

So, AMEREN wants another raise and they are asking this Commission to OK a rate increase so you and I can pay for it. In my opinion that's some gall. Every recent news report I have heard has had a segment on the economy. Unemployment is high, the housing market down, interest on savings continues to fall, investment industry is in big trouble, the Fed is posed to continue their buyout solution. It's anybody's guess where this will end.

I say No to a rate increase for AMEREN and if AMEREN's brag ads in any way have an affect on rate increases, I say No to them also. If AMEREN wants to build it's image, insulate all feeder lines. It's a good start. It's a safety issue.

If AMEREN wants a raise they might try what everybody else is doing; tighten their belts.

- 1. Cut down on wasteful ads
- 2. Cut back on the down time of outages / local technicians
- 3. Stop AMEREN controlled outages. I think automatic meter reading. Other purely business reasons

I know this year, alone, starting January 1, 2008 until September 21, 2008, my wife and I have recorded a total of 176 outages. Many more have occurred while we were sleeping, so many that we were forced to disconnect our phone answering device. We missed more calls than those recorded and the batteries kept being discharged. This brings new meaning to the words "continuous service". As rate payers I thought we were entitled to that.

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