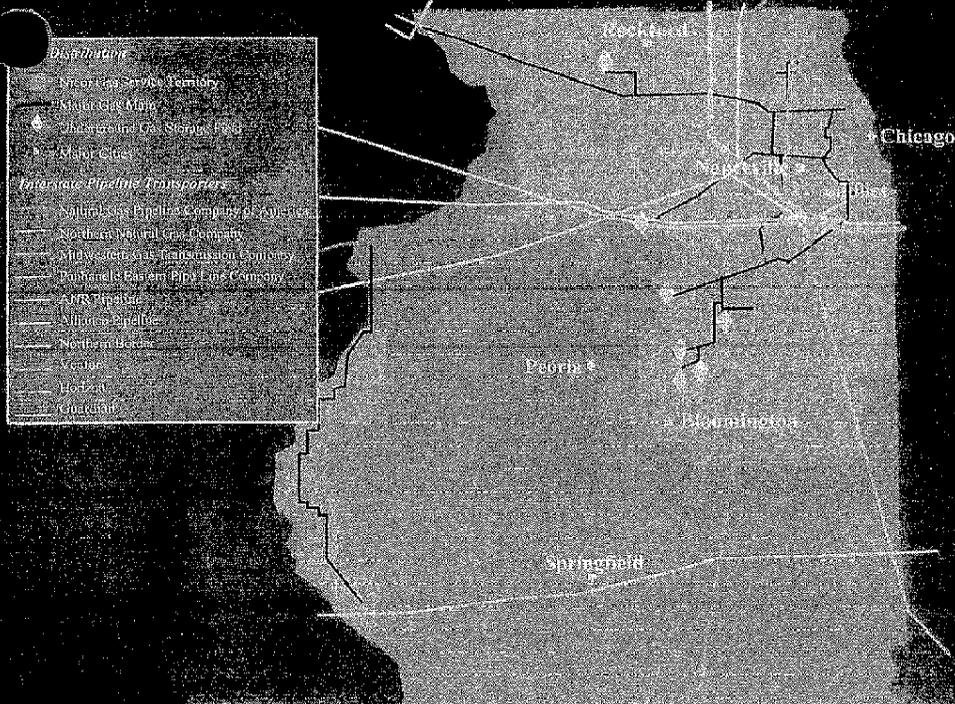


Get to Know the Energy Experts at Nicor



In today's competitive environment, the cost of doing business is an ever important factor in your company's success. The team of energy experts at Nicor is trained to help you navigate the sea of energy related decisions and chart your course to increased efficiencies and cost savings. Our individual approach focuses on you and your business. Let our experts make your job easier and set your company on the course to increased efficiency.



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MEETING YOUR COMPANY'S ENERGY NEEDS

For 50 years, Nicor's team of energy professionals has been working with customers to understand their energy issues and help determine the best solutions to meet their energy needs. We also have established a network of energy equipment suppliers, consultants and other industry professionals that we can put to work for you. You can draw on our expertise and network of contacts to help you find the best solutions to your energy decisions.

RELIABILITY AND COMPETITIVE COSTS

As a Nicor customer, you can be confident you will receive reliable delivery and some of the lowest gas costs in the nation. Located at the confluence of 10 major interstate pipelines, our area has become a gas trading hub within a very active and highly competitive gas market. In addition, the geology of northern Illinois allows us to store gas underground. Nicor's seven underground storage fields have a capacity of 165 billion cubic feet of gas, enabling us to meet 50 to 60 percent of our peak day delivery from gas in storage.

Storage gives you the ability to balance your gas use with your supplier deliveries, minimizing your reliance on interstate pipeline deliveries during peak periods. Nicor's pipeline access and storage availability translates into competitive pricing and reliable delivery for your business. Combined with Nicor's competitive delivery rates, you'll have energy savings you can take to the bank!

CALL THE ENERGY EXPERTS AT NICOR

As your one-stop energy resource, Nicor can:

- Help you control operating costs by offering competitive costs and reliable delivery
- Enable you to manage your gas commodity by offering access to gas markets and gas storage
- Serve as your energy consultant, providing technical support and solutions that meet your energy needs.

To learn more about how Nicor's Sales and Marketing team can help you, contact us at 630-983-8676, ext. 2596 or via email at energyinformation@nicor.com.

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Energy Experts On Call for You

Nicor's team of energy experts is on call to help you navigate the sea of energy options and chart your course to increased efficiencies and cost savings. Tell us your concerns and we will work with you to find the best options to address your energy issues. Our individual approach focuses on you. We can help you define your options, select the appropriate solutions, assist with financing, and install your system.



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FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- Space Heating, Cooling and Water Heating
- Boilers - Upgrade and Replacement
- Indoor Air Quality
- Desiccant Dehumidification
- HVAC Replacement/Preventive Maintenance
- Lighting Design and Retrofit
- Natural Gas Meters
- Gas, Water, Storm and Sanitary Sewer
- Fiber Optic and Electric Conduit
- Directional Boring and Other Non-Destructive Technologies
- Corrosion Prevention and Control

POWER RELIABILITY, QUALITY AND SAVINGS

- On-Site Generation
- Cogeneration/Combined Heat and Power (CHP)
- Back-Up Generators

PROCESS EFFICIENCY AND SAVINGS

- Heat Treating
- Flame Impingement Technology
- Infrared/Infrared Catalytic
- Waste Volume Reduction
- VOC Power Generation
- Boilers and Steam Systems

BUDGETS AND FINANCING

- Commercial/Industrial or Tax Exempt Financing
- Guaranteed Savings

For 50 years, Nicor has provided reliable, customer-focused service. Tell us how we can help you meet your goals.

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Have you ever wanted to

- lower your electric demand?
- cut your air conditioning costs?
- increase cooling reliability?
- find an environmentally friendly refrigerant?
- have the flexibility to heat and cool with the same piece of equipment?

WHY SHOULD YOU CONSIDER ABSORPTION CHILLERS?

Absorption chillers provide insurance against electric price uncertainty because they can operate side by side with existing electric units. This provides the flexibility to switch between gas and electricity to take advantage of the best energy rates.

A direct-fired absorption chiller can operate as both a boiler for space heating and a chiller for cooling. This dual-purpose operation saves valuable floor space and costs associated with owning, operating and maintaining two separate pieces of equipment.

WHAT IS ABSORPTION CHILLING?

Absorption chillers provide cooling by using heat as the primary source of energy for driving a refrigeration cycle. The operation is similar to a conventional vapor compression chiller. Cooling in both methods is provided by evaporating a refrigerant. Absorption systems use water as the refrigerant and natural gas heat in place of a compressor.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ABSORPTION CHILLERS?

- Lower operating costs
- High reliability and low maintenance
- Insurance against electric price uncertainty
- Eliminates environmental concerns
- May require less total space than a conventional chiller and separate boiler

WHO IS A GOOD ABSORPTION CHILLER CANDIDATE?

- Hospitals
- Commercial Buildings
- College Campuses
- Industrial Parks
- Municipalities
- Government Facilities

ABSORPTION CHILLERS