

STATE OF NEW YORK

Public Service Commission

Garry A. Brown, Chairman

Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223

Further Details: James Denn

James.denn@dps.ny.gov | 518.474.7080

<http://www.dps.ny.gov>

<http://twitter.com/NYS DPS>

13009/07-M-0548

PSC APPROVES INCREASE IN LOW-INCOME PROGRAM

— **Energy Efficiency Funding Increased by \$1.1M to Boost Participation** —

Albany, NY – 02/13/13 – The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today authorized National Fuel Gas Corporation (National Fuel) to reallocate \$1.1 million annually to its Low-Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP) as a way to increase participation.

“Providing increased funding to this important energy efficiency program will help low-income natural gas customers in Western New York continue to participate in essential energy efficiency programs,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown.

The LIURP, administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) through its Empower Program, provides free weatherization assistance (e.g., energy efficiency measures including insulation, heating system inspections and repairs, caulking, air sealing, etc.) to eligible low-income utility customers in NFG’s service territory.

On August 15, 2012, National Fuel requested that the Commission reallocate approximately \$1.1 million annually to its LIURP from its residential rebate program which had experienced declining participation due to the elimination of certain program measures and a reduction in rebate levels, and limited federal tax credits.

The Commission’s decision today, when issued, may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission’s Web site at www.dps.ny.gov and entering Case Number 07-M-0548 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number." Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders may also be obtained from the Commission’s Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty

understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.