

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT COMPANY d/b/a AmerenCILCO,)	
)	
Proposed general increase in rates for delivery service.)	Docket No. 06-0070
)	
CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY d/b/a AmerenCIPS,)	
)	
Proposed general increase in rates for delivery service.)	Docket No. 06-0071
)	
ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY d/b/a AmerenIP,)	
)	
Proposed general increase in rates for delivery service.)	Docket No. 06-0072 (consol.)
)	

THE AMEREN COMPANIES' RESPONSE TO IBEW'S MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO RESPOND

Central Illinois Light Company d//b/a AmerenCILCO, Central Illinois Public Service Company d/b/a/ AmerenCIPS and Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP (collectively, the "Ameren Companies") hereby respond to the May 8, 2006, Motion for Additional Time to Respond of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO ("IBEW"). In addition to the facts set forth in IBEW's motion, the Ameren Companies note that IBEW did not complete service of the testimony it filed on April 26, 2006, until the morning of April 27, 2006. And, IBEW did not complete filing and service of the exhibits to its testimony until late afternoon of May 1, 2006. The factual account set forth in IBEW's motion is thus incomplete.

However, for the reasons set forth in IBEW's motion, the Ameren Companies are willing to agree to IBEW's request for additional time to respond to the Ameren Companies' Motion to Strike, provided that IBEW files and serves its response by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 16,

2006. Counsel for IBEW has been contacted and has agreed to meet this deadline. Because the May 25, 2006, due date for rebuttal testimony is fast approaching, the Ameren Companies agree to file their reply by May 18, 2006.

WHEREFORE, the Ameren Companies request that the Administrative Law Judges amend their May 8, 2006, scheduling order, to require that any responses to the Ameren Companies' Motion to Strike must be filed and served by 12:00 noon on May 16, 2006, and that any replies thereto must be filed and served by May 18, 2006.

Dated: May 9, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT COMPANY
d/b/a AmerenCILCO

CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY d/b/a AmerenCIPS

ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY d/b/a
AmerenIP

By: /s/ Laura M. Earl

One of its attorneys

Christopher W. Flynn
Laura M. Earl
Jones Day
77 W. Wacker, Suite 3500
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 782-3939 (voice)
(312) 782-8585 (fax)
cflynn@jonesday.com
learl@jonesday.com

Edward C. Fitzhenry
Managing Associate General Counsel
Ameren Services Company
One Ameren Plaza
1901 Chouteau Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63166
(314) 554-3533 (voice)
(314) 554-4014 (fax)
efitzhenry@ameren.com

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Laura M. Earl, certify that on May 9, 2006, I served a copy of the foregoing Response by electronic mail to the individuals on the Commission's Service List for this Docket.

By: /s/ Laura M. Earl
Attorney for Movant