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# IL Lt. Gov. opposes Ameren rate hike



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By **Chad Douglas**

Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 4:44 p.m.

QUINCY -- Why Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn was in town for the USDA grants, KHQA asked him what he thought about the proposed rate hike by Ameren.

You'll remember we told you this week the Illinois Commerce Commission approved a \$162 million annual rate increase for the utility company.

That's likely to make your gas and electric bill go up.

You may also know Quinn helped start the Citizens Utility Board several years ago.

He told us he is flat out against this increase.

"Ameren is really out of line here. Raising rates when people are really suffering. This is just plain hard," says Quinn.

Quinn tells me he believes the Illinois Commerce Commission should be elected by the people.

As it is now, the governor appoints them.

Quinn also says this is just one reason people in Illinois should vote to hold a constitutional convention.

That issue is on the November ballot.

Stay tuned to KHQA next week as we show you more about this constitutional convention.

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Posted by **Chad Penn, Quincy** - Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 5:39 p.m.

I favor a constitutional convention. Let's hope most of us do -- elect the ICC, give us recall power, and more!

Thanks Lt. Governor Pat Q!

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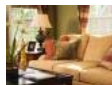


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