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MEDIA ADVISORY

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will hold a news conference to release a report on Illinois' cell-phone industry using actual billing data that until now has only been collected by wireless companies.

The report, "Surviving The Cell-phone Jungle," is based on statistics taken from nearly 7,000 bills analyzed by CUB's free online tool, the Cellphone Saver, which pores over individual bills and produces free, customized analyses showing Illinois consumers how to cut their bills. CUB's report will present a detailed picture of Illinois consumers' calling habits: a top-to-bottom breakdown of every charge on their bills, the shockingly high number of calling minutes they pay for but never get used, and an analysis of how average callers could save hundreds of dollars a year on their wireless bills.

The news conference, led by CUB Executive Director David Kolata, is:

10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 17
The Citizens Utility Board (CUB)
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Chicago

CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog organization. Created by the Illinois legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, CUB has helped save consumers more than \$10 billion by blocking rate hikes and securing refunds over the years. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline at **1-800-669-5556** or visit the group's award-winning website, www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

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