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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

April 27, 2006

Ms. Elizabeth A. Rolando  
Chief Clerk  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

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CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

**RE: Tropical Shipping and Construction Company Limited and Seven Seas Insurance Company, Inc., Additions to Operating Agreement**

Dear Ms. Rolando:

Tropical Shipping and Construction Company Limited ("Tropical"), is a vessel operating common carrier providing containerized cargo and related transportation services from points in the United States and Canada to the Bahamas and the Caribbean. Seven Seas Insurance Company, Inc. ("Seven Seas") is an insurance company that specializes in cargo insurance coverage. Both Tropical and Seven Seas are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Nicor Inc. and affiliates of Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company ("Nicor Gas").

Pursuant to Section 9.2 of the Operating Agreement approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. 00-0537, Nicor Gas hereby advises the Commission that Tropical and Seven Seas have both become parties to such Operating Agreement and the First Amendment to Operating Agreement. Enclosed are two (2) original signature pages for both Tropical and Seven Seas dated April 25, 2006, indicating each entities acceptance and adoption of the provisions of the Operating Agreement and First Amendment to Operating Agreement as filed with the Commission. Also enclosed is a revised Exhibit A, Parties to the Operating Agreement, indicating the addition of both Tropical and Seven Seas and the deletion of the entity, NICOR Technologies Inc.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mary Selvaggio, Manager Accounting Division of the Commission in Springfield. One copy of the original is enclosed for your convenience in acknowledging receipt thereof.

Sincerely,

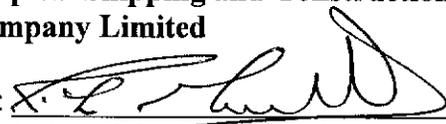
Bob O. Buckles  
Coordinator Rate Administration

cc: Mary Selvaggio

**Addition of Tropical Shipping and Construction Company Limited to  
Operating Agreement**

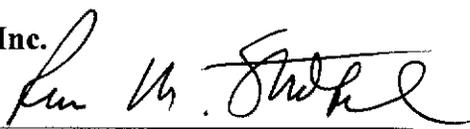
Tropical Shipping and Construction Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nicor Inc., hereby agrees to adopt and be bound by (i) the provisions of the Operating Agreement dated as of October 25, 2001, filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 00-0537 and (ii) the provisions of the First Amendment to Operating Agreement dated as of September 13, 2004, filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 04-0629.

**Tropical Shipping and Construction  
Company Limited**

By:   
Richard Murrell, Its Chairman and  
President

Dated: 4/21/06

Agreed:

**Nicor Inc.**  
By:   
Russ M. Strobel, Its Chairman, President  
and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: 4/25/06

**Addition of Seven Seas Insurance Company, Inc. to  
Operating Agreement**

Seven Seas Insurance Company, Inc., incorporated in the state of Florida and wholly-owned subsidiary of Nicor Inc., hereby agrees to adopt and be bound by (i) the provisions of the Operating Agreement dated as of October 25, 2001, filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 00-0537 and (ii) the provisions of the First Amendment to Operating Agreement dated as of September 13, 2004, filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 04-0629.

**Seven Seas Insurance Company, Inc.**

By: George M. Behrens  
George M. Behrens, Its President and  
Treasurer

Dated: 4/19/06

Agreed:

**Nicor Inc.**

By: Russ M. Strobel  
Russ M. Strobel, Its Chairman, President  
and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: 4/25/06

Revised  
April 25, 2006

Exhibit A

Parties to the Operating Agreement

NICOR Inc. (Parent)  
Northern Illinois Gas Company  
Birdsall, Inc.  
Tropic Equipment Leasing Inc.  
NICOR Energy Ventures Company  
NICOR Energy Management Services Company  
NICOR Energy Services Company  
NICOR Energy Solutions Inc.  
NICOR Enerchange L.L.C.  
NICOR Home Services, L.L.C.  
NICOR Horizon, Inc.  
NICOR Power Holding Company  
NICOR Rocky Road Company  
NICOR Oil & Gas Corporation  
NICOR National Inc.  
NICOR Mining Inc.  
NICOR Purchasing L.L.C.  
NICOR Solutions, L.L.C.  
NI-Gas Exploration Inc.  
Prairie Point Energy L.L.C.  
IBT Solutions L.L.C.  
Tropical Shipping and Construction Company Limited  
Seven Seas Insurance Company, Inc.