



# Citizens Utility Board

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## **CUB ON A MISSION TO SAVE PEORIA MONEY**

Due to popular demand, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is coming back to the Peoria area for a third time this year to hold a free clinic that can show consumers how to battle the bad economy by making deep cuts in their phone bills.

In the previous two clinics, CUB showed consumers how to cut their phone bills by an average of about \$200 a year. The Peoria-area events have proven so popular that CUB is being invited back a third time as part of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Right Call Campaign.”

The next “phone-bill clinic,” sponsored by State Sen. Dale E. Risinger, is:

**11 a.m., Tuesday, June 30**  
Illinois Central College Auditorium  
5407 N. University  
Peoria

The “Right Call Campaign” was launched after the consumer group released a report showing that Illinois callers are overpaying on their phone bills by about \$1.5 billion a year. The good news is it’s relatively simple to cut calling costs.

“Most people are paying too much for phone service,” CUB Executive Director David Kolata said. “However, CUB has been showing consumers how to save an average of about \$200 a year on their local and long-distance bills. Plus, we have a new online tool that has been teaching consumers how to slash cell-phone bills by another \$300 a year, on average. You just can’t get a free service like this anywhere else.”

Consumers frequently complain that they can’t get reliable information from the phone company, which often just throws them a sales pitch for a more expensive plan. At CUB’s clinics, however, citizens will receive helpful tips about:

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\*The CUB Cellphone Saver, a state-of-the art online tool that automatically analyzes individual wireless bills. The Cellphone Saver has been showing consumers how to cut their bills by an average of \$300 a year.

\*The CUB-designed Consumer's Choice local-calling plans that AT&T is forced to offer under a legal settlement. Unlike AT&T's other plans, these plans are designed to save most consumers money.

\*Illinois' best long-distance plans, including how to get an automatic \$20 credit CUB negotiated. That amounts to nearly 11 hours of free calls.

\*Line-Backer, a costly—and optional—AT&T service that most people don't need.

**Attendees should bring their phone bills so CUB experts can analyze them and give tips on how to cut them.**

CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog organization. Created by the Illinois legislature in 1983, CUB opened its doors the next year to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, CUB has saved consumers more than \$10 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds over the years. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline, at **1-800-669-5556**, or visit [www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org](http://www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org).

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