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Black Mountain Gas Company
Northern States Power Company
C/O Mr. James H. Willson, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer
P. O. Box 427
Cave Creek, Arizona 85327

RE: BLACK MOUNTAIN GAS COMPANY, CAVE CREEK OPERATIONS -
APPLICATION FOR A RATE INCREASE

Dear Mr. Willson:

In reference to your rate application received on April 28, 2000, this letter is to inform you that your application has met the sufficiency requirements as outlined in Arizona Administrative Code R14-2-103. The official sufficiency acceptance date of your application is May 26, 2000. The Docket Number of your rate application is G-03703A-00-0283. Your utility has been classified as Class A.

Barring any substantial amendments to the filing or extraordinary events, the Staff Report or Testimony regarding this application should be docketed, in accordance with a procedural order to be issued by the Hearing Officer. This should be on or before November 22, 2000. Further proceedings will be covered by the Hearing Officer's procedural order. The lead Staff person assigned to your application is Keith F. Rogers, and he can be reached at 602-542-0863, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sheryl L. Hubbard, CPA
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