

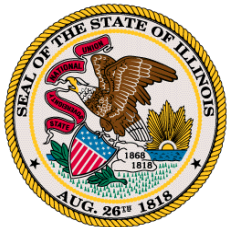
**APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS
SELF-DIRECTING CUSTOMER
OR EXEMPT CUSTOMER**

**UNDER NATURAL GAS
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

Submittal Deadline

4:30 p.m. February 1, 2010

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
BUREAU OF ENERGY AND RECYCLING
620 EAST ADAMS STREET
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62701**



**Pat Quinn
Governor**



**Warren Ribley
Director**

Submission of Applications

Customers seeking to be designated by the Department as a self-directing customer (SDC) or as an Exempt Customer shall submit an application on or before February 1, 2010. A new customer that commences taking service from a natural gas utility after February 1, 2010 may apply up to 30 days after beginning service. Thereafter, applications may be made not less than 6 months before the triennial filing date of the gas utility energy efficiency plans. For the plans due October 1, 2013, applications for SDC or Exempt Customer designation must be submitted by April 1, 2013. All applications shall be submitted to the following address:

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Bureau of Energy and Recycling
620 E. Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701-1615
Attention: SDC/Exempt Customer
Phone: 217/785-2863 (TDD 217/785-6055)
Fax: 217-785-2618

Department Review

The Department shall review the application to determine that it meets the requirements set forth in 220 ILCS 5/8-104(m). If the Department determines that the application does not contain the required information, it shall notify the applicant (hereafter, "applicant" or "customer"), in writing, of its determination and identify the information that is missing. The applicant shall have 15 working days to provide the Department with the missing information. If at that time the application is not complete, the Department may deny the application.

The Department's review of the initial application shall be completed within 30 working days after the date the application is filed with the Department. If the Department does not make a determination within that time period, the applicant shall be considered a SDC or and Exempt Customer, as applicable, for all subsequent 3-year planning periods.

Department Audit

The Department shall have the right to audit the information provided in the application and annual reports to ensure continued compliance with the requirements of 220 ILCS 5/8-104(m). If the Department determines that the applicant is no longer in compliance with the applicable requirements, the Department shall notify the customer in writing of the noncompliance.

Upon notification of non-compliance, the customer shall have 30 days to establish compliance. If compliance is not re-established within the 30-day renewal period, the Department may revoke the customer's status as a SDC or Exempt Customer.

Confidentiality of Application Information

The Department shall treat all information provided by any customer seeking SDC or Exempt Customer status as strictly confidential to the extent allowable by State and Federal law.

Application for Designation as Self-Directing Customer or Exempt Customer under Natural Gas Efficiency Programs

Applicant Information:

Applicant name _____

Applicant address (include 9 digit zip code) _____ County _____

Applicant contact _____ Title _____

Telephone number _____ Fax number _____

E-mail address _____ Web site address _____

Application Date: _____

Purpose of Application (check one):

- Designation as a self-directing customer (SDC) Designation as Exempt Customer that uses natural gas as a feedstock

Fill out each of the cells as necessary:

Natural Gas Utility*	Account Number or Numbers*	NAICS code or codes	Natural Gas Usage (annual in therms)	Natural Gas Used as a Feedstock (annual in therms)
AmerenCILCO				
AmerenCIPS				
Ameren IP				
Nicor Gas				
North Shore Gas				
Peoples Gas				

*Note: For applicants with multiple gas utilities and account numbers, please attach a table or spreadsheet listing addresses and account numbers for each natural gas utility for verification purposes.

Explain basis for natural gas usage:

(e.g. most recent year, avg. of 3 years, projected based on expected business, etc.)

Additional Explanation (if needed):

Certification for Designation as SDC or Exempt Customer

In furtherance of this application to become a self-directing customer (SDC) or an Exempt Customer under the natural gas efficiency programs created by Sec. 8-104 of the Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/8-104), the applicant certifies that:

- It qualifies to be a SDC or Exempt Customer by meeting the requirements as described in 220 ILCS 5/8-104(m) by having a a NAICS code number beginning with the digits 31, 32, or 33, and i) annual usage of natural gas in the aggregate of 4 million therms or more within a particular natural gas service territory or ii) 8 million therms or more in the state.
- It has provided the gas utility or utilities serving the customer with a copy of the application as filed with the Department.
- It has accurately reported the natural gas utility or utilities serving the customer, including the natural gas utility accounts that are the subject of the application.
- The information provided in this application is true and accurate.

In the case of an SDC the applicant further certifies that:

- It has established or will establish by the beginning of the utility's 3-year planning period commencing subsequent to the application, and will maintain for accounting purposes, an energy efficiency reserve account and that the customer will accrue funds in said account to be held for the purpose of funding, in whole or in part, energy efficiency measures of the customer's choosing.
- Its annual funding levels for the energy efficiency reserve account will be equal to 2% of the customer's cost of natural gas, composed of the customer's commodity cost and the delivery service charges paid to the gas utility, or \$150,000, whichever is less.
- The required reserve account balance will be capped at 3 years' worth of accruals and that the customer may, at its option, make further deposits to the account to the extent such deposit would increase the reserve account balance above the designated cap level.
- By October 1 of each year, beginning no sooner than October 1, 2012, it will report to the Department information, for the 12-month period ending May 31 of the same year, on all deposits and reduction, if any, to the reserve account during the reporting year, and to the extent deposits to the reserve account in any year are in an amount less than 2% or \$150,000, the basis for such reduced deposits; reserve account balances by month; a description of energy efficiency measures undertaken by the customer and paid for in whole or in part with funds from the reserve account; an estimate of the energy saved, or to be saved, by the measure; and a verification that the funds withdrawn from the reserve account were used for the energy efficiency measures.

In the case of an Exempt Customer the applicant further certifies that:

- The level of gas usage as a feedstock in the customer's operation in a typical year, as reported in the application is accurate and that it will provide information establishing this level, upon request of the Department.

Authorized Official (signature*)

Telephone

Typed/Printed Name

Fax

Title

Date

Applicant Name (Company)

Authorized Signature Address

Authorized Signature City, 9 Digit Zip (find 9-Digit Zip at <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>)

Authorized Signature E-mail Address

*Electronic signatures not acceptable. Please provide Certifications with original signature via mail, fax or electronically (scanned document)

