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#### SEC Declares AGL Resources Form S-4 Registration Statement Effective

ATLANTA and NAPERVILLE, Ill., April 29, 2011 – AGL Resources (NYSE: AGL) and Nicor Inc. (NYSE: GAS) today announced that the Securities and Exchange Commission has declared effective the Registration Statement on Form S-4, which includes the joint proxy statement of AGL Resources and Nicor Inc. concerning their proposed merger. Each company will hold a special meeting of shareholders on June 14, 2011, to vote on matters relating to the proposed merger of the two companies.

The shareholders of record of AGL Resources and Nicor as of April 18, 2011, will be mailed the joint proxy statement/prospectus in connection with the proposed merger and will be entitled to vote at their respective company's special meeting of shareholders.

AGL Resources shareholders are invited to attend its special meeting of shareholders to be held at 10:00 a.m. Eastern daylight time on June 14 at the company's headquarters located at 10 Peachtree Place in Atlanta. Shareholders unable to attend in person may listen via webcast of the event on the Investor Relations section of the company's website at [www.aglresources.com](http://www.aglresources.com), or via conference call by dialing 866/713-8395 in the United States or 617/597-5309 outside the U.S. and entering the passcode 14610585. A replay of the conference call will be available for seven days by dialing 888/286-8010 in the U.S. or 617/801-6888 outside the U.S., with the passcode of 78705490. The webcast will also be archived on the Investor Relations section of the company's website.

AGL Resources shareholders will vote on a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of AGL Resources common stock as contemplated by the merger agreement with Nicor and a proposal to approve an amendment to AGL Resources' amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase the maximum number of directors that may serve on its board of directors from 15 to 16 directors.

Nicor shareholders are invited to attend its special meeting of shareholders to be held at 10:00 a.m. Central daylight time on June 14 at the Chase Auditorium in the Chase Tower, Plaza Level, 10 South Dearborn Street in Chicago. Shareholders will be asked to vote on a proposal to approve the merger agreement. Immediately following the special meeting of shareholders, Nicor will hold its annual shareholder meeting at 10:30 a.m. Central daylight time in the same location.

Please note that individuals planning to attend a special meeting of shareholders may be asked to present valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport.

The merger is expected to create the largest system of affiliated natural gas-only distribution companies in the country, serving approximately 4.5 million customers. In addition to the approval of shareholders of both companies, the merger is conditioned upon regulatory approvals including the Illinois Commerce Commission. The companies expect to complete the transaction in the second half of 2011.

#### About AGL Resources

AGL Resources (NYSE:AGL), an Atlanta-based energy services company, serves approximately 2.3 million customers in six states. The company also owns Houston-based Sequent Energy Management, an asset manager serving natural gas wholesale customers throughout North America. As an 85-percent owner in the SouthStar partnership, AGL Resources markets natural gas to consumers in Georgia under the Georgia Natural Gas brand. The company also owns and operates two high-deliverability natural gas storage facilities: Jefferson Island Storage & Hub near the Henry Hub in Louisiana and Golden Triangle Storage in Texas. For more information, visit [www.aglresources.com](http://www.aglresources.com).

#### About Nicor Inc.

Nicor Inc. (NYSE:GAS) is a holding company and is a member of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. Its primary business is Nicor Gas, one of the nation's largest natural gas distribution companies. Nicor owns Tropical Shipping, a containerized shipping business serving the Caribbean region and the Bahamas. In addition, the company owns and/or has an equity interest in several energy-related businesses. For more information, visit the Nicor website at [www.nicor.com](http://www.nicor.com).

#### Forward Looking Statements

To the extent any statements made in this document contain information that is not historical, these statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (collectively, "forward-looking statements").

These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, the expected benefits of the proposed merger such as efficiencies, cost savings, tax benefits, enhanced revenues and cash flow, growth potential, market profile and financial strength; the competitive ability and position of the combined company; and the expected timing of the completion of the transaction. Forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of words such as "believe", "anticipate", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "continue", "plan", "project", "will", "may", "should", "could", "would" and other similar expressions. In addition, any statements that refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. Although certain of these statements set out herein are indicated above, all of the statements in this release that contain forward-looking statements are qualified by these cautionary statements. Although AGL Resources and Nicor believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Certain material factors or assumptions are applied in making forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, factors and assumptions regarding the items outlined above. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from these expectations include, among other things, the following: the failure to receive, on a timely basis or otherwise, the required approvals by AGL Resources and Nicor stockholders and government or regulatory agencies (including the terms of such approvals); the risk that a condition to closing of the merger may not be satisfied; the possibility that the anticipated benefits and synergies from the proposed merger cannot be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; the possibility that costs or difficulties related to the integration of AGL Resources and Nicor operations will be greater than expected; the ability of the combined company to retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with customers, suppliers or other business partners; the impact of legislative, regulatory, competitive and technological changes; the risk that the credit ratings of the combined company may be different from what the companies expect; and other risk factors relating to the energy industry, as detailed from time to time in each of AGL Resources' and Nicor's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). There can be no assurance that the proposed merger will in fact be consummated.

Additional information about these factors and about the material factors or assumptions underlying such forward-looking statements may be found in the body of this release, as well as under Item 1.A. in each of AGL Resources' and Nicor's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year December 31, 2010. AGL Resources and Nicor

caution that the foregoing list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. When relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to AGL Resources and Nicor, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and potential events. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning the proposed transaction or other matters attributable to AGL Resources and Nicor or any other person acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements referenced above. The forward-looking statements contained herein speak only as of the date of this communication. Neither AGL Resources nor Nicor undertakes any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, except as may be required by law.

**Additional Information**

In connection with the proposed merger, AGL Resources has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-172084), as amended, which is publicly available, that includes a joint proxy statement of AGL Resources and Nicor that also constitutes a prospectus of AGL Resources. AGL Resources and Nicor will mail the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to their respective stockholders of record 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 WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT AGL RESOURCES, NICOR AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.** The 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, 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, 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 joint proxy statement/prospectus contained in the above referenced Registration Statement and its 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 joint proxy statement/prospectus contained in the above referenced Registration Statement and its 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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