SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation 6363 Main Street

Williamsville, New York 14221

Claimant,

NOTICE OF CLAIM

-VS-

Index No.

Erie County Water Authority 295 Main Street, Room 350 Buffalo, New York 14203

Defendant.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

SIR:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Claimant herein hereby makes claim and demand against the Erie County Water Authority as follows:

- 1. The name and post-office address of the Claimant is: National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221. The name and post office address of Claimant's attorney is: Kenneth M. Gossel, Esq., National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221.
- 2. The nature of the claim is an action for the recovery of property damage to Claimant's underground facilities, for gas loss, and for the cost of the repair of said underground facilities caused solely by the negligence of Defendant and Defendant's violation of the law of trespass, General Business Law, <u>inter alia</u>, Article 36, Sections 760 765; Public Service Law, <u>inter alia</u>, Section 119-b; 16 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 753; 29 C.F.R. Sections 1926.1, <u>et. seq.</u>, while the Defendant was excavating in the Town of Amherst, County of Erie and State of New York.

3. The time when, the place where and the manner in which the incidents underlying the claim arose are as follows:

(i) Damage to Claimant's underground facilities occurred on February 15, 2022, at approximately 10:31 a.m., at or near 384 Berryman Dr., Town of Amherst, County of Erie and State of New York, when the Defendant was excavating, Defendant negligently and in violation of the law of trespass, General Business Law, inter alia, Article 36, Sections 760 – 765; Public Service Law, inter alia, Section 119-b; 16

N.Y.C.R.R. Part 753; 29 C.F.R. Sections 926.1, et. seq., caused damage to

Claimant's natural gas line and the loss of gas.

4. The items of damage are property damage to Claimant's underground facilities, detailed above, and the cost of repairing said damage. That said claim and demand is hereby presented for adjustment and payment. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that by reason of the foregoing, and upon the default of the Erie County Water Authority, to pay Claimant the full amount of the damages suffered by reason of the foregoing, within the time limited for compliance with this demand by the said Erie County Water Authority, by the statutes in such cases made and provided, Claimant will institute an action against the Erie County Water Authority, to recover the full amount of Claimant's damages, with interest and costs.

DATED:

Williamsville, New York March 14th, 2022

Respectfully yours,

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

By:

Patrick Kelly Jr.

Claims Supervisor II of the Risk Department of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) ss.:)

Patrick Kelly Jr., being duly sworn, deposes and says that I am an employee in the Risk Management Department for National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation; that I have read the forgoing Notice of Claim; that the same is true to my knowledge, except as to matters stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true based upon information supplied to me; and the reason the verification is made by me because National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation is a corporation.

Patrick Kelly Jr.

Sworn to before me this 14th day of March, 2022.

Notary Public

JASON D. CRATER

Notary Public, State of New York

Qualified in Genesee County

My Commission Expires 432224

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