



National Fuel[®]

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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Second Floor North
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RE: National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's ("**National Fuel**" or "**Company**") Further Response Regarding Impact of House Bill 1342 ("**Act 53**") on Corporate Net Income Tax ("**CNIT**") and State Tax Adjustment Surcharge ("**STAS**") in National Fuel's Current Tariff (Currently in Rider B of Said Tariff) pursuant to Secretarial Letters dated November 9, 2022 and December 15, 2022 (collectively, the "**Secretarial Letters**")
Docket No. M-2022-3037158

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:


In response to the above-referenced Secretarial Letters, National Fuel filed a letter on December 20, 2022 ("**December 20, 2022 Filing**") indicating that it was not (at that time) planning on submitting a STAS revision to account for the reduction in the CNIT since Act 53 would not result in a modification to National Fuel's STAS Rider B until October 1, 2023 (*i.e.*, the beginning of National Fuel's 2024 Fiscal Year). Commission Staff reviewed the December 20, 2022 Filing via a December 29, 2022 Secretarial Letter.

Subsequent to the above filings, on June 15, 2023, the Commission approved the Joint Petition for Settlement of National Fuel's rate case proceeding at Docket No. R-2022-3035730 ("**Settlement**"). Paragraph 33 of the Settlement sets National Fuel's state income tax rate to 8.99%. This was done in recognition of the changes made by Act 53 to lower the CNIT. The foregoing avoids the need for National Fuel to file/implement a STAS Adjustment to account for the CNIT step down to 8.99%.

Given the foregoing developments, National Fuel is not required to submit a recomputed STAS because its currently effective rates, which took effect pursuant to the Rate Case referenced in the preceding paragraph, already reflect the reduced tax level made by Act 53. Consequently, no such filing or other working papers will be made by National Fuel in 2023.

Copies of this filing are being provided to the statutory parties and Commission Staff as indicated below. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (814) 871-8177.

Very truly yours,




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VERIFICATION

I, James A. Rizzo, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect 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: 7/26/2023

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James A. Rizzo
Vice President