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Flider: Decatur's ICC Hearing on Ameren Rate Increase Request Rescheduled for February 11th

DECATUR, IL –State Rep. Bob Flider (D-Mount Zion) is urging local utility customers to attend the Illinois Commerce Commission's (ICC) hearing on Ameren's latest request for a rate increase on at 7 PM on Monday, Feb. 11th on the first floor of the Decatur Civic Center, located at 1 Gary K Anderson Plaza. The hearing was previously scheduled for Feb. 4 and was postponed due to inclement weather.

"I encourage all citizens concerned about the possibility of another electric and gas rate increase to attend this public hearing in Decatur," Flider said. "The ICC must take local citizens' testimony on Ameren's rate increase request into account before they make their decision. At the hearing, I will present written testimony and petitions signed by local citizens concerned about this issue."

In November, Ameren filed rate increase requests with the ICC valued at \$247 million, far more than the \$150 million the company contributed to the recent electric rate relief package passed by lawmakers.

The ICC hearing is being held in Decatur at the behest of Flider, who in a letter to the ICC urged commissioners to convene a hearing in Central Illinois, as well as implement the other components of a new law Flider sponsored making the ICC more transparent and accessible to consumers. Flider has encouraged local residents to sign a petition to show their disapproval of Ameren's rate hike request and submit written or oral testimony to the ICC at the February 11th hearing.

"I hope that everyone who has signed one of the petitions opposing this new request for a rate increase will come to this hearing and speak out," Flider added. "We've worked to give our citizens an opportunity to have their voices heard. I hope they will take advantage of the opportunity."

If you have prepared written testimony and you are unable to make the hearing meeting, please call Flider's constituent service office at (217) 428-2708 or toll-free at (866) 453-2066 and he will make sure it is entered into the public record.

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