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Village of Romeoville – Building Department
1050 W. Romeo Road
Romeoville, IL 60446

RE: Code Variance Request – NEC 701.12(D)(2) & (D)(3)
Project Address: 405 Jim Klick Dr, Romeoville, IL, 60446
Permit Number: P-25-293
Applicant: Joliet Regional Port District

To Whom It May Concern:

As the landowner and applicant of the above-referenced project, I am submitting this letter to request a code variance related to the fuel source requirements for our project's emergency generator.

It has been noted by the Village that the design is not in compliance with NEC 701.12(D)(2) and (D)(3) due to the generator being fueled by natural gas only, which is typically considered an interruptible utility source. However, there are two conditions in the project whereby providing a dual-fuel generator is not appropriate.

The generator in question is designed and installed as an emergency generator, providing power to life safety loads in accordance with NEC Article 700, not as a legally required standby system under Article 701. Therefore, the applicable section is NEC 700.12(D)(2), which governs fuel sources for emergency systems. While the language in both 700.12(D)(2) and 701.12(D)(2) is similar, it is important to apply the correct article for this classification.

In accordance with NEC 700.12(D)(2), where a public utility is used as the sole fuel source, the authority having jurisdiction may accept it if it is deemed “reliable”. To support this, we have coordinated directly with representatives from Nicor Gas, who provided a statement attesting to 99.99% reliability for the Nicor network. Their data confirms that the natural gas infrastructure serving this location is robust and has had no significant outages or curtailments, even during regional power failures or extreme weather events.

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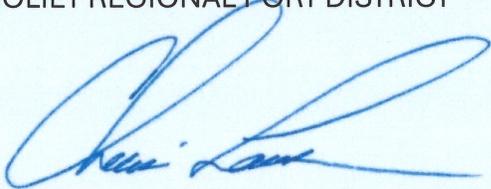
Given the generator's classification as an emergency power source, and the supporting documentation from the gas utility establishing the reliability of fuel supply, we respectfully request a variance to allow the continued use of a natural gas-fired emergency generator for this facility. This approach fully supports the intent of NEC 700.12, which is to ensure continuous and dependable power to life safety systems. The requested generator location will be the fourth natural-gas-only is service at the Airport, including our new Air Traffic Control Tower, permitted by the Village in 2021.

Please feel free to contact me or the design engineer directly at 312-242-6437 or palcock@primeraeng.com should you need additional documentation or communications to approve this variance request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

JOLIET REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT



Chris Lawson
Director of Aviation

Attachment

Pat Alcock

From: Podschweit, Tamera <tpodschw@southernco.COM>
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 4:12 PM
To: Stephen Wisniewski; Herberger, Warren G.; Tatarczuk, Magdalena
Cc: Reynolds, Kyle; Pat Alcock; Okoye Jr, Wilfred Ike
Subject: RE: Romeoville Airport- Acct 9186099097 6
Attachments: Reliability.pptx

Good afternoon,

Nicor Gas provides service you can rely on, even during extreme weather events that may cause electricity outages.

- It's a fact: Nicor Gas never stops supplying our customers, even during the 2019 Polar Vortex.
- Also, a fact: No Nicor Gas customer lost heat due to any service restrictions or reductions.

Unlike electricity, which reported a 20-hour and 35-minute outage in April 2022 to the Department of Energy.

Or the recent power outage that was discussed at last month's Utility Commission meeting that caused equipment damage and operational interruptions.

In fact, according to the Global Energy Institute, Illinois' natural gas distribution has a 99.99% reliability rate.

That's because, Nicor Gas owns and operates one of the largest natural gas reservoir storage systems in North America.

Our customers are connected to a 34,000-mile distribution system that is part of a network of eight interstate pipelines.

It is one of the most modern underground systems in the country.

Unlike electricity, our delivery system doesn't go down when demand goes up.

Thank you,

Tamera Podschweit

Industrial & Commercial Account Executive

Nicor Gas

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Gas leaks or pressure issues call 1-888-642-6748

Scheduling questions call 1-800-730-6114, option 3

Secretary of VetNet IL





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