



## **Natural Gas Prices Go Down For Pennsylvania Customers**

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation has filed new rates with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for a quarterly adjustment to gas costs to be effective November 1, 2007, which results in a decrease of 2.6 percent. Once implemented, the adjusted gas costs will lower the annual bill for a typical residential customer from \$1,547.46 to \$1,506.98. According to Nancy Taylor, Senior Manager of Corporate Communications, "This mechanism is used to reflect changes in the market price of natural gas purchased by the company for its customers during the course of the year. We are delighted that this quarter's adjustment represents a decrease in costs for our customers." For National Fuel's Pennsylvania customers, gas cost rates are adjusted on a quarterly basis with an annual reconciliation, while New York customers experience monthly adjustments to account for changes in the marketplace.

The decrease is the result of updated and lower projected costs for natural gas when compared to the costs that were projected in August when National Fuel was required to file its annual purchased gas costs. According to the Energy Information Administration, natural gas storage levels are 7 percent above the five-year average. *Enerfax Daily*, another source of information for the natural gas industry, reports that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has forecast a milder than normal winter for most of the country. Both factors have contributed to lower projected costs for natural gas.

But seasonal weather is inevitable. "Customers are encouraged to call the company now to find out about payment programs and services that may help them," Ms. Taylor said. "National Fuel offers a Budget Plan that allows customers to level out their bills over a year. The company also has programs specifically designed for low-income customers." Customers can call 1-800-365-3234 for additional information.

National Fuel serves approximately 214,000 customers in 14 counties in northwestern Pennsylvania.

**Media Contact: Nancy J. Taylor (814) 871-8699**