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CUB STATEMENT ON AMEREN ILLINOIS' ELECTRIC RECONCILIATION RATE HIKE

The following is a statement from **CUB Executive Director Sarah Moskowitz**:

We're glad state regulators reduced wasteful and inappropriate spending and shaved about \$11 million off of Ameren Illinois' electric rate-hike request. But the utility still received an increase of about \$48 million, and we're concerned about customers being unable to afford their utility bills among so many cost increases for other necessities such as food and healthcare.

Under state regulatory law, Ameren is allowed to petition state regulators for extra money if it goes beyond what it has budgeted for capital projects. CUB supports ending this reconciliation benefit for utilities. If Ameren blows through its budget in a given year, customers shouldn't have to pay the excess.

Background:

- On Thursday, Dec. 18, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) granted Ameren Illinois a rate hike of about \$48 million as part of an 8-month "reconciliation" case (**Docket 25-0382**).
- Last year, Ameren won a \$308.6 million increase, spread out through 2027. However, a provision in state regulatory law allows Ameren to petition the ICC to recover extra expenses in yearly "reconciliation" cases, if they go over-budget on capital expenditures. In its reconciliation case, Ameren pushed for another \$59.6 million. (CUB opposes utilities having this reconciliation benefit.)
- Over the course of the case, consumer advocates, including CUB and the Illinois Attorney General's Office, uncovered at least \$14 million in wasteful spending in Ameren's reconciliation proposal.
- A history of Ameren Illinois rate hikes in recent years:
 - 2023: The ICC rejected Ameren's first attempt at a four-year rate plan in 2023—in part because the utility didn't do enough to show how the plan would be affordable or beneficial to customers. The utility got a smaller rate hike (\$56 million) than it wanted.
 - 2024: Ameren proposed a new plan last year, and the ICC approved a \$308.6 million increase, spread out through 2027.
 - 2025: The ICC approved an additional \$48 million rate hike, as part of an 8-month reconciliation rate case. The rate hike will take effect before the end of the year.

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For more than 40 years the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) has been Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog group. Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Since then, CUB has saved consumers more than \$20 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-669-5556 or visit CUB's website, www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

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