**Section 556.20 Applicability**

a) Pursuant to Section 9-220.3 of the Act*, a natural gas utility serving more than 700,000 customers may file a tariff for a* qualifying infrastructure plant *surcharge* (QIP surcharge) *which adjusts rates and charges to provide for recovery of costs associated with investments in qualifying infrastructure plant, independent of any other matters related to the utility's revenue requirement.* [220 ILCS 5/9-220.3(a)(1)]

b) The QIP surcharge shall be applied to gas bills of customers of natural gas utilities having an effective QIP surcharge and information sheet in effect and on file with the Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission).