\) to the grantor trust, and \(\$ 40,514,878\) were attributable to ratepayers \((\$ 52,616,725 \mathrm{x}\) \(77.00 \%\) ).
Q. What is Distribution proposing with respect to the ratepayer collections in excess of actual SFAS 106 costs of \(\$ 96,197,606\) ?
A. In this filing, Distribution is proposing to pass back \(\$ 50,000,000\) of grantor trust assets to ratepayers even though the portion of contributions to the grantor trust attributable to ratepayer funding was \(\$ 40,514,878\). The first

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\(\$ 25,000,000\) will be passed back through a onetime bill credit. The remaining \(\$ 25,000,000\) will be passed back through an annual surcredit mechanism over a five year period. The one-time bill credit and the annual surcredit mechanism are further explained in Mr. Koch's accompanying testimony. This will result in a total benefit to ratepayers of \(\$ 30,000,000\) in year 1 (including the \(\$ 25,000,000\) impact of the one-time bill credit), and \(\$ 5,000,000\) per year in years \(2-5\). In compliance with Article I of the Grantor Trust Agreement, the Company requests authorization from the Commission to use \(\$ 50,000,000\) of the funds in the grantor trust in the manner described above.
Q. When does Distribution plan to address the remaining liability that is owed to ratepayers?
A. The remaining liability due to ratepayers would be addressed in a future general base rate case initiated by Distribution.

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Q. In summary, what is Distribution's proposed reduction in the ongoing rate recovery (versus current rates) and the regulatory liability associated with OPEB costs?
A. Upon Commission approval, which is requested to be no later than October 1, 2021, ratepayers will see an annual base rate reduction of \(\$ 7,704,085\) due to the elimination of current recovery of OPEB expense. Distribution would also stop all regulatory deferral accounting associated with OPEB expense because such costs are \(\$ 0\).

Additionally, the Company is proposing to use substantially all of the funds set aside in the grantor trust to provide \(\$ 25,000,000\) in one-time bill credits for all active customers to provide immediate relief for the upcoming winter heating season. Then, for a five-year period commencing on October 1, 2021, the Company would provide ratepayers with recurring savings through a rate reduction that would lower customer bills by

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\(\$ 5,000,000\) per year ( \(\$ 25,000,000\) in total). The \(\$ 50,000,000\) total benefit would reduce the regulatory liability due to ratepayers by more than half, and the remaining \(\$ 46,197,606\) would be addressed in the Company's next base rate proceeding.
Q. What is Distribution proposing to do with the difference between the \(\$ 96,197,606\) and the \(\$ 149,599,657\) as noted above?
A. This difference reflects amounts charged to capital and affiliates that were not funded by ratepayers as well as the impact of years in which there was SFAS 106 income, both of which were deferred as regulatory liabilities based on the terms of the last rate order. Distribution proposes the following treatment for this amount: First, the difference of \(\$ 53,402,051\) should be removed from the regulatory liability balance. Second, we propose that the portion of this balance related to SFAS 106 income that would

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have been charged against operation and maintenance of \(\$ 17,617,453\) (see Exhibit MPW-1) be recorded as a reduction to OPEB expense immediately. Even though the regulatory liability was recorded based on the terms of the last rate order, in an actual rate proceeding the OPEB cost element would not go below zero. Third, the remaining \(\$ 35,784,598\) (\$53,402,051 less \(\$ 17,617,453)\) should be transferred into a separate regulatory liability account that will be used to reduce the cost of labor charged to rate base and affiliates over a period of 5 years, consistent with the passback of grantor trust assets noted above. Any remaining portion of that liability after the expiration of 5 years, if any, would be addressed in a future rate proceeding. Distribution requests Commission approval of this accounting procedure.
Q. What does Distribution propose with respect to the remaining funds that are contained in the grantor trust?
A. These funds are capital amounts and amounts charged to affiliates that were not funded by ratepayers. Therefore, Distribution proposes to retain these funds for general corporate purposes. At the end of the five-year amortization period, Distribution proposes to cancel the grantor trust.
Q. Does this conclude your testimony at this time?
A. Yes.

\section*{Exhibit MPW-1}



\section*{VERIFICATION}

I, Michael Weidner, being an Assistant General Manager in the Human Resources Department at National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, hereby state that the information set forth in the foregoing Tariff Supplement Filing (including Statement No. 2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL P. WEIDNER and Exhibit MPW-1) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief and that I expect National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of \(18 \mathrm{~Pa} . \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{S} . \S 4904\) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: July 22, 2021


Michael Weidner
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

\section*{CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE}

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of \(\S 1.54\) (relating to service by a participant).

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