Don’t Trust Open Gas Lines – Plug ‘em!
You may have an open natural gas line if you recently replaced a gas stove or dryer with an electric appliance, or moved into a property that has gas lines you won’t be using. In these cases, shutting off the valve to the gas line may not be enough to keep you safe. Even if the appliance valve is turned off, it could inadvertently get turned back on, creating the risk of fire or explosion. To keep your home safe, contact a qualified plumbing or heating professional to cap or plug the line.

PULL THE PLUG ON PHANTOM LOADS
Halloween only comes once a year, but some phantoms haunt your home every day of the year—and the energy waste they cause is downright frightening.
Many appliances and electronic devices consume power even when they are turned off, creating “phantom loads.” From televisions to computers and charging devices, the average U.S. household spends $100 a year to power devices while they are turned off.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO RID YOUR HOME OF PHANTOM LOADS:
✓ Unplug televisions, office equipment and other high-tech electronic devices whenever practical.
✓ Use a power strip as a central “turn off” point.
✓ Unplug chargers after use.
✓ Look for the ENERGY STAR® label when shopping for new appliances or electronics.

Footnote
1 Combined reports for Ameren Illinois will begin with the next quarterly report in January 2011.
2 1% of the total electricity supplies was purchased from other suppliers and the amounts of emissions and amount of nuclear waste attributable to producing this electricity is not known and is not included in this table.

Additional information on companies selling electrical power in Illinois may be found at the Illinois Commerce Commission’s Web site (www.icc.illinois.gov). The disclosure of this information is required under Section 16-127 of the Electric Service Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997 and the rules of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 83 Ill. Adm. Code 421.