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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: D. Ethan Kimbrel, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: February 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Northern Illinois Gas Company
Reconciliation of Revenues Collected Under Rider 29 – Energy Efficiency Plan with Prudent Cost Associated with Energy Efficiency Plan Expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: Grant the Order.

The Illinois Commerce Commission (the “Commission”) approved Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company’s (“Nicor Gas” or the “Company”) Rider 29 – Energy Efficiency Plan (“Rider 29” or “Rider EEP”) in Docket No. 08-0363. Rider 29 requires Nicor Gas to file annually, no later than September 30 each year, a Rider 29 Statement of Activity for the Previous Plan Period and a report showing the determination of the Reconciliation Adjustment to be in effect during the Reconciliation. On September 30, 2011, Nicor Gas filed a petition with the Commission seeking to initiate this docket for the annual reconciliation to determine the accuracy of Nicor Gas’ Rider 29 Statement of Activity for its second and final Plan Period. Nicor Gas’ reconciliation covers the fourteen-month period of July 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 to include expenses associated with winding down programs and program evaluation.

An evidentiary hearing was held in this matter on January 23, 2013. There were no contested issues at the completion of the hearing which was marked “Heard and Taken”. On February 22, 2013, Nicor Gas filed a Draft Order that had been previously reviewed by Staff, and to which Staff did not object, for the ALJ’s consideration.

The Order concludes that Nicor Gas’ Rider 29 Reconciliation Adjustments as adjusted by Staff and reflected in the Appendix are accurate and should be approved. The costs and expenses sought to be recovered by Nicor Gas regarding Rider-29 Energy Efficiency Plan with the exceptions noted by Staff were reasonably and prudently incurred. The Order finds that the Company shall credit the relevant customer groups with the additional amounts determined to be due in conformity with the Order through the operation of Rider 30 given that Rider 29 is no longer in effect.

There are no issues between the parties for the Commission to resolve in this proceeding. Accordingly, I recommend entry of the attached Order.

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