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## **Illinois Commerce Commission Approves Lower Rate Increase than Requested by Nicor Gas**

Chicago, IL...The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) today issued an order approving approximately \$137.1 million in additional revenue for Northern Illinois Gas Company's (Nicor Gas), which figure is about 38% less than the \$208.5 million the company requested. This is the first general rate increase for Nicor Gas customers since 2008. This order results in a 20.96% rate increase, compared with the 32.91% rate increase the company originally requested. As a result of today's action, a residential customer would pay approximately \$2 more per month, but the impact on an individual customer's bill will vary depending on the type of customer and amount of energy consumed.\* The new rates are expected to take effect on February 8, 2018.

Nicor requested the general increase to comply with new state and federal pipeline safety regulations and requirements; to modernize its facilities; to provide the job training needed for new employees to replace an aging workforce ready to retire; as well as to recover increases in the cost of providing gas service over the past decade.

The ICC made adjustments to Nicor's proposed cost of capital, pension asset, payment fee costs, cash working capital, and invested capital tax.

The Commission's Order (Docket No. 17-0124) was issued after consideration of evidence compiled during an 11-month review process, which began with a rate filing by the company on March 10, 2017.

More information regarding the rate case may be found in the fact sheet that follows or by clicking [here](#) on the ICC website.

Nicor Gas, Docket No. 17-0124

Commission Order Facts:

- Nicor delivers gas to more than 2.2 million homes and businesses in more than 650 Northern Illinois Communities.
- Proposed total rate increase of \$208.5 million annually

- Total rate increase approved \$137.1 million annually, a 20.96 % increase
- First general rate increase for Nicor Gas customers since 2008
- A residential customer who uses approximately 1095 therms per year would see their bill increase by approximately \$2 per month.
- Rate change expected to be reflected beginning February 8, 2018

\*Actual bill impacts will vary depending on monthly usage, season and customer class.

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### ***About the Illinois Commerce Commission***

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