

**LAND USE REVIEW SUMMARY FORM**

**Date of Application:** February 21, 2024

**Name of Applicant:** Nicor

**Purpose of Proposed Request:** Nicor is seeking to relocate and upgrade 903 feet of existing gas main with new main along Rand Road in Des Plaines. The new line will replace an existing line that needs to be relocated due to road construction by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

**General Location of Proposed Impacted District Land:** The new line would be installed from the Des Plaines River, on the east side of Rand Road, to the southeast along Rand Road for approximately 900 feet.

**Acreage and or square footage of proposal impacted District Land:** Nicor is requesting a license for use of 0.31 acres (903 linear feet at the standard width of 15 feet or total license area of 13,545 square feet just outside the existing Rand Road right-of-way line in the Big Bend Lake Forest Preserve south of Big Bend Lake.

**The Potential Impact and Benefits to District Land:** There would be minimal impact to existing vegetation and no tree impacts as the new line would be directional bored. The new replacement line and existing line that will remain (under License #837 issued in 1970) are located substantially within or just outside of existing rights-of-way. No tree impacts are anticipated. Resource Management personnel walked the site and have no issues regarding degradation to Forest Preserves flora or fauna. Average depth of pipe would be approximately 10 feet.


Total one-time upfront license fees are estimated at \$44,000 including a \$1,500 application fee, \$7,200 YELAR fee and \$3,000 review fee and an additional payment of \$3,000 for restoration of Forest Preserve land in the Des Plaines River corridor.

**Alternatives Considered:** Since the line is already licensed and has been in the ground for many years, replacement of a portion of the line near its current location is preferable to removal and relocation elsewhere. Only a portion of the existing line is being replaced adjacent to roughly 600 feet of existing line that will remain in place, so relocation of the line would be impractical.

**Completion Date of Staff Review:** March 7, 2024

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Interim General Superintendent

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