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ICC Approves New Gas Delivery Rates for Ameren Illinois Customers

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Commerce Commission today approved new natural gas delivery rates for Ameren Illinois customers (Docket No. [15-0142](#)).

The Commission voted to allow Ameren Illinois to increase rates that are expected to generate approximately \$45 million in new annual revenue, a 12.44 percent increase over current revenue. The company initially requested an annual increase of approximately \$55 million. Today’s order reflects changes or reductions to Ameren’s initial request in the areas of uncollectible expense, asset retirement obligations, gasoline and diesel fuel cost, lobbying expense, payroll tax, customer advances, gas in storage, rate case expense, cost of short-term and long-term debt, return on equity, charitable contributions, cash working capital, and billing determinants.

The Commission approved an overall rate of return for each rate zone at 7.65 percent and return on equity at 9.60 percent.

Ameren natural gas delivery rates were last adjusted January 1, 2014. For a complete history of Ameren Illinois’ gas rate adjustments, go to <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/naturalgas/iccreports/> and click “Rate Case History Report.” Under the “Gas” tab, you can search under the names of Ameren IL’s three legacy systems: Central IL Public Service, Central IL Light, and Illinois Power.

The new delivery rates are expected to appear on customer bills in early January.

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natural gas, water, sewer and telecommunications companies; and the Transportation Bureau, which includes trucking insurance and registration, railroad safety, relocation towing, safety towing and household goods moving company enforcement activities. The ICC's five commissioners are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Illinois State Senate for five-year terms.