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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The rising cost of utilities, including the cost
3 of natural gas, poses an increased burden on the citizens and
4 families of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply
6 concerned about the impact of utility rate increases upon the
7 citizens of this State; and

8 WHEREAS, The Citizens Utility Board is a non-profit,
9 nonpartisan organization created by the General Assembly in
10 1983 to represent the interests of residential utility
11 customers across the State; and

12 WHEREAS, The Citizens Utility Board has filed to a petition
13 for rehearing with the Illinois Commerce Commission related to
14 a \$69.8 million increase for Peoples Gas and an extra \$13.8
15 million increase for North Shore Gas; and

16 WHEREAS, Both the Citizens Utility Board and the Illinois
17 Attorney General's Office have objected to these increases,
18 contending that the increased rates are excessive,
19 unnecessary, and illegal; and

20 WHEREAS, According to the Citizens Utility Board, the rate

1 increases will translate into a roughly \$50 to \$70 yearly
2 increase in the average customer's bill; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois
5 Commerce Commission to reevaluate the rate increases for
6 Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 delivered to the Illinois Commerce Commission.