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**To:** Scott, Douglas; Ford, Lula; O'Connell, Erin; Elliott, Sherman; Colgan, John

**Subject:** Ameren Contributions

Dear ICC,

- I understand that the ICC is considering the elimination of cost recovery for Ameren Illinois' charitable contributions.

I am a Senior District Executive with the Lewis & Clark Council in Belleville IL. I currently serve over seven thousand youth in East St. Louis, Cahokia, Brooklyn, Venice, Madison, and other surrounding areas. The donation that was given to us from Ameren in 2011 was used to register these youth in the scouting program and provide program materials as well. We were able to take 18 inner city youth to summer camp using the funds that were provided by Ameren. I can provide you with pictures if you need them.

- With recent state cuts and the Illinois economy, corporate contributions are a vital part of our budget.

If the Lewis & Clark Council was not able to receive the monetary contribution from Ameren IP we would not have met our budget in 2011. We have to serve these at risk youth and give them positive

Programs that they want to be a part of and make them better citizens.

- I urge you to allow Ameren Illinois to recover all of their charitable contribution costs.

Ameren IP was a God send to the youth of East St. Louis by providing them the opportunity to go to camp and have life long memories. The friendships that were made on this camp out will last forever. We plan on taking the same youth to camp this year to continue the development of these young men. Please allow them to recover their charitable giving because they are there to help the communities in which they serve in more ways than just providing utilities they are helping make better individuals.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact me.

Regards,

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