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**Illinois Commerce Commission Approves New Electric Distribution Rates for Ameren Illinois**

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Commerce Commission today approved new electric distribution rates for Ameren Illinois ([Docket 15-0305](#)) for 2016.

The new rates were calculated from an overall increase in annual revenue of approximately \$106 million, which resulted in an increase in electric delivery rates of 11.44 percent. Ameren initially proposed an increase of more than \$110 million, but adjustments were made by the Commission to the company’s advertising expense, employee recognition expense, and cash working capital.

The Commission decision involved a thorough review of Ameren Illinois’ expenditures on capital projects completed in 2015. Electric distribution rates, for companies like Ameren Illinois, are set annually according to the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act (EIMA). In 2011, EIMA established a prescribed formula rate procedure for Ameren Illinois to recover actual, prudently incurred costs for the delivery of electricity to customers.

The Commission Order follows a thorough review during the past eight months of the company’s formula rate case filing in April 2015. The review involves two major components: 1) a reconciliation of Ameren’s actual 2014 revenue requirement; and 2) a determination of the new revenue requirement that includes the company’s 2015 projected plant additions. The net effect of both components will be reflected in the rates to be charged in 2016.

The Order reflects an overall rate of return of 7.65 percent and a return on equity of 9.14 percent.

Ameren filed its initial formula rate petition in accordance with EIMA in January 2012 and today’s Commission action is the fifth adjustment to Ameren Illinois rates under the formula rate mechanism. For a complete history of adjustments, go to <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/iccreports/> and click “Rate Case History Report.”

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