AN ACT concerning public utilities.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing Section 19-130 as follows:

(220 ILCS 5/19-130)

Sec. 19-130. Commission study and report. The Commission's Office of Retail Market Development Beginning in 2003, and ending in 2007, the Commission shall prepare an annual report regarding the development of competitive retail natural gas markets in Illinois. The report shall be approved by the Commission and be filed by July 1 of each odd year with the Joint Committee on Legislative Support Services of the General Assembly and the Governor and shall be publicly available. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) the aggregate annual demand of retail natural gas customers in the State of Illinois in the preceding calendar year;
- (2) the total annual therms delivered and sold to retail customers in the State of Illinois by each gas utility and each alternative gas supplier in the preceding calendar year;
 - (3) the percentage of therms delivered and sold to

customers in the State of Illinois in the preceding calendar year by each gas utility and each alternative gas supplier;

- (4) the total number of customers in the State of Illinois served in the preceding calendar year by each gas utility and each alternative gas supplier;
- $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ (5) an analysis of the status and development of the retail natural gas market in the State of Illinois; and
- (2) a discussion of any identified barriers to the development of competitive retail natural gas markets in Illinois and proposed solutions to overcome identified barriers; and
- $\underline{\mbox{(3)}}$ any other information the Commission considers significant in assessing the development of gas markets in the State of Illinois.

To aid in preparation of its annual report, as well in its assessment of barriers to the development of competitive retail natural gas markets and proposed solutions to overcome those barriers, the Commission's Office of Retail Market Development shall gather input from all interested parties as well as from other bureaus within the Commission.

(Source: P.A. 92-852, eff. 8-26-02.)