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CUB STATEMENT ON EXELON ANNOUNCING POTENTIAL CLOSING OF 2 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

"As part of comprehensive reform of Illinois' energy policy, Exelon's nuclear plants are an essential part of the state's formula for lowering electricity bills and reducing the emissions that increase pollution and exacerbate the costs of climate change — while also preserving jobs in communities that depend on them. The Governor has made it clear that Illinois needs to fully shift to zero carbon-emission electricity, and nuclear plants are key assets to that goal. But that doesn't mean Exelon deserves a blank check. Finding a fair way to preserve the state's nuclear plants as part of a comprehensive energy bill is essential for protecting consumers and affordably achieving 100% clean energy. The company needs to open its books, and the state needs to explore all options to find the cheapest and fastest way to deal with climate change without raising taxes, increasing power bills, or giving generators bailouts."

*CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog. Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Since then, it has saved consumers more than \$20 billion by helping block rate hikes, secure refunds, and fight for clean, low-cost energy. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline, **1-800-669-5556**, or visit its website, www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.*

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