

2026 Rate Request At-A-Glance

Nicor Gas serves 2.3 million residential, public sector and business customers in more than 650 communities throughout Northern Illinois with clean, safe, reliable and affordable natural gas. As the state's largest natural gas distributor, and operator of one of the largest natural gas storage systems in North America, our more than 2,300 employees are dedicated to the reliable delivery of energy that keeps our customers safe and comfortable even under the most severe weather conditions.

Nicor Gas filed a request with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) that would enable the company to continue making strategic investments to help enhance the safety, reliability and resilience of its natural gas system, especially during extreme weather, while also complying with state and federal safety standards



Equipment Upgrades & Storage Maintenance

Replacement of aging equipment and maintenance of storage facilities.



Safety-Driven Pipeline Replacement

Safety-related replacement of over 45 miles of distribution pipeline, as recommended by the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.



Infrastructure Relocation

Relocation of natural gas facilities in coordination with state and local agencies, to accommodate public infrastructure improvements.



Pipeline Inspection & Reliability Compliance

Inspection, assessment and repair of over 400 miles of transmission pipeline to help ensure the continued safe and reliable delivery of natural gas in compliance with federal regulations.

OUR REQUEST

Nicor Gas' natural gas system provides dependable, resilient and affordable energy to customers when they need it, even on the coldest winter days. As Illinois' largest natural gas provider, we continue to deliver the clean, safe, reliable and affordable natural gas service that our customers expect and deserve.

Nicor Gas' investments provide safe, reliable service by preventing risks like leaks, failures or outages — creating a stronger, more resilient system that adapts to evolving energy needs. Strengthening infrastructure, modernizing technology and expanding storage help avoid winter outages, demand shortages and disruptions. Investments in replacing high-risk pipelines, inspecting and repairing hundreds of miles and upgrading storage capacity enhance safety, reliability and compliance while reducing costs.

In fact, approximately 66% of Nicor Gas' investment is devoted to meeting pre-existing obligations, which include:

- ↗ Ensuring the ongoing operation of our gas storage assets, assets which are indispensable to meeting customer demand and that also provide customer savings
- ↗ Fulfilling our obligation to serve new customers
- ↗ Relocating assets for public improvements
- ↗ Complying with federal and state safety regulations

If approved, a typical residential customer would see an increase of less than \$6 per month in their energy delivery charge, or a 6.7% annual increase. Even with the proposed new rates, Nicor Gas' distribution rates remain among the lowest of any major natural gas distribution company in Illinois and significantly lower than other fuel alternatives.

At a time of unprecedented energy demand and increasing electricity costs in the state, natural gas remains a critical, essential and stable resource capable of maintaining reliability and moderating customer cost pressures while enabling economic growth. Approximately 90% of households in Nicor Gas' service territory rely on natural gas for heat. On the coldest days of the year, the company delivers more than two times the energy that the Northern Illinois electric grid does on the hottest days of the year, and at one-quarter the cost.

Nicor Gas is committed to keeping energy costs as low as possible while supporting its customers with **bill payment assistance** options and ways to save energy and money.

Filed on January 9, 2026, this rate request is subject to approval by the Illinois Commerce Commission which has a statutory 11-month timeframe to review and decide on the case.