

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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| Central Illinois Light Company          | ) |                     |
| d/b/a AmerenCILCO                       | ) |                     |
|   | ) | Docket No. 09-_____ |
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| Petition for Special Permission to file | ) |                     |
| and to put into effect, on less than    | ) |                     |
| 45 days' notice, PIPP Phase 1- Percent  | ) |                     |
| of Income Payment Plan                  | ) |                     |

**PETITION FOR SPECIAL PERMISSION**

To the Illinois Commerce Commission:

Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a AmerenCILCO (“AmerenCILCO” or “Company”), as part of the “Ameren Illinois Utilities” or “AIUs”, hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission (the “Commission” or “ICC”), pursuant to Section 9-201 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act (the “Act”), 220 ILCS 5/9-201, for permission to make effective on less than 45 days’ notice the following tariff sheets which reflect the addition of a new tariff, PIPP Phase 1 - Percent of Income Payment Plan:

Gas Service Schedule ILL. C. C. No. 19

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.001 Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.001

1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 41

1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 41.001

A copy of these tariff sheets are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.

1. Since July 17, 2009, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”) has convened multiple planning and design sessions focused on meeting the requirements of SB 1918. The AIUs have participated in the Percent of Income Payment Program (“PIPP”) planning process. The goal of all parties involved in the planning process was to launch PIPP Phase 1 as soon as possible before the end of this calendar year. On October 7, 2009, DCEO informed all participants that the IT requirements to launch the PIPP Phase 1 would not be available until the spring of 2010. LIHEAP.net therefore will not be available for PIPP Phase 1. As a result, the utilities have been asked to develop independent programs to assist customers during the current 2010 LIHEAP program year.

2. The purpose of the experiment or pilot program service outlined in the subject tariff is to provide relevant data and information that may be useful in developing a more robust and comprehensive PIPP program. The PIPP Phase 1 - Percent of Income Payment Plan initial program (“PIPP Phase 1” or “Program”) is the first phase in the process that will lead to a permanent PIPP. The Ameren Illinois Utilities anticipate gathering useful information. Further, the Program will also benefit those participating as they will be better able to manage their utility budget, and know if they comply with the program guidelines, they can be assured of continuing utility service.

3. The expedited need for Commission approval is primarily driven by the time by which the Phase 2 Program is required to be in place, July 2010. Furthermore, for those participating, having the program in place as soon as practical before the winter season begins in earnest will be beneficial. The AIUs have collaborated with many stakeholders from the SB 1918 work groups as it relates to this filing and believe there is

consensus support for this filing and no objection to same. Finally, the AIUs contend the approach outlined by this Petition and associated tariff filing is preferable to unilateral action by the utility. It is hoped that this filing will facilitate a means by which the Commission can be fully informed as to the AIUs' intentions and where other stakeholders can know the manner by which AIUs will pursue the Program.

4. The PIPP Phase 1 is available to low-income residential (Rate GDS-1) natural gas service customers with an active account and not opting out their participation in the Program ("Eligible Participants"). Furthermore, such Eligible Participants cannot also be taking electric service from Company. The number of Eligible Participants in aggregate for the AIUs shall not exceed 650.

5. The PIPP Phase 1 will not increase the total amounts paid by retail customers, and can be implemented in AIUs' current customer and billing system. Program funding for the pre-Program arrears reduction and for credits associated with the aggregate amount due balances throughout the Program effective period, shall be paid entirely from the recent, legislatively enacted incremental increase to the Energy Assistance Charge (pursuant to Public Act 96-0033) for the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (the "Fund"). The AIUs will allocate Program enrollment by a ratio that corresponds with the amount of funding available from the Fund for the Program period. Based upon current estimates, the ratios for the AIUs are as follows: AmerenIP-50%; AmerenCIPS-24% and AmerenCILCO-26%. This equates to approximate enrollment levels of 328 for AmerenIP, 154 for AmerenCIPS, and 168 for AmerenCILCO. The AIUs will apply a credit equal to any balance of pre-Program arrears for Eligible Participants upon enrollment into the Program.

6. The PIPP Phase 1 program shall terminate upon implementation of the second phase of PIPP, and implemented jointly by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”) and the AIUs. PIPP Phase 2 is expected to begin on or about July 2010. The AIUs will make the appropriate filing with the Commission for approval of its Phase 2 PIPP Program prior to implementation.

7. The PIPP Phase 1 provides for certain guidelines and procedures. As stated in that tariff, the AIUs will involve one or more Local Administrative Agencies to assist Eligible Participants enrolled in this Program in an effort to maintain their enrollment.

8. Eligible Participants will be automatically placed onto the Budget Billing Program. The Budget Billing amount for all applicable Delivery Services, Supply services and related charges due, will be \$10 per month. The first Billing Period of the Program is expected to be December 2009 and will extend through the termination date of the Program. The Company will not assess late payment charges or require deposits for Eligible Participants remaining on the Program.

9. The AIUs will issue a credit to Eligible Participants equal to the balance of actual service amounts due in excess of the \$10 monthly Budget Billing amounts while they remain on the Program. An Eligible Participant falling at least 60 days in arrears will be dropped from the Program prior to their next billing date. Such customer will no longer be eligible for the \$10 Budget Billing amount and become responsible for all current charges from that bill forward.

10. Section 8-105(b) of the Public Utilities Act requires the utility provide a report to the Commission on a quarterly basis accounting for monies reimbursed or netted

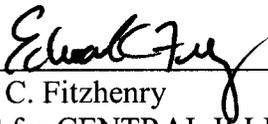
through the fund. 220 ILCS 5/8-105(b). Therefore, on or before 45 days after the end of each quarter, each of the AIUs shall file with the Commission a Phase 1 PIPP report containing the required information above as well as any other detailed information as specified by the Commission's Manager of Accounting.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a AmerenCILCO respectfully requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission enter an Order allowing the tariff sheets attached as Exhibit A to become effective as of the date of the Commission's order.

Dated: November 10, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

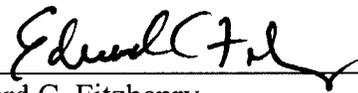
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Edward C. Fitzhenry, being first duly sworn, hereby state that: i) I am Managing Assistant General Counsel for the CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT COMPANY d/b/a AmerenCILCO; ii) I am authorized to make this verification on its behalf; iii) I have reviewed the aforementioned Petition; iv) I have knowledge of the facts stated therein; v) and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

  
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Edward C. Fitzhenry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

  
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Notary Public

