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NFG's ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS ENHANCED

— **\$9.8M Approved for Energy Efficiency Efforts, Low-Income Assistance Programs** —

Albany, NY—10/15/09—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's request to continue the company's conservation incentive program for a third program year, December 2009 through November 2010.

“Improving energy efficiency throughout New York State is our most important goal,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “National Fuel runs a successful energy efficiency program. It has consistently reported positive results, and it has kept administrative costs at reasonable levels. We're confident National Fuel customers will seek out the benefits this program offers; helping them lower their fuel bills, and reduce energy consumption overall.”

National Fuel's program offers more than \$4 million for rebates to residential and non-residential customers who purchase and install energy efficient equipment. National Fuel's non-residential customers may choose between pre-qualified rebates or customized, performance based rebates. The pre-qualified rebates are based on a predetermined list of space heating, water heating and cooking equipment. Additional measures such as pipe insulation, control system upgrades and flue gas economizers are also eligible.

The customized rebates are determined on a case-by-case basis using an energy analysis and cover up to 50 percent of the incremental cost of the installed equipment with a cap of \$25,000. National Fuel has contracted with the New York State Energy Research and Development

Authority (NYSERDA) to administer the day-to-day operations of the non-residential rebate programs.

The utility provides natural gas service to approximately 500,000 customers in western New York. The program provides rebates to residential customers installing energy efficiency measures under the following schedule:

Equipment	Minimum Efficiency	Rebate
Hot Air Furnace	90% AFUE*	\$300
Indirect Water Heater	90% AFUE*	\$300
Hot Water Boiler	85% AFUE*	\$400
Steam Boiler	81% AFUE*	\$200
ECM-equipped Furnace	90% AFUE*	\$400
Programmable Thermostats	-----	\$25

* Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) ratings

National Fuel's energy efficiency program also offers assistance to low-income customers. The \$2.9 million annual program, administered by NYSERDA through the EmPower NY program, provides energy audits and assistance in implementing energy saving and cost-efficient devices. The funds remaining will be used for outreach and education, administration, and measurement and verification to ensure that the program has met its goals.

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.state.ny.us and entering Case Number 07-G-0141 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).