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**CUB Alert: ICC to Hold Public Forum on Ameren’s Proposed \$1.3 Billion Electric Rate Hike**  
*Excellent opportunity for consumers to speak out against Ameren’s rate-hike request*

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is asking consumers to make their voices heard at an Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) public forum on Ameren Illinois’ \$1.3 billion, four-year electric rate-hike request. The in-person event is:

**6 p.m. Wednesday, July 19** at the Decatur Civic Center, 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur.

Representatives of the ICC will be there to accept public comments submitted both verbally or in written form. Public comments given verbally will be limited to three minutes per person, to allow for as many people to speak as possible.

“We encourage Ameren Illinois customers to go to the Decatur Civic Center and let their voices be heard against this proposed rate hike,” CUB Executive Director Sarah Moskowitz said. “Of course, Ameren has to maintain its system, but the utility doesn’t deserve a blank check and we’re doing everything we can to reduce this proposed increase. We encourage and appreciate public participation in this rate case.”

Ameren Illinois filed its \$1.3 billion multi-year rate plan in January. That proposed increase plus five other gas or electric rate-hike requests filed by utility companies in 2023 total a record \$3.7 billion.

As the Ameren electric rate case continues, CUB plans to support more than \$500 million in reductions to the proposed increase, working with other parties in the case, including the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. (CUB also is challenging the company’s proposed \$148.9 million gas increase—but the July 19 hearing is about the electric increase only.) The rate hikes would take effect in 2024.

For consumers not able to attend the forum, public comments can be left on the ICC website on [Docket Nos. 22-0487/23-0082](#) or by calling toll-free at **1-800-524-0795** between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, see the [ICC’s news release](#).

In addition to attending the meeting or filing a public comment online, Ameren customers also can sign a CUB petition against the proposed Ameren rate hike at [CUBHelpCenter.com](#).

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The **Citizens Utility Board (CUB)** is Illinois’ leading nonprofit utility watchdog group. Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Since then, CUB has saved consumers more than \$20 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds. For more information, call CUB’s Consumer Hotline at 1-800-669-5556 or visit CUB’s award-winning website, [www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org](http://www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org).

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