



National Fuel

February 14, 2018

Case No. 17-M-0815

Jessica Vigars
Records Access Officer
State of New York Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Application for Trade Secret Protection

Dear Ms. Vigars:

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution" or the "Company") submits the enclosed documents for safe keeping by the department records access officer as provided under Part 6-1.3 of the Commission's regulations. The documents are being submitted in compliance with a filing requirement under Part 720 of the Commission's regulations. The enclosed documents are related to the Company's Response to Ms. Doris Stout's questions in the letter dated January 9, 2018 in Case 17-M-0815, filed with the Secretary's office on February 14, 2018.

The enclosed documents contain trade secrets and are exempt from disclosure to the public. Consequently, National Fuel requests that they be permanently safeguarded and protected from disclosure in accordance with the Commission's regulations at 16 NYCRR Code 6-1.3. The documents are marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and the specific sections for which trade secret protection is requested are attached.

The indicated materials merit trade secret protection because they contain non-public business information, the disclosure of which would disadvantage and could damage the competitive position of National Fuel Gas Company, or its subsidiaries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, please contact me at (716) 857-7155 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely Yours,

James A. Rizzo
Assistant Vice President

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