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Resolution

**Title:**

Call for hearing(s) on differences in monthly natural gas costs for Chicago versus suburban households

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

Committee on Health and Environmental Protection



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**City Council Meeting**  
**October 31, 2018**

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics:

1. R2018-837      A proposed resolution calling for a hearing on differences in monthly natural gas costs for Chicago versus suburban households

(Item re-referred to Committee on Health and Environmental Protection)

begs leave to recommend that this Honorable Body pass said resolution and Journal Corrections which are transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by a viva voce vote of the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alderman Michelle A. Harris, Chairman  
Committee on Committees, Rules and  
Ethics

Committee on Health and Environmental Protection

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, For more than 165 years, Peoples Gas has delivered natural gas to nearly 1 million residents and businesses in the Chicago area; and

**WHEREAS**, During the last five-month heating season, November 2017- March 2018, the average Peoples Gas household paid an average of \$157 per month while, the average household serviced by Nicor Gas paid an average of \$87 per month for heat; and

**WHEREAS**, For instance, during the 2016-2017 winter season, the average customer paid Peoples Gas nearly \$1,090, where 52% paid for the fuel while the remainder \$519 covered delivery, taxes and other charges, while the average Nicor household paid only \$157 for those things; and

**WHEREAS**, When looking at the two gas providers costs, the Nicor Gas monthly flat rate is \$16.59, while the Peoples Gas flat rate doubles to \$33.47, a skyrocketing increase; and

**WHEREAS**, The high cost for Peoples Gas has not been for the actual fuel as it was the lowest it's been in the past nine years, the high charges come from the regulated delivery rates, taxes and other charges; and

**WHEREAS**, The drastic increase for Chicagoans homes having smaller complete footage than suburban homes is doubtfully designed by Peoples Gas; and

**WHEREAS**, Peoples Gas and Nicor Gas are owned by one conglomerate family, and the difference in charges is obvious without explanation to the legislators or residents; and

**WHEREAS**, An extensive compilation of research proves that Chicagoans have been fraudulently overcharged with a recent Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) settlement in February of 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the ICC settlement findings they have still been complacent in the cost differences; and

**WHEREAS,** The same research proves Peoples Gas and Nicor Gas have extensive pipeline projects throughout the suburbs and Chicago yet Chicagoans pay more; and

**WHEREAS,** These research conclusions are found to burden Chicagoans; and

**WHEREAS,** We demand that the ICC revert these egregious rate increases; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018, do hereby direct the Committee on Health and Environmental Protection of the Chicago City Council to hold hearings on the research concluding drastic differences in natural gas costs to Chicago residents, and call upon Peoples Gas, CEO Charles Matthews and his cost analysis researchers, the Illinois Commerce Commission, Chairman Brien J. Sheahan, and a representative from the Citizens Utility Board, to appear before the aforementioned Committee and have a judicious discussion on the extensive differences in charges to our Chicago residents and create steps to correct and minimize cost differences.

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Scott Wang upr 32*

*George A. Cardenas*  
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Alderman, 12th Ward

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*Robert...  
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James Cappleman 46

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June 17

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Joseph Haines 1st 15  
Bill 2

PA Bennett

Michelle Adams 8th

Rob (A) 16

Carl James 35

John 36th