

STATE OF NEW YORK

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## **PSC Seeks Comment on NFG's Proposal to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Delivery Service**

Albany, NY—7/2/07—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold public statement hearings concerning the request of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (NFG), filed January 29, 2007, to increase its revenues for gas service by approximately \$52 million. Under the Company's proposal, rates for bundled residential service would increase approximately 7 percent, transportation service rates would increase on an average of 18 percent, and general service rates would decrease slightly. The new rates would go into effect December 27, 2007.

The dates, locations and times for the public statement hearings include the following:

**Wednesday, July 11, 2007**

City Hall

65 Niagara Square

Room 1417

Buffalo, NY 14202

**1:00pm**

**-and-**

**Wednesday, July 11, 2007**

Niagara Falls High School

Amphitheater

4455 Portage Road

Niagara Falls, NY 14305

**6:30pm**

### **Public Statement Hearings**

The public will have an opportunity to present their comments at the hearings before an Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Commission to this case. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearings. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak. The hearings will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Office at the previously mentioned number.

### **Other Ways to Comment**

In addition to the formal hearings, comments may be mailed to Jaclyn A. Brillig, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to "Case 07-G-0141 – National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation – Gas Service."

**Toll-free Opinion Line:** Comments may also be submitted through the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is designed to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments.

**The Internet:** Comments may also be submitted via the "PSC Comment Form" in the "Consumer Assistance" file accessed through the Commission's Web site at [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) or via the "Contact Us" link at [www.AskPSC.com](http://www.AskPSC.com). Many libraries offer free Internet access.

All statements and comments received by the Administrative Law Judge and the Commission will be placed in the public case file and be made available for public inspection in the Commission's file room in its Albany offices, Central Files, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Three Empire State Plaza.