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ICC Docket Number, or Docket Number or Case Number from Other Jurisdiction

(Please be specific): 09-0306

Subject of the Communication (Note - This field is limited to 8 lines of text):

The three Illinois Ameren Utilities rate case

Name of the Commission Officer or Employee Making Report (first, then last name):

Tiffany

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Job Title:

Legal Advisor to Chairman Box of the Illinois Commerce Commission

Names and Job Titles of Other Commission Employees Present:

Chairman Charles Box, Commissioner Lula Ford, Commissioner Erin O'Connell-Diaz, Commissioner Sherman Elliott, Chairman and Commissioners

Date of Communication: Nov 13, 2009

Location of Parties to Communication:

Canton and Pekin, Illinois

Mode of Communication (Please Check All That Apply):

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Name of, Title of, and Entity Represented by Person Communicating to You:

State Representative Michael K. Smith of the 91st District, Illinois House of Representatives representing the 91st District

State What Action, If Any, the Person Requested or Recommended (Note - 11 lines of text):

Requesting to reject Ameren's request for \$162 million dollar rate hike.

Include Any Other Information You Deem Pertinent:

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Mr. Charles Box, Chairman
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Chairman Box:

I am writing today to urge the Illinois Commerce Commission to reject Ameren's request for a \$162 million hike in their delivery rate.

This is the worst possible time for Ameren to request yet another rate increase. With the economic downturn, people are finding it harder and harder to pay bills and provide for their families. Just last year, Ameren received a rate increase. Another increase would have a tremendous negative impact on the constituents I represent in the 91st District.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has a responsibility to defend consumers from unfair rate hikes and, in my opinion, the rate increase as requested by Ameren is not something that consumers can absorb.

Over the course of the last several years, I have had more and more constituents approach me with concerns over their utility bills and the lack of competition within the utility industry. As the residents of my district continue to make tough decisions on how they can afford their monthly bills and still put away for the future, I urge you to take their struggles into consideration and reject Ameren's request.

In the coming weeks, I will deliver the names of constituents I represent who have contacted my office and are joining me in opposition to Ameren's case. I hope you will take their protests into consideration as well.

Should you need to discuss my position on this matter, please contact me at (309) 353-6276. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Smith".

Michael K. Smith
State Representative