



Illinois Statewide

800 INTERVIEWS WITH REGISTERED VOTERS IN ILLINOIS

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ACCURACY LEVEL +/- 4.1%

- 1. What are the major problems facing your community?
- 2. How would you rate the electric services provided by the power company in your local area: Very Good, Good, Not Very Good or Poor?

18% Very Good
47% Good
23% Not Very Good
7% Poor
 (Don't Read) 5% Don't Know

The Illinois Legislature passed a bill that would have let electric utilities annually increase electric rates, weaken the Illinois Commerce Commission's power to stop electric rate increases and lessen the Commission's oversight powers over the utilities, which means consumers could pay more for costs totally unrelated to electric reliability. In return for the increases, the electric utilities would spend some of the annual rate increases investing in infrastructure to prevent outages and create smart grids to more easily pinpoint outages and fix them, which may eventually reduce your electric bill. The bill was vetoed, but is coming up again for consideration.

- 3. Do you believe the bill should be approved and sign as is or amended to protect consumers?

11% Approved and signed as is
47% Amended to protect consumers
 (Don't Read) 26% Don't pass anything
 (Don't Read) 16% Don't Know

Would you be Much more likely, Somewhat more likely, Somewhat less likely or Not likely at all to vote for a candidate who supports' a bill that ...
 (Do not read: Doesn't Matter and Don't Know)

	<u>MML</u>	<u>SML</u>	<u>SLL</u>	<u>NLAA</u>	<u>DM</u>	<u>DK</u>
4. Allows electric utilities to raise rates annually	<u>3%</u>	<u>13%</u>	<u>21%</u>	<u>52%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>7%</u>
5. Shortens the time the Illinois Commerce Commission can stop an electric rate increase	<u>11%</u>	<u>17%</u>	<u>24%</u>	<u>33%</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>8%</u>
6. Allows utility companies to be exempt from paying customers for damages caused by extended power losses for the nine worst storms in any given year	<u>5%</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>24%</u>	<u>48%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>7%</u>
7. Reduces the power of the Illinois Commerce Commission to regulate utility companies' electric rates	<u>5%</u>	<u>18%</u>	<u>18%</u>	<u>38%</u>	<u>9%</u>	<u>12%</u>
8. Requires electric utilities to notify victims of extended outages that the utility is asking the Illinois Commerce Commission to waive its liability	<u>12%</u>	<u>23%</u>	<u>19%</u>	<u>26%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>12%</u>
9. Believes utilities should be entitled to a guaranteed rate of return in exchange for delivering basic electric service.	<u>12%</u>	<u>19%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>28%</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>14%</u>
10. Voted for the recent 67% income tax increase	<u>7%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>62%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>4%</u>

11. How would you rate the reliability of the electric services provided by the power company in your community: Very Reliable, Reliable, Not Very Reliable or Poor?

26% Very Reliable
44% Reliable
22% Not Very Reliable
6% Poor

(Don't Read) 2% Don't Know

12. Do you consider your monthly electric bill to be: Too high, About right or Very reasonable for the services that are provided?

50% Too high
35% About right
11% Very reasonable

(Don't Read) 4% Don't Know

The Better Government Association reported in the months leading up to the Illinois Legislature's approval of a bill that would have increased annually electric rates statewide, utility giants Commonwealth Edison and Ameren and their executives and affiliates gave more than \$1.3 million to campaign funds benefitting state lawmakers and their party organizations.

13. Do you believe that these donations had: Great influence, Some influence, or no influence at all over those legislators who voted for the legislation?

50% Great influence
31% Some influence
9% No influence at all

(Don't Read) 10% Don't Know

14. The two largest electric utilities in Illinois, Commonwealth Edison and Ameren are regulated monopolies with no competition, which group do you believe would best represents your interest in regulating them, the state legislature or the Illinois Commerce Commission?

10% State legislature
35% Illinois Commerce Commission

(Don't Read) 25% Neither

(Don't Read) 7% Both

(Don't Read) 23% Don't Know

15. Would you be for or against an annual increase in your electric bill to improve reliability and prevent power outages?

21% For
69% Against

(Don't Read) 10% Don't Know

16. Do you feel that some part of any electric rate increase should be required to be spent on infrastructure to improve reliability or other consumer friendly projects?

59% Yes
21% No

(Don't Read) 20% Don't Know

17. Who provides your electrical services?

59% Commonwealth Edison
29% Ameren
6% Other

(Don't read) 6% Don't know

18. In which age category are you 8% 18-30 26% 31-45 37% 46-60 29% 60+

19. Are you classified as: 78% Caucasian 11% African American 9% Hispanic 2% Others

20. Do you consider yourself a: 32% Democrat 31% Independent 30% Republican 7% Others

STATEWIDE BREAKOUTS – ILLINOIS

<u>AREA</u>	<u>%</u>	<u># of INTERVIEWS Bench Mark 800</u>
SECTION 1: CHICAGO	20%	160
SECTION 2: SUBURBAN COOK	21%	168
SECTION 3: COLLAR COUNTIES DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will	17%	136
SECTION 4: NORTHERN ILLINOIS Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Carrol, Olge, DeKalb, , Lee, Henry, Bureau, Whiteside, LaSalle, Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Kankakee, Mercer, Rock Island, Kendall	12%	96
SECTION 5: CENTRAL ILLINOIS Henderson, Warren, Knox, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Mason, Fulton, McDonough, Hancock, Adams, Schuyler, Brown, Pike Morgan, Cass, Menard, Sangamon, Logan, McLean, Ford, Livingston, Iroquois, Vermillion, Champaign, DeWitt Macon, Piatt, Douglas, Edgar, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, Shelby, Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, Greene, Scott, Calhoun, Jersey, Effingham	16%	128
SECTION 6 : SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Bond, Fayette, Clinton, Marion, Clay, Jasper, Crawford, Lawrence, Richland, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, White Hamilton, Franklin, Perry, Randolph, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Williamson St. Clair, Saline, Gallatin, Hardin, Pope, Johnson, Union, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac	14%	<u>112</u>
TOTAL INTERVIEWS		800