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August 25, 2025

General Superintendent Adam Bianchi
Forest Preserve of Cook County
536 N. Harlem Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

RE: Nicor Gas Project NBA1812065 Brookfield Zoo Chicago gas service redundancy

Superintendent Bianchi -

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming Nicor Gas project that will provide natural gas distribution redundancy to Brookfield Zoo Chicago (BZC). Nicor Gas is proposing to install a new main distribution line along 31st Street and Golfview Road adjacent to BZC North Gate and main parking lot. This new main distribution line will supply the Zoo with a second natural gas feed, to ensure that in emergencies, the Zoo will not experience a disruption in natural gas service to the property. This new main will be exclusively for the Zoo's benefit.

Currently BZC has one primary loop feed natural gas main along 1st Ave. The addition of this secondary main will ensure that during outages or failures of our primary main, BZC will be able to provide the necessary critical infrastructure needs to support the safety and health of the animals in our care. Our current facility infrastructure relies on natural gas to maintain climate control habitats for the animals in our care, to run BZC's critical life support generators during periods of electrical utility failures and to provide for daily operations.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns regarding the above referenced project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Melissa J. Lewkowich".

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