NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS (COMPANY

Box 1227

Aurora, Illinois

May 24, 1961

To the Holders of Our Common Stock:

As previously announced, we are planning to offer you the right to subscribe for additional shares of our Common Stock. The right to subscribe will be at the rate of one share for each 16 shares recorded on our books as owned by you at the close of business on June 22, 1961. The subscription price will not be set until that date. The subscription offer will expire at 2:30 P.M. Chicago Time on July 11, 1961.

You will receive one Right for each share owned. Your Rights will be evidenced by a transferable Warrant. To buy one share of the additional Common Stock, 16 Rights and payment of the subscription price will be required. The Rights will expire and become void after July 11.

Under the schedule now contemplated, the Warrants will be mailed on or about June 22. A Prospectus giving the terms of the offer and a letter of instructions containing complete information as to how to subscribe for stock or to sell your Rights will accompany your Warrant.

No action by you is required at this time, but you should be prepared to act promptly when you receive your Warrant.

If you plan to be away during the subscription period—June 22 through July 11—please make arrangements with your bank, broker or other representative to enter your subscription or to have your Rights sold. If such arrangements require the mailing of your Warrant to another address, please write us immediately.

This letter is not an offering of the additional Common Stock. The offering, which is subject to market conditions and the required regulatory commission clearances, will be made only by the Prospectus.

Sincerely yours,

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