

**Ameren Illinois Company
d/b/a Ameren Illinois
Response to ICC Staff Data Requests
Docket Nos. 11-0279 and 11-0282 (Cons.)
Proposed General Increase in Electric and Gas Delivery Service Rates
Data Request Response Date: 5/20/2011**

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Ameren Ex. 4.0, p. 8, states, “[e]quity infusions into AmerenCIPS, AmerenIP, and AmerenCILCO during 2009 of approximately \$200 million also contributed to the net increase in the common stock balance.” Please specify the purpose of the 2009 equity infusions and how AmerenCIPS, AmerenIP and AmerenCILCO, individually, used the funds from each of the 2009 equity infusions.

RESPONSE

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The primary purpose of the 2009 equity infusions into the AICs was to bolster the Companies’ credit quality by enhancing their credit metrics and de-levering their capital structures. The actions were also intended to send positive signals to the rating agencies and fixed income investors regarding the importance of credit quality and the maintenance of a healthy, liquid balance sheet. The infusions were part of the AICs’ stated objectives to target an equity ratio in the range of 50% - 55%.

Given the fungible nature of cash, matching specific uses of cash to specific sources of cash is nearly impossible. None of the equity infusions were used for a specific, discreet purpose or project. Rather, the infusions provided capital necessary for general corporate purposes, including but not limited to, capital expenditures, operations and maintenance expenses, power and fuel purchases, interest, short-term debt reduction, dividends, taxes, short-term investments and money pool contributions.

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