

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 23-G-0627 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation for Gas Service.

NOTICE INVITING COMMENTS AND
ANNOUNCING IN-PERSON PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued December 6, 2023)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that public comment is invited concerning proposed changes in the gas delivery rates and practices of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (NFG or the Company).

NFG filed amendments to its gas tariff schedules on October 31, 2023, proposing to increase its annual gas delivery revenues effective October 1, 2024. More specifically, the Company seeks to increase its gas delivery revenues by approximately \$88.8 million (which equals a 30.8% increase in base delivery revenues and an 11.1% increase in total revenues). The proposed increase would result in a total monthly bill increase of approximately \$11.31, or 13.7%, for the average residential heating customer, and approximately \$16.65, or 8.3%, for the average small commercial customer. NFG states that the proposed increase will enable it to make necessary investments in critical energy infrastructure, adequately compensate its employees, and develop and implement initiatives that advance the goals of New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

NFG's pre-filed testimony and exhibits in this proceeding may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files") and entering the

case number (23-G-0627) in the box labelled "Search by Case Number."

Under New York State law, the Public Service Commission (Commission) must consider a utility's rate proposal and may adopt or reject it, in whole or in part, or modify it. In doing so, the Commission will consider changes proposed by the participating parties and members of the public. Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) are presiding over the gathering of public comments and all evidence relating to the proposal. As indicated in this Notice, public statement hearings will be held to obtain comments from the public concerning NFG's proposals.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in-person public statement hearings will be held on:

DATE: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

TIME: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203**

Those wishing to comment on any aspect of this proceeding will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record before the ALJs. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or present written material to speak at a hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. Each public statement hearing will be held open a minimum of thirty minutes and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of each public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resource 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. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at (800)342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this Notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 23-G-0627 - NFG." **Although comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of these proceedings, they are requested by February 16, 2024.**

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter the case number (23-G-0627) in the box labelled "Search by Case Number," and then click on "Post Comments" located at the top right of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.¹ All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive comments about pending cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These

¹ Filing electronically is strongly encouraged.

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comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary