

Statement of Governor Pat Quinn about CUB and the need for a Com Ed Refund

As someone who helped spearhead the creation of the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) nearly 40 years ago, I am as proud to be associated with CUB today as I was at its founding. CUB is Illinois' largest consumer group and stood with me in defending consumer interests when I served as Illinois Governor, including my veto of Com Ed's flawed formula rate bill in 2011.

That's why I am standing with CUB, and the attorneys at Edelson P.C. in fighting for just compensation for Com Ed customers who have been greatly harmed by the utility's bribery scandal.

Over the past four decades, CUB has been a zealous consumer advocate, winning billions of dollars for customers in utility refunds. Today, CUB is best positioned under Illinois law to vigorously represent Illinois consumers in forcing Com Ed to give significant financial refunds to its four million customers because of its wrongdoing.

CUB is not afraid to take on Com Ed and the big energy and coal companies on behalf of Illinois' hard-pressed ratepayers. Since 1983, when CUB began after a successful statewide voter referendum campaign, these profitable and powerful energy corporations have constantly criticized and dismissed the Citizens Utility Board and its thousands of dues-paying members.

Nevertheless, CUB has prevailed, showing these corporate big shots that Illinois consumers will not be pushed around. Illinois consumers know they have a dependable and strong voice in CUB which intends to obtain fair rates and appropriate refunds for Illinois electric ratepayers now and for the next four decades.

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