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Hon. Kathleen Burgess Secretary Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case 13-G-0136, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation - Rates

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced proceeding is the Department of Public Service Staff's response to the Position of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation on the Applicability of Public Service Law §66(20) to this Proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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