

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a)
AmerenCILCO, Central Illinois Public Service)
Company d/b/a AmerenCIPS, illinois power)
company d/b/a AmerenIP,)
) No. 07-0585, et. al.
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Proposed general increase in Ameren)
CILCO, Ameren CIPS and Ameren IP's)
electric DS rates and Ameren CIPS and)
Ameren IP's gas delivery rates and Ameren)
CILCO's proposed decrease to gas delivery)
rates)

IBEW SYSTEM COUNCIL U-05
ON BEHALF OF
IBEW LOCALS 702, 51, 309, 1306 and 649
REPRESENTED BY
EXHIBIT 1.0

PREFILED
DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
PAUL NOBLE
ON BEHALF OF IBEW SYSTEM COUNCIL U-05

MAY 14, 2008

1 **Q. Please State your name and business address.**

2 A. Paul Noble, 106 North Monroe Street, West Frankfort, IL 62896.

3 **Q. What is your occupation?**

4 A. I am the Business Manager of Local 702, IBEW, and the Chairman of
5 IBEW System Council U-05.

6 **Q. What is IBEW System Council U-05?**

7 A. System Council U-05 is an association consisting of Local Unions 51, 309,
8 649, 702 and 1306 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,
9 AFL-CIO. System Council U-05 was formed with the authority of each of
10 these Local Unions. System Council U-05 has the authority to coordinate
11 collective bargaining with Ameren Illinois on behalf of the Local Unions.

12 **Q. Please identify Local 702, IBEW.**

13 A. Local 702, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO
14 ("IBEW Local 702") whose main office is located in West Frankfort, Illinois,
15 is a labor union and the collective bargaining representative of employees
16 employed by Ameren IP, Ameren CIPS, and Ameren Energy Generating
17 Company (also f/k/a Central Illinois Public Service Company). IBEW
18 Local 702 has current collective bargaining agreements with these public
19 utilities and power generating companies covering the wages, fringe
20 benefits, and terms and conditions of employment of the bargaining unit
21 employees it represents. Local 702, IBEW is affiliated with System Council
22 U-05.

23 **Q. Please identify Local 51, IBEW.**

24 A. Local 51, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (“IBEW Local
25 51”), whose main office is located in Springfield, Illinois, is a labor union
26 and the collective bargaining representative of employees employed by
27 Ameren IP (f/k/a Illinois Power Company), Dynegy Midwest Generation,
28 Exelon Generation (f/k/a AmerGen Energy Company), and Ameren
29 CILCO (f/k/a Central Illinois Light Company). Local 51, IBEW has current
30 collective bargaining agreements with these public utilities and power
31 generating companies covering the wages, fringe benefits, and terms and
32 conditions of employment of the bargaining unit employees it represents.
33 Local 51, IBEW is affiliated with System Council U-05.

34 Q. **Please identify Local 309, IBEW.**

35 A. Local 309, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO
36 (“IBEW Local 309”), whose main office is located in Collinsville, Illinois, is
37 a labor union and the collective bargaining representative of employees
38 employed by AmerenCIPS (f/k/a Central Illinois Public Service Company)
39 and AmerenIP. IBEW Local 309 has current collective bargaining
40 agreements with these public utilities and power generating companies
41 covering the wages, fringe benefits, and terms and conditions of
42 employment of the bargaining unit employees it represents. Local 309,
43 IBEW is affiliated with System Council U-05.

44 Q. **Please identify Local 649, IBEW.**

45 A. Local 649, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO
46 (“IBEW Local 649”) whose main office is located in Alton, Illinois, is a labor

47 union and the collective bargaining representative of employees employed
48 by Ameren CIPS and Ameren IP. IBEW Local 649 has current collective
49 bargaining agreements with these public utilities and power generating
50 companies covering the wages, fringe benefits, and terms and conditions
51 of employment of the bargaining unit employees it represents. Local 649,
52 IBEW is affiliated with System Council U-05.

53 **Q. Please identify Local 1306, IBEW.**

54 A. Local 1306, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO
55 ("IBEW Local 1306") whose main office is located in Decatur, Illinois, is a
56 labor union and the collective bargaining representative of employees
57 employed by Ameren IP. IBEW Local 1306 has current collective
58 bargaining agreements with this public utility and power generating
59 company covering the wages, fringe benefits, and terms and conditions of
60 employment of the bargaining unit employees it represents. Local 1306,
61 IBEW is affiliated with System Council U-05.

62 **Q. What is the position of IBEW System Council U-05 and the IBEW**
63 **Locals it represents with respect to the Ameren Illinois Utilities'**
64 **request of a rate increase and why?**

65 A. The bargaining unit employees represented by the IBEW Locals and the
66 System Council U-05 at the Ameren Illinois Utilities are engaged in the
67 generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power to industrial,
68 commercial, and residential customers in the State of Illinois. The utilities
69 are seeking increases in their revenue requirements. These revenue

70 requirements are based on the utility's actual costs, which costs include
71 the wages and benefits of our members. Therefore, it is imperative that
72 the Ameren Illinois Utilities be able to recover their costs of service and
73 earn a fair return on their investments. The failure to do so will have a
74 direct and material negative impact on the wages, fringe benefits, and
75 terms and conditions of employment of the bargaining unit employees
76 represented by IBEW System Council U-05. Accordingly, System Council
77 U-05 on behalf of IBEW Locals 702, 51, 309, 1306 and 649 and their
78 members urge the Commission to approve Ameren Illinois Utilities
79 proposed rate increase. It is important for Illinois to have financially
80 healthy utilities, in order not only to promote adequate, safe, and reliable
81 delivery services, but also to maintain a viable workforce.

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NOW BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared, Paul Noble, who being after duly sworn by me, did depose and state that the above and foregoing is his sworn testimony in this proceeding and that he knows the contents thereof, that the same are true as stated, except as to matters and things, if any, stated on information and belief, and that as to those matters and things, he believes them to be true.



Paul Noble

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2008


Notary Public