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Forward Looking Statements

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subsequent changes.

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Additional Information

In connection with the proposed merger, a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus was mailed on or about May 10, 2011 to shareholders of record of AGL Resources and Nicor as of April 18, 2011. WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY, AS WELL AS OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT AGL RESOURCES, NICOR AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about AGL Resources and Nicor, can be obtained free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also obtain these documents, free of charge, from AGL Resources' website ([www.aglresources.com](http://www.aglresources.com)) under the tab Investor Relations/SEC Filings or by directing a request to AGL Resources Inc., P.O. Box 4569, Atlanta, GA, 30302-4569. You may also obtain these documents, free of charge, from Nicor's website ([www.nicor.com](http://www.nicor.com)) under the tab Investor Information/SEC Filings or by directing a request to Nicor Inc., P.O. Box 3014, Naperville, IL 60566-7014.

The respective directors and executive officers of AGL Resources and Nicor, and other persons, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding AGL Resources' directors and executive officers is available in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and the definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC by AGL Resources on March 14, 2011, and information regarding Nicor directors and executive officers is available in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and the definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC by Nicor on April 19, 2011. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Other information regarding the interests of the participants in the proxy solicitation are included in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials filed with the SEC. This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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AGL Resources & Nicor Combination Rationale

Note: Map excludes Nicor Tropical Shipping business and Central Valley natural gas storage facility under construction in California.

- Financial and operational benefits driven by increased scale and scope
  - Creates one of the lowest cost, most diversified natural gas utilities
    - Combination of complementary unregulated businesses enhances platform for growth
  - Enhances earnings profile through expected EPS accretion and increased growth rate
    - Combined company expected to maintain dividend policy as well as solid investment-grade credit ratings
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Key Statistics of Combined Businesses

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| Market Cap (\$bn) <sup>1</sup>  | \$4.7 |
| LTM Revenue (\$bn)              | \$4.8 |
| LTM EBITDA (\$bn)               | \$1.0 |
| Utility Customers (mm)          | 4.5   |
| 2010 Rate Base (\$bn)           | \$4.0 |
| Regulated States                | 7     |
| Total Employees                 | 6,400 |
| Retail Customers (mm)           | 1.1   |
| Wholesale Gas Delivery (Bcf/d)  | 4.7   |
| 2012E Non Utility Storage (Bcf) | 31    |

Combined Pro Forma Statistics

Source: SEC filings and Bloomberg as of June 3, 2011.

<sup>1</sup> Illustrative AGL Resources Inc. pro forma market capitalization based on AGL Resources closing share price of \$40.07 as of June 3, 2011 and pro forma share count of 116.91 AGL Resources shares.

Merger Integration Timeline  
Hart-Scott-Rodino  
Approval Received  
4/18/11  
ICC Hearings to begin in  
July  
SEC S-4 Registration  
Declared Effective  
4/29/11  
Dec 2010  
Q1 2011  
Q2 2011  
Q3 2011  
Q4 2011  
Transaction Announced  
Joint ICC Approval  
Request Filed 1/18/11  
Secure Regulatory Approvals  
AGL Resources and Nicor  
Shareholder Meetings  
6/14/11  
Integration Planning Current State Assessment  
Statutory Deadline for ICC Ruling  
12/16/11  
Initial S-4 Registration  
Statement Filed 2/4/11  
Long-Term Financing for Cash Consideration  
Integration Planning Detailed Design