

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Illinois Commerce Commission	)	
On Its own Motion	)	
	)	Docket No. 03-0703
Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a	)	
Nicor Gas Company	)	
	)	
Reconciliation of Revenues Collected	)	
Under Gas Adjustment Charges with	)	
Actual Costs Prudently Incurred	)	

Supplemental Direct Testimony of

**BOB O. BUCKLES**

Manager, Rates  
Nicor Gas Company

August 29, 2013

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. Bob O. Buckles, 1844 Ferry Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563.

4 **Q. By whom are you employed?**

5 A. Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company (“Nicor Gas” or “Company”).

6 **Q. Are you the same Bob O. Buckles that provided direct testimony in this proceeding**  
7 **dated April 1, 2004 (Nicor Ex. 2.0)?**

8 A. Yes.

9 **Q. What position do you currently hold with Nicor Gas?**

10 A. I am the Manager, Rates.

11 **Q. Would you please describe your present job responsibilities?**

12 A. Yes, my present job responsibilities are primarily preparing and filing documents with  
13 the Illinois Commerce Commission (the “Commission”) and reviewing Company  
14 activities as they pertain to compliance with Company tariffs and the Illinois  
15 Administrative Code. In addition, I have responsibility over various research and  
16 analytical requirements within the Rate Department.

17 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission?**

18 A. Yes. In addition to Nicor Gas’ 2004-2012 annual PGA reconciliation dockets, I have  
19 filed written testimony for Nicor Gas in Docket Nos. 12-0506 and 13-0361.

20 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

21 **Q. What is the purpose of your supplemental direct testimony in this proceeding?**

22 A. The purpose of my supplemental direct testimony in this case is to demonstrate that the  
23 Commission's June 5, 2013 Final Order in Docket Nos. 01-0705, 02-0067 and 02-0725  
24 (consolidated) (the "PBR Order"), supports the Company's 2003 PGA reconciliation  
25 testimony and exhibits (Nicor Ex. 2.0, Attachment BOB-1, and Attachment BOB-2) as  
26 originally filed with the Commission on April 1, 2004.

27 **Q. Are there any attachments to this testimony?**

28 A. Yes. Nicor Ex. 3.1 is the Appendix to the PBR Order.

29 **III. ANNUAL RECONCILIATION OF RIDER 6 – PBR ORDER**

30 **Q. Does your supplemental direct testimony take into consideration the findings of the**  
31 **PBR Order?**

32 A. Yes.

33 **Q. Please explain how the PBR Order can be used in supporting the Company's 2003**  
34 **PGA reconciliation as originally filed and attached to Nicor Ex. 2.0 as Attachment**  
35 **BOB-2.**

36 A. In the PBR Order, the Commission adopted an Appendix, attached hereto as Nicor Ex.  
37 3.1. Line 11 on page 2 of the Appendix to the PBR Order accepts a refund in the amount  
38 \$6,864,375 related to 2002 commodity costs. This identical and accepted \$6,864,375  
39 refund amount is identified and supported in the 2003 PGA reconciliation, as originally  
40 filed with the Commission on (1) page 3 of Attachment BOB-2 in the Commodity  
41 Related Reconciliation section, (2) page 6 of Attachment BOB-2, Note 7, 2002 Over-  
42 collect included in Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 02-0067, and (3) page 7

43 of Attachment BOB-2, the Commodity Related Reconciliation Balance on the line  
44 “Amortization of Previous Years RB” for the month of April 2003.

45 **Q. Does Nicor Ex. 3.1, the Appendix from the PBR Order, similarly support the same**  
46 **2002 adjustment to the 2003 PGA reconciliation related to the Company’s Non-**  
47 **Commodity Gas Costs?**

48 A. Yes. This identical and accepted \$11,929,474 refund amount is identified and supported  
49 in this 2003 PGA reconciliation, as originally filed with the Commission on (1) page 3 of  
50 Attachment BOB-2 in the Non-Commodity Related Reconciliation section, (2) page 6 of  
51 Attachment BOB-2, Note 7, 2002 Over-collect included in Illinois Commerce  
52 Commission Docket No. 02-0067, and (3) page 8 of Attachment BOB-2, the Non-  
53 Commodity Related Reconciliation Balance on the line “Amortization of Previous Years  
54 RB” for the month of April 2003.

55 **Q. Please explain how the Appendix to the PBR Order, Nicor Ex. 3.1, further supports**  
56 **the Company’s 2003 PGA reconciliation, Attachment BOB-2, as originally filed.**

57 A. The requested commodity Factor O refund amount of \$16,436,405 related to the 2002  
58 PGA reconciliation year as shown on page 2, Line 17 of Nicor Ex. 3.1, is specifically  
59 identified on page 9, Lines 3, 4, 11, and 13 of Attachment BOB-2 as values in both the  
60 Restatement and Adjustment columns. In addition, the requested non-commodity Factor  
61 O refund amount of \$4,228,825 related to the 2002 PGA reconciliation year, similarly  
62 shown on page 3, Line 17 of Nicor Ex. 3.1, is specifically identified on page 10, Lines 3,  
63 4, 11, and 13 of Attachment BOB-2 as values in both the Restatement and Adjustment  
64 columns.

65 **Q. Is the sum of the \$16,436,405 and \$4,228,825 refund amounts identified on Line 17,**  
66 **pages 2 and 3 of Nicor Ex. 3.1, supported elsewhere in direct testimony, as originally**  
67 **filed?**

68 A. Yes. Note 7 on page 6 of Attachment BOB-2, specifically identifies the total amount of  
69 these refunds as the total Requested Factor O of (\$20,665,230) for 2002 which is being  
70 considered by the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 02-0067. Note 7 on  
71 page 6 of Attachment BOB-2 also identifies the sum of \$(6,864,375) and \$(11,929,474)  
72 or \$(18,793,849) which is the total amount of 2002 over-collect included in the Illinois  
73 Commerce Commission's Docket No. 02-0067 identified on page 3 of Attachment BOB-  
74 2 in the Total Reconciliation section as a subtraction from the Total Balance to be  
75 Refunded.

76 **Q. Does the PBR Order change what the Company is requesting of the Commission in**  
77 **this proceeding?**

78 A. No. The PBR Order does not change the 2003 PGA reconciliation balances the Company  
79 is requesting of the Commission to be collected or refunded to customers.

80 **IV. CONCLUSION**

81 **Q. Does this conclude your supplemental direct testimony?**

82 A. Yes.