

Rebuttal Testimony
Of
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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

Proposed General Increase in Electric Rates

and

Proposed General Increase in Gas Rates

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

2 A. My name is Christopher L. Boggs. My business address is 527 E. Capitol
3 Avenue, Springfield, IL 62701.

4 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

5 A. I am employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) as a Rate
6 Analyst in the Rates Department of the Financial Analysis Division. My
7 responsibilities include rate design and cost of service analyses for electric, gas,
8 water and sewer utilities and the preparation of testimony on rates and rate-
9 related matters.

10 **Q. How long have you been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission?**

11 A. I have been employed by the Commission since April of 2008.

12 **Q. Please discuss your educational and professional background.**

13 A. I received a BS in Economics/Business Administration from Knox College in
14 1987. I have an extensive background (16+ years) in mortgage lending and have
15 locally held several positions in that capacity. I have been employed by Illini
16 Bank, Norwest Mortgage and most recently was the Mortgage Operations
17 Manager at Illinois National Bank.

18 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

19 A. I have reviewed and analyzed the transcripts of the public forums in six
20 communities the Commission held for the current rate cases filed by Central

21 Illinois Light Company, d/b/a AmerenCILCO (“AmerenCILCO”), Central Illinois
22 Public Service Company, d/b/a AmerenCIPS (“AmerenCIPS”) and Illinois Power
23 Company, d/b/a AmerenIP (“AmerenIP”) (jointly “Ameren” or “Companies”)
24 paying particular attention to the participants’ opinions on how the rate increases
25 would be received by customers under the various rate categories. The purpose
26 of my testimony is to present a summary of customer comments related to
27 reliability and the proposed rate increases that were expressed at those forums.

28 **Q. Please summarize the general reception of the proposed rate increases by**
29 **the participants in the public forums.**

30 A. There were many representatives of customers of different rate classes who
31 presented their views on what a new increase in delivery rates would mean to
32 them personally and to their communities as a whole. Almost unanimously, the
33 customers who spoke indicated that increases in the delivery rates for both gas
34 and electricity would have a negative effect on the local economy. There were
35 one or more members of the state legislature in attendance at most of the
36 forums. Every one of the legislators called for the Commission to reject the rate
37 increase proposals because of the adverse effect that it would have on their
38 respective constituents. They, also, indicated that the rate of inflation by far
39 exceeds the cost of living increases their constituents currently enjoy and they
40 are hard pressed to come up with the additional funds that an increase in utility
41 rates would require. Many individuals expressed outrage that the increases were
42 being proposed due to the large profits the Companies have recently posted.

43 **Q. Did any of the speakers at the forums indicate that they would be willing to**
44 **absorb increased rates if it meant more reliable service?**

45 A. According to the transcripts of the proceedings, no one who spoke at the forums
46 indicated they would be willing to pay higher rates if it meant more reliable
47 service.

48 **Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?**

49 A. Yes, it does.

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