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PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

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ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

1.1 Introduction. Ameren Corporation ("Ameren"), a Missouri corporation and a registered holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended (the "Act"), (1) Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Company ("Ameren Fuels"), an indirect wholly-owned non-utility subsidiary of Ameren, CILCORP Inc. ("CILCORP"), an exempt holding company under Section 3(a)(1) of the Act, (2) CILCORP's public-utility subsidiary, Central Illinois Light Company ("CILCO"), and Central Illinois Generation, Inc. ("CIGI"), a subsidiary of CILCO that has been determined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") to be an "exempt wholesale generator" ("EWG"), (3) are filing this Application/Declaration pursuant to Sections 3(a)(1), 6(a), 7, 8, 9(a), 10, 11(b), 12(b), 12(c), 12(f) and 13(b) of the Act and Rules 26(c), 45, 46, 51, 54, 87 and 90-91 thereunder to request approval for the acquisition

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by Ameren of all of the issued and outstanding common stock of CILCORP (the "Transaction") and for certain other related proposals, as more fully described below. CILCORP is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The AES Corporation ("AES"), an exempt holding company under Section 3(a)(5) of the Act.(4)

Ameren requests that the Commission issue a final order approving the Transaction without an evidentiary hearing, as expeditiously as feasible. Ameren and AES intend to close the Transaction in December 2002 or as early in the first quarter of 2003 as possible.

As described in greater detail below, upon receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, Ameren will purchase the common stock of CILCORP from AES for cash.(5) The Transaction is subject to, among other usual and customary

(1) See Ameren Corporation, Holding Co. Act Release No. 26809 (Dec. 30, 1997) (the "1997 Merger Order").

(2) CILCORP is an exempt holding company under Section 3(a)(1) of the Act, pursuant to Rule 2. See Statement on Form U-3A-2 in File No. 69-305, filed February 27, 2002.

(3) See Central Illinois Generation, Inc., 100 F.E.R.C.P. 62,011 (July 5, 2002). As explained below, CIGI will relinquish its EWG status on or shortly after Ameren completes its acquisition of the common stock of CILCORP, such that CIGI will become an additional public utility subsidiary of Ameren. Accordingly, for purposes of Sections 9(a) and 10 of the Act, Ameren's acquisition of CILCORP is treated as an indirect acquisition of the securities of two public-utility companies: CILCO and CIGI.

(4) The Commission granted AES an exemption under Section 3(a)(5) of the Act in 1999 in connection with AES's acquisition of CILCORP. Subsequently, in 2001, the Commission authorized AES to acquire another utility holding company, IPALCO Enterprises, Inc., and extended AES's exemption under Section 3(a)(5), subject to the condition that AES divest its interest in CILCORP within two years following its acquisition of IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. See The AES Corporation, Holding Co. Act Release Nos. 27063 (Aug. 20, 1999) and 27363 (Mar. 23, 2001).

(5) In conjunction with the Transaction, Ameren has also agreed to acquire from AES all of the membership interests in AES Medina Valley (No. 4), L.L.C., which indirectly through intermediate subsidiaries holds all of the membership interests in AES Medina Valley Cogen, L.L.C. ("AES Medina Valley"). AES Medina Valley, which has been determined by FERC to be an EWG, owns a 40 MW gas-fired

conditions precedent, receipt by the parties of required state and federal regulatory approvals and filing of pre-merger notification statements under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended ("HSR Act"), and the expiration or termination of the statutory waiting period thereunder. (See Item 4 - Regulatory Approvals, below). The boards of directors of Ameren and AES have each approved the proposed Transaction. The Transaction does not require any approval by the shareholders of Ameren or AES.

In addition to authorization of the Transaction, CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI are requesting authorization herein through March 31, 2006 (the

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"Authorization Period") for a program of long-term and short-term financing, including authorization for CILCO to participate in the existing Ameren System Utility Money Pool (the "Utility Money Pool") and CILCORP and CIGI to participate in the Ameren System Non-Utility Money Pool (the "Non-Utility Money Pool").(6) Ameren Fuels is requesting authorization to enter into a fuel services agreement with CILCO and CIGI on terms that are substantially identical to the terms of a Fuel Services Agreement with AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS that the Commission has previously approved. CILCORP is requesting authorization to issue guarantees and provide other forms of credit support on behalf of its subsidiaries, and to pay dividends out of capital and unearned surplus, subject to certain limitations. Finally, CILCORP and CILCO are requesting an order granting to each of them an exemption under Section 3(a)(1) of the Act.

1.2 Description of Ameren and Its Subsidiaries.

Ameren's primary operating subsidiaries are Central Illinois Public Service Company ("AmerenCIPS") and Union Electric Company ("AmerenUE"), which are electric and gas utility companies, and Ameren Energy Generating Company ("Ameren Energy Generating"), which is an EWG.(7) These companies are engaged principally in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electric energy and the purchase, distribution, transportation and sale of natural gas.

AmerenCIPS, an Illinois corporation, supplies electric and gas utility service in a 20,000 square-mile area in central and southern Illinois having an estimated population of 820,000. AmerenCIPS supplies electric service to about 325,000 customers and natural gas service to about 170,000 customers.

cogeneration facility in Mossville, Illinois that produces electricity, steam and chilled water for sale to CILCO. See AES Medina Valley Cogen, L.L.C., 94 F.E.R.C.P. 62,264 (Mar. 30, 2001). Ameren's indirect acquisition of AES Medina Valley is exempt pursuant to Section 32(g) of the Act. AES Medina Valley (No. 4), L.L.C. also owns all of the membership interests in AES Medina Valley Operations, L.L.C., which operates the Mossville facility.

(6) The approval of the Illinois Commerce Commission is required in order for CILCO to become a participant in the Utility Money Pool. CILCO intends to seek such approval as part of a separate filing.

7 See Ameren Energy Generating Co., 93 F.E.R.C.P. 62,210 (Dec. 18, 2000).

AmerenUE, a Missouri corporation, is the largest electric utility in the State of Missouri. It supplies electric and gas service in territories in a 24,500 square-mile area in Missouri and Illinois having an estimated population of 2,600,000, including the greater St. Louis area. AmerenUE supplies electric service to about 1.2 million customers and natural gas service to about 130,000 customers.

Ameren Energy Generating is an indirect wholly-owned electric generating subsidiary of Ameren that was organized in order to facilitate the restructuring of AmerenCIPS in accordance with the Illinois Electric Service Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997 ("Customer Choice Law"). In May 2000, Ameren Energy Generating acquired all of the existing generating assets of AmerenCIPS.

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AmerenUE and Ameren Energy Generating together own and operate about 12,600 MW of electric generating capacity, all of which is located in Missouri and Illinois. As of December 31, 2001, AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS owned and operated, or partially owned, a total of approximately 5,400 circuit miles of electric transmission lines and approximately 7,800 miles of natural gas transmission and distribution mains, substantially all of which are located in Missouri and Illinois. (8) AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS are members of the Mid-American Interconnected Network ("MAIN"), which is one of the ten regional electric reliability councils organized for coordinating the planning and operation of the nation's bulk power supply. AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS operate their electric transmission systems as a single control area, subject to a single open access transmission tariff on file with the FERC. On May 28, 2002, Ameren informed the FERC that AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS intend to participate in the Midwest Independent System Operator ("MISO"), either as transmission owners or as members of an independent transmission company that is itself a member of the MISO. Subsequently, on June 20, 2002, Ameren and two other utilities (American Transmission Systems, Inc., a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., and Northern Indiana Public Service Company, a subsidiary of NiSource Inc.) agreed to form a for-profit independent transmission company, called GridAmerica, LLC, as the vehicle through which they would participate in the MISO and filed a letter of intent to that effect with the FERC. On July 3, 2002, definitive agreements establishing GridAmerica, LLC as a participant in the MISO were filed with the FERC.

Ameren's direct non-utility subsidiaries are:

- o CIPSCO Investment Company, which holds various nonregulated and passive investments, including passive investments in low income housing projects and investments in equipment leases;
- o Ameren Services Company ("Ameren Services"), a service company subsidiary that provides administrative, accounting, legal, engineering, executive, and other corporate support services to Ameren and its associate companies;

(8) Ameren owns interconnecting electric transmission facilities in southeastern Iowa but does not serve any customers in Iowa.

- o Ameren Energy, Inc., an energy-related company under Rule 58 that primarily serves as the short-term energy trading and marketing agent for AmerenUE and Ameren Energy Generating and provides a range of energy and risk management services;
- o Ameren Development Company, an intermediate non-utility holding company, which directly and indirectly owns all of the outstanding stock of two energy-related companies under Rule 58 (Ameren ERC, Inc., which provides energy management services, and Missouri Central Railroad, a fuel transportation subsidiary) and of an exempt telecommunications company within the meaning of Section 34 of the Act (Ameren Energy Communications, Inc.);
- o Ameren Energy Resources Company, also an intermediate non-utility holding company, which holds all of the outstanding common stock

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of Ameren Energy Development Company, an EWG, as well as of two energy-related companies under Rule 58 (Ameren Energy Marketing Company, a power marketer, and Ameren Fuels, which brokers and markets energy commodities and owns and manages fuel procurement and delivery assets). Ameren Energy Generating is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameren Energy Development Company.

In addition, Ameren indirectly owns 60% of the common stock of Electric Energy, Inc. ("EEI"), an EWG. EEI owns and/or operates electric generation and transmission facilities in Illinois that supply electric power primarily to a uranium enrichment plant located in Paducah, Kentucky.(9)

An organizational chart showing the relationship of Ameren and its subsidiaries is filed herewith as Exhibit E-1.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2001, Ameren reported total operating revenues of \$4,505,867,000, operating income of \$664,987,000, and net income of \$468,545,000. On a consolidated basis, approximately 92.2% of Ameren's 2001 operating revenues were derived from sales of electricity, 7.6% from sales of gas and gas transportation service, and .2% from other, unregulated, sources. At December 31, 2001, Ameren had \$10,400,575,000 in total assets, including net property, plant and equipment of \$7,765,611,000. As of May 10, 2002, Ameren had issued and outstanding 144,347,116 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value. Ameren's common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

1.3 Description of CILCORP and Its Subsidiaries.

CILCORP, an Illinois corporation, owns all of the issued and outstanding common stock of CILCO, its predominant subsidiary. CILCO is engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electric energy in an area of approximately 3,700 square miles in central and east-central Illinois,

(9) The remaining 40% of the stock of EEI is held equally by two unaffiliated electric utility companies.

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and the purchase, distribution, transportation and sale of natural gas in an area of approximately 4,500 square miles in central and east-central Illinois.

a. CILCO's Electric Utility Operations.

CILCO furnishes electric service to retail customers in 136 Illinois communities (including Peoria, East Peoria, Pekin, Lincoln and Morton). At December 31, 2001, CILCO had approximately 201,000 retail electric customers. CILCO owns and operates two coal-fired base load generating plants, a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant, two natural gas combustion turbine generators and 16 diesel-fueled power modules and leases 14 diesel-fueled power modules, all of which are located in Illinois. These facilities had an available summer capability of 1,172 MW in 2001 and 1,197 MW in 2002. The natural gas combustion turbine generators and the power modules are typically used for peaking service. The cogeneration plant, which became operational in 1995, produces steam for sale to a large agricultural processing customer and electricity for

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distribution to CILCO's customers.

The major generating facilities of CILCO (representing 92.4% of CILCO's available summer generating capability projected for 2002), all of which are fueled with coal, are as follows:

STATION & UNIT	INSTALLED	AVAILABLE SUMMER CAPABILITY (MW)
Duck Creek		
Unit 1	1976	366
E. D. Edwards		
Unit 1	1960	117
Unit 2	1968	262
Unit 3	1972	361

CILCO's transmission system (all of which is located in Illinois) includes approximately 285 circuit miles operating at 138 kV, 48 circuit miles operating at 345 kV and 18 principal substations with an installed capacity of approximately 3,724 megavolt-amperes. CILCO's electric distribution system (all of which is located in Illinois) includes approximately 6,516 circuit miles of overhead pole and tower lines and 1,933 miles of underground distribution cables. The distribution system also includes approximately 108 substations with an installed capacity of 1,766 megavolt-amperes.

CILCO has a power purchase agreement with AmerenCIPS for 100 MW of capacity and firm energy for the months of June through September through 2003 which, additionally, provides for 100 MW of firm energy for the month of January through 2003. CILCO and Ameren also make short-term sales of power to each other from time to time under market-based rate tariffs as authorized by the FERC.

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CILCO's service territory is adjacent to AmerenCIPS' service territory. The transmission systems of the two companies are directly interconnected via a 345 kV line that runs approximately 21.3 miles between CILCO's Duck Creek station, which is southwest of Peoria, to a 345/138 kV transformer owned by AmerenCIPS near Ipava, Illinois. AmerenCIPS owns about 9.5 miles of this line, and CILCO owns the rest. CILCO is also directly interconnected with Commonwealth Edison Company, Illinois Power Company and City Water, Light and Power, the municipal utility in the City of Springfield, Illinois ("CWL"). Like AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS, CILCO is a member of MAIN. CILCO is already a transmission owning member of the MISO, and operates its transmission system under the direction of the MISO pursuant to the terms of the MISO Open Access Transmission Tariff on file with the FERC.(10)

Prior to the closing of the Transaction, CILCO intends to transfer substantially all of its generating assets and certain associated transmission facilities, such as step-up transformers and generation tie lines, to CIGI, in the form of a capital contribution of these assets in exchange for all of CIGI's common stock and CIGI's assumption of certain liabilities.(11) The transferred assets will remain subject to the lien of CILCO's Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust, which secures CILCO's first mortgage bonds. This reorganization is being undertaken pursuant to the Customer Choice Law. CILCO will retain all of its other electric transmission and distribution assets and operations. CILCO has obtained the approvals of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC")(12) and the FERC(13) for the transfer of these assets, and CIGI has received a determination by the FERC that it is an EWG.(14)

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As part of this reorganization, CILCO and CIGI will also enter into a Power Supply Agreement ("PSA") and an Interconnection Agreement pursuant to which CIGI will supply the full requirements of CILCO's customers through December 31, 2004.(15) In light of recently enacted legislation in Illinois, which extends the rate freeze for CILCO through 2006 if Ameren completes the acquisition of CILCORP, Ameren anticipates that CILCO and CIGI will file a request with FERC to extend the PSA, on its existing terms, until December 31, 2006. After December 31, 2006, CILCO will obtain its full requirements from

(10) As described in Item 3.2(a) below, Ameren is proposing in its FERC application, as a condition for obtaining FERC approval of the Transaction, to implement certain transmission system upgrades in order to increase import capability into the control areas of Ameren, CILCO and CWLP.

(11) CILCO will transfer generating facilities representing 1,136 MW of its total generating capacity. These include the Duck Creek and E.D. Edwards coal-fired units and certain peaking units. CILCO will continue to own and maintain a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant and 26 MW of capacity provided by 16 diesel-fueled power modules located at various substations, which will be managed by CIGI.

(12) See Central Illinois Light Company, Docket Nos. 02-0140 (consolidated) and 02-0153 (April 10, 2002), 2002 Ill. PUC LEXIS 414.

(13) See Central Illinois Light Company, 99 F.E.R.C.P. 62,143 (May 28, 2002).

(14) See note 3, supra.

(15) CIGI has filed the PSA with the FERC in a separate proceeding.

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market sources, which could include CIGI or other affiliates of CILCO and Ameren, if any of such entities offer the most economical and reliable source of power and energy.

b. CILCO's Gas Utility Operations.

CILCO provides gas service to customers in 128 Illinois communities (including Peoria, East Peoria, Pekin, Lincoln and Springfield). At December 31, 2001, CILCO had approximately 204,000 gas customers, including 160 industrial, commercial and residential gas transportation customers that purchase gas directly from suppliers for transportation through CILCO's system. CILCO's gas system includes approximately 3,632 miles of transmission and distribution mains (all of which are located in Illinois). CILCO has an underground gas storage facility located about ten miles southwest of Peoria near Glasford, Illinois. The facility has a present working capacity of approximately 3,700,000 Mcf with daily withdrawal capacity of up to approximately 120,000 Mcf, depending on field pressure. An additional storage facility near Lincoln, Illinois, has a present working capacity of approximately 4,200,000 Mcf with a daily withdrawal capacity of up to approximately 65,000 Mcf, depending on field pressure.

c. Regulation of CILCO and CIGI.

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CILCO is regulated by the ICC with respect to retail electric and gas rates and service, classification of accounts, the issuance of stock and evidence of indebtedness (other than indebtedness with a final maturity of less than one year and renewable for a period of not more than two years), contracts with any affiliated interest, and other matters, and by the FERC with respect to transmission service and wholesale electric rates. CIGI is not a public utility company under the laws of Illinois and is therefore not subject to regulation by the ICC. However, CIGI is subject to regulation by the FERC with respect to wholesale electric rates and other matters.

d. CILCORP's Non-Utility Businesses.

CILCORP directly owns all of the common stock of three non-utility subsidiaries: CILCORP Investment Management Inc. ("CIM"), CILCORP Ventures Inc. ("CVI"), and QST Enterprises Inc. ("QST"). CIM manages the Company's investment portfolio. CIM, through subsidiaries, is a lessor in seven leveraged lease transactions covering electric production facilities, warehouses, office buildings, passenger railway equipment and an aircraft that are leased to third parties. CIM's subsidiaries are CILCORP Lease Management Inc., which was formed in 1985, and CIM Leasing Inc. and CIM Air Leasing Inc., which were both formed in 1993. CIM's other wholly-owned subsidiary is CIM Energy Investments Inc., which was formed in 1989 to invest in non-regulated, independent power production facilities. CIM also directly owns limited partnership interests in affordable housing portfolios. CVI primarily invests in ventures in energy-related products and services. CVI has an 80% interest in the Agricultural Research and Development Corporation and has one wholly-owned subsidiary, CILCORP Energy Services Inc. ("CESI"). CESI was formed to pursue energy-related opportunities in the non-regulated market. CESI's primary business is gas management services, including commodity purchasing for gas management customers. QST was organized to provide energy and related services in non-regulated retail and wholesale markets. QST has two active subsidiaries: CILCORP InfraserVICES Inc., which provides utility operation and maintenance

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services (predominantly to Caterpillar Inc., CILCO's largest customer); and ESE Land Corporation, which holds interests in environmentally distressed parcels of real estate acquired for resale.

As previously noted, CILCO directly engages in making steam sales to a large agricultural processing customer. In addition to CIGI, CILCO owns all of the issued and outstanding common stock of two non-utility subsidiaries. The first, CILCO Exploration and Development Company, engages in the exploration and development of gas, oil, coal and other mineral resources. The second, CILCO Energy Corporation, was formed to research and develop new sources of energy, including the conversion of coal and other minerals into gas. Neither company conducts any significant business at this time.

An organizational chart showing the relationship of CILCORP and its subsidiaries is filed herewith as Exhibit E-2. A more complete description of CILCORP's non-utility subsidiaries and investments and an analysis of the legal basis upon which Ameren is entitled to retain such subsidiaries and investments is filed herewith as Exhibit I. Ameren is committing to divest or discontinue certain non-utility businesses and investments of CILCORP.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2001, CILCORP reported

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consolidated revenues of \$814,870,000, of which \$391,811,000 (48.1%) were derived from sales of electricity, \$271,434,000 (33.3%) from sales of gas and gas transportation service, and \$151,625,000 (18.6%) from CILCORP's non-utility operations. At December 31, 2001, CILCORP had \$1,811,698,000 in total assets, including total net property, plant and equipment of \$857,987,000.

e. Capitalization of CILCORP and Subsidiaries.

CILCORP currently has issued and outstanding 1,000 shares of common stock, no par value, all held by AES. In addition, CILCORP has outstanding \$225 million of 8.7% senior notes, due 2009, and \$250 million of 9.375% senior notes, due 2029 (the "CILCORP Senior Notes"), which are secured by a pledge of the common stock of CILCO. (16) The CILCORP Senior Notes are currently rated BB+ by Standard & Poor's ("S&P") and Baa2 by Moody's Investor Service ("Moody's"). CILCORP also had committed bank lines totaling \$35 million at December 31, 2001, under which it had outstanding borrowings of \$20 million.

At March 31, 2002, CILCO had issued and outstanding 13,563,871 shares of common stock, no par value, all of which are held by CILCORP; 191,204 shares of cumulative preferred stock, \$100 par value, and 220,000 shares of Class A preferred stock, no par value, totaling \$41,120,000; and \$242,250,000 of long-term debt, as follows: two series of first mortgage bonds totaling \$115,000,000, with maturities of 2007 and 2022; four series of medium term notes totaling \$71,350,000, with maturities ranging from 2003 to 2025; four series of

(16) As explained in Item 3 below, the pledge of CILCO's shares cannot be eliminated without redeeming the CILCORP Senior Notes. Because of the current high cost of redeeming the CILCORP Senior Notes, Ameren is proposing that the CILCORP Senior Notes and the pledge securing them remain outstanding after the acquisition of CILCORP.

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pollution control revenue bonds totaling \$52,200,000, with maturities ranging from 2010 to 2023; and bank loans totaling \$6,100,000. In addition, at December 31, 2001, CILCO had issued and outstanding \$43,000,000 of commercial paper, and had in place bank lines totaling \$100,000,000 which are used to backstop its commercial paper. CILCO's secured long-term debt is currently rated BBB- by S&P and A2 by Moody's. CILCO's commercial paper is currently rated P-1 by Moody's. Following the announcement of the Transaction, both CILCO and CILCORP were placed on "credit watch" by S&P, with positive implications to their ratings. Moody's currently has CILCORP and CILCO under review for possible downgrade.

On a consolidated basis, CILCORP's capitalization at December 31, 2001 was as follows:

Common equity	\$515,112,000	38%
Preferred stock	\$41,120,000	3%
Long-term debt	\$717,730,000	54%
Short-term debt (incl. current portion of long term debt)	\$64,400,000	5%
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Total capitalization	\$1,338,362,000	100%

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CILCO's capitalization at December 31, 2001 was as follows:

Common equity	\$339,901,000	51%
Preferred stock	\$41,120,000	6%
Long-term debt	\$242,730,000	36%
Short-term debt (incl. current portion of long term debt)	\$44,400,000	7%
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Total capitalization	\$668,151,000	100%

1.4 Principal Terms of Stock Purchase Agreement.

The Stock Purchase Agreement provides that, subject to the receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals and the satisfaction of other conditions precedent, Ameren will pay AES, in consideration for all of the issued and outstanding common stock of CILCORP, cash in an amount equal to \$1,340,000,000, less the amount of "Assumed Obligations," increased or decreased, as appropriate, by the amount, if any, by which "Working Capital" of CILCORP as of the closing date exceeds or is less than the "Base Working Capital" of CILCORP, and increased or decreased, as appropriate, by the amount of the "CapEx Adjustment," as such terms are defined below, the net amount of the foregoing being the "Purchase Price."

The term Assumed Obligations means the amounts required to be included on CILCORP's balance sheet as of the closing date as long-term debt (including the current portion), short-term debt, capital lease obligations, preferred stock of subsidiaries, and other obligations for borrowed money. Working Capital means the current assets of CILCORP less current liabilities (not counting in current liabilities any short-term debt or current maturity of long-term debt

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that is included in Assumed Obligations) as of the closing date. As agreed to in the Stock Purchase Agreement, Base Working Capital is \$75 million. The CapEx Adjustment Amount represents the amount, if any, by which expenditures by CILCORP for certain capital improvements prior to closing are less or greater than the amounts agreed to under the Stock Purchase Agreement.

If the closing date under the Stock Purchase Agreement had occurred on March 31, 2002, and assuming no change in the Base Working Capital amount and no CapEx Adjustment Amount, the cash paid by Ameren at closing for the common stock of CILCORP would have been approximately \$522 million.

The Stock Purchase Agreement further provides that, in the event that the closing date does not occur by the "Trigger Date," as defined below, then the Purchase Price shall be increased by \$33,699 per day from the Trigger Date through the closing date, subject to certain limitations. The Trigger Date is the later of (i) December 31, 2002, (ii) the date on which AES is capable (without further action by any third party) of completing performance in all material respects of its obligations required to be performed on or prior to closing, and (iii) the date which is 90 days following the date on which the ICC grants its approval of the Transaction. Subject to certain limitations and exceptions, either party may terminate the Stock Purchase Agreement if closing has not occurred by March 27, 2003.

1.5 Operation of the Combined System Following the Acquisition.

Following the acquisition of CILCORP, Ameren proposes to retain CILCORP as a direct subsidiary for the foreseeable future, and CILCORP will continue to own all of the common stock of CILCO. CILCO, in turn, will continue to hold all of the common stock of CIGI for the foreseeable future. CILCO will maintain its headquarters in Peoria for a period of at least five years and will maintain a local management team and adequate staffing levels to operate its utility system. CILCO will continue to operate as a separate control area. CILCO's generating plants (which CILCO intends to transfer to CIGI by the time of the closing) will not be jointly dispatched with the generating plants owned by AmerenUE and Ameren Energy Generating. Nevertheless, CILCO's electric operations, as well as its gas operations, will be integrated with those of AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS. A fuller description of Ameren's plans to integrate CILCO's operations with those of its existing subsidiaries and estimates of merger savings are set out in Item 3.3 below.

1.6 Financing the Purchase Price.

Ameren will finance the cash portion of the Purchase Price, estimated not to exceed \$525 million, using cash on hand and/or proceeds of debt and/or equity financings previously authorized in File No. 70-9877.(17) Ameren is not requesting any new or additional financing authority as part of this Application/Declaration.

(17) See Ameren Corporation, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27449 (Oct. 5, 2001).

1.7 Affiliate Transactions.

a. Existing Sales, Service and Construction Contracts.

Historically, CILCO has provided certain administrative, management and technical services at cost to CILCORP and its other associate companies under arrangements that have been approved by the ICC. Although it is expected that Ameren Services will assume the responsibility for providing these services after the Transaction closes pursuant to new service agreements, as described below, there may be a period during the transition in which CILCO will continue to provide some or all of these services to its associate companies.

As previously noted (supra, note 5), in conjunction with the Transaction, Ameren has also agreed to purchase from AES all of the membership interests in an entity that indirectly owns AES Medina Valley, an EWG. AES Medina Valley owns a 40 MW gas-fired cogeneration facility in Mossville, Illinois that produces electricity, steam heat and chilled water that is sold to CILCO pursuant to a FERC and ICC-approved Tolling Agreement, dated December 22, 2000, for resale to Caterpillar Inc., CILCO's largest customer. The term of the Tolling Agreement extends until July 2021. As part of the development of the Mossville facility, AES Medina Valley also entered into a 10-year Fuel Supply and Services Agreement with CESI, CILCORP's gas marketing subsidiary, pursuant to which CESI supplies all of AES Medina Valley's gas requirements and also

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provides certain ancillary services relating to the supply of gas to the Mossville facility. In addition, under the terms of a FERC-approved Interconnection Agreement between CILCO and AES Medina Valley, CILCO provides metering and other ancillary services to AES Medina, at cost. All of these agreements have been collaterally assigned as security for non-recourse debt financing for the Mossville facility and will remain in place following Ameren's indirect purchase of AES Medina Valley. To the extent required, Ameren requests authorization for CILCO, CESI and AES Medina Valley to continue to perform their respective obligations under the foregoing agreements in accordance with their terms. (18)

b. Ameren Services.

Under the 1997 Merger Order, the Commission authorized Ameren to organize and capitalize Ameren Services as a service company subsidiary, and authorized Ameren Services to provide AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and other companies in the Ameren system with administrative, management, engineering, construction, environmental, and other support services pursuant to a General Services Agreement, which Ameren Services has entered into with Ameren, AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and certain other associate companies. Under the 1997 Merger Order, Ameren Services is required to give written notice to the Commission at least 60

(18) The sale of electricity by AES Medina Valley and natural gas by CESI are not subject to the Act. The sale of steam and chilled water by AES Medina Valley involves "goods produced by the seller" subject to Rules 87(b)(6), 90(d)(2) and 92(b). As indicated, these transactions have been reviewed by both the FERC and the ICC. The ancillary services provided by CESI and CILCO to AES Medina Valley under the Fuel Supply and Services Agreement and the Interconnection Agreement are exempt under Rule 87(b)(1). In any event, these costs are ultimately passed through to Caterpillar, a non-affiliate.

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days prior to implementing any change in the type and character of the companies receiving services, the methods of allocating costs to associate companies, or the scope or character of services to be rendered.

Ameren Services intends to enter into separate service agreements ("Service Agreements") with CILCORP, CILCO, CIGI and certain of CILCORP's other subsidiaries that are identical in all material respects with the General Services Agreement. Thus, Ameren Services will provide to the new client companies the same administrative, management, and technical services that it now provides to Ameren system companies under the General Services Agreement, utilizing the same work order procedures and the same methods of allocating costs that are specified in the General Services Agreement. In connection with the Transaction, certain employees of CILCORP and its subsidiaries may be transferred to and become employees of Ameren Services.

c. Ameren Fuels.

By order dated April 5, 2001 in File No. 70-9775, (19) the Commission authorized Ameren Fuels to provide AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS fuel management services pursuant to the terms of a Fuel and Natural Gas Services Agreement ("Fuel Services Agreement"). (20) Under the Fuel Services Agreement,

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Ameren Fuels, as agent for its associate companies, manages all aspects of procurement, storage, transportation and handling of coal, natural gas, and other fuels. Such services include negotiating contracts with third parties, contract administration, regulatory reporting and ash management services, among others. For the services rendered, Ameren Fuels is reimbursed for all costs properly chargeable or allocable thereto, as controlled through a work order procedure. Costs are computed in accordance with Rule 90 and 91. Ameren Fuels is authorized under the Fuel Services Agreement to take title to and resell fuel to its associate companies, but solely in an agency capacity.

In conjunction with the Transaction, Ameren Fuels proposes to enter into separate fuel services agreements with CILCO and CIGI that are identical in all material respects to the Fuel Services Agreement, pursuant to which Ameren Fuels will manage gas supply resources for CILCO and manage fuel procurement for CIGI. These services will be provided at cost, in accordance with Rule 90 and 91.

1.8 Financing by CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI

The existing equity and long-term and short-term debt securities of CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI, as described in Item 1.3 above, will remain outstanding after the Transaction closes. In addition, CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI herein request authority, to the extent such transactions are not exempt, to engage in certain ongoing external and intrasystem financing transactions from time to time during the Authorization Period. Any securities issued by CILCORP, CILCO or

(19) See Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Company, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27374.

(20) Following the transfer of AmerenCIPS' generating assets to Ameren Energy Generating, Ameren Fuels entered into an identical agreement with Ameren Energy Resources Company, the indirect parent of Ameren Energy Generating.

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CIGI to third parties (including any securities issued by CILCO pursuant to Rule 52(a)) may be issued directly, or may be issued indirectly through one or more Financing Subsidiaries, as defined and described in Item 1.9 below. CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI will not engage in any financing transactions for which approval is sought herein unless, on a pro forma basis to take into account the amount and types of such financing and the application of the proceeds thereof, common equity as a percentage of capitalization (including short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt) of each company is at least 30%.

a. External Financing Transactions.

(a) CILCORP. After it is acquired by Ameren, CILCORP will not issue any additional equity securities, other than to Ameren. Subject to the limitations set forth below, CILCORP herein requests authorization to issue and sell from time to time during the Authorization Period short-term and long-term debt securities.

(i) Short-term Debt. As previously indicated, at December 31, 2001, CILCORP had \$35 million of committed bank lines and

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borrowings thereunder totaling \$20 million at an average interest rate of 2.3% per annum. The proceeds of short-term borrowings by CILCORP are used primarily to fund the operations of its non-utility subsidiaries. CILCORP requests authorization to issue and sell commercial paper and/or establish and make unsecured short-term borrowings (i.e., less than one year) under credit lines with banks or other institutional lenders from time to time during the Authorization Period, provided that the aggregate amount of borrowings by CILCORP at any time outstanding under all such credit facilities, when added to the amount of any short-term borrowings by CILCORP under the Non-Utility Money Pool (see Item 1.8.b.(d) below), will not exceed \$250 million. Subject to such limitations, CILCORP requests authorization to sell commercial paper, from time to time, in established domestic or foreign commercial paper markets. Such commercial paper would typically be sold to dealers at the discount rate per annum prevailing at the date of issuance for commercial paper of comparable quality and maturities sold to commercial paper dealers generally. It is expected that the dealers acquiring such commercial paper will reoffer it at a discount to corporate, institutional and, with respect to European commercial paper, individual investors. It is anticipated that such commercial paper will be reoffered to investors such as commercial banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment trusts, foundations, colleges and universities, finance companies and nonfinancial corporations.

CILCORP also proposes to continue or to establish and maintain back-up credit lines with banks or other institutional lenders to support its commercial paper programs and other credit arrangements and/or borrowing facilities generally available to borrowers with comparable credit ratings as CILCORP deems appropriate in light of its needs and existing market conditions providing for revolving credit or other loans and having commitment periods not longer than the Authorization Period. Only the amounts drawn and outstanding under these agreements and facilities will be counted against the proposed limit on short-term debt. Subject to the limitations described herein, CILCORP also seeks authorization to engage in other types of short-term financings as it may deem appropriate in light of its needs and market conditions at the time of issuance. The effective cost of money on all external short-term borrowings by CILCORP

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will not exceed at the time of issuance 300 basis points over the six-month London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR").

(ii) Refinancing of CILCORP Senior Notes.

CILCORP requests authorization to issue, in one or more transactions from time to time during the Authorization Period, long-term notes for the purpose of refinancing or acquiring the CILCORP Senior Notes at or prior to their scheduled maturity. The principal amount of any new long-term notes issued will not exceed the unpaid principal amount of the CILCORP Senior Notes (currently \$475 million), plus any "make whole" premium required to be paid in connection with any prepayment and/or the premium, if any, that is paid in connection with any acquisition of the CILCORP Senior Notes in open market purchases. The maturity date of any new series of long-term notes will be not later than October 15, 2029, which is the maturity date of the longest of the two series of CILCORP Senior Notes. It is proposed that any new notes issued by CILCORP in a refinancing transaction bear interest at a rate not to exceed at the time of issuance 500 basis points over the yield to maturity of a U.S. Treasury security having a remaining term equal to the average life of such new notes, or, if no such Treasury security is outstanding, then the yield to maturity of a 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond.

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In connection with any refinancing of the CILCORP Senior Notes, CILCORP anticipates that it may be called upon to extend or renew the pledge of the common stock of CILCO in order to be able to obtain an investment grade rating for the new notes that is comparable to the rating of the CILCORP Senior Notes at the time of repayment. Accordingly, CILCORP requests authorization to pledge the stock of CILCO as collateral security for any new notes issued in connection with a refinancing of the CILCORP Senior Notes. In lieu of any renewal or extension of the pledge of the common stock of CILCO, Ameren requests authorization to guaranty any new CILCORP notes issued in a refinancing transaction. In addition, Ameren requests authorization to issue a guarantee of the CILCORP Senior Notes, or of any new notes issued by CILCORP in a refinancing transaction, in order to obtain a termination and release of the pledge of CILCO's common stock or for other corporate purposes.(21)

(b) CILCO and CIGI...Rule 52(a) exempts from the prior authorization requirements of the Act securities issued by any public utility company that have been approved by the state commission in the state in which such company is organized and doing business. In general, all securities issued by CILCO must be approved by the ICC, other than indebtedness with a final maturity of less than one year, renewable for a period of not more than two years. In contrast, because CIGI will not be regulated by the ICC as a public utility company under Illinois law, and because CIGI intends to relinquish its EWG status, securities issued by CIGI will generally not be exempt from the provisions of the Act.

(21) It is proposed that the amount of any such guarantee not count against the authorized limits on guarantees that may be issued by Ameren pursuant to the Commission's order in File No. 70-9877 (supra, note 17).

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The authority herein sought by CILCO excludes financings exempt under Rule 52(a). The proceeds of financings by CILCO and CIGI will be used for general corporate purposes, including funding of capital projects, working capital requirements, and, in the case of CILCO, to fund contributions to the Utility Money Pool (see Item 1.8(b), below). These financings may be made under instruments in place at the time of the Transaction or new agreements so long as any such instrument or agreement complies with the limitations described herein.

(i) Short-term Debt. CILCO and CIGI request authorization to issue commercial paper and/or establish and make unsecured short-term borrowings (i.e., less than one year) under credit lines with banks or other institutional lenders from time to time during the Authorization Period, provided that the aggregate amount of borrowings by CILCO at any time outstanding under all such credit facilities, when added to the amount of any short-term borrowings by CILCO under the Utility Money Pool (see Item 1.8.b.(c) below), will not exceed \$250 million, and that the aggregate amount of borrowings by CIGI at any time outstanding under all such credit facilities, when added to the amount of any short-term borrowings by CIGI under the Non-Utility Money Pool (see Item 1.8.b.(d) below), will not exceed \$250 million. Subject to such limitations, CILCO and CIGI request authority to sell commercial paper, from time to time, in established domestic or foreign commercial paper markets. Such commercial paper would typically be sold to dealers at the discount rate per annum prevailing at the date of issuance for commercial paper of comparable quality and maturities sold to commercial paper dealers generally. It is expected that the dealers acquiring such commercial paper will reoffer it

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at a discount to corporate, institutional and, with respect to European commercial paper, individual investors. It is anticipated that such commercial paper will be reoffered to investors such as commercial banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment trusts, foundations, colleges and universities, finance companies and nonfinancial corporations.

CILCO and CIGI also propose to continue or to establish and maintain back-up credit lines with banks or other institutional lenders to support their commercial paper programs and other credit arrangements and/or borrowing facilities generally available to borrowers with comparable credit ratings as either company deems appropriate in light of its needs and existing market conditions providing for revolving credit or other loans and having commitment periods not longer than the Authorization Period. Only the amounts drawn and outstanding under these agreements and facilities will be counted against the proposed limit on short-term debt. Subject to the limitations described herein, CILCO and CIGI also seek authorization to engage in other types of short-term financings as either company may deem appropriate in light of its needs and market conditions at the time of issuance.

The effective cost of money on all external short-term borrowings by CILCO and CIGI will not exceed at the time of issuance 300 basis points over the six-month LIBOR.

(ii) Long-term Securities of CIGI. CIGI requests authorization to issue and sell from time to time during the Authorization Period up to \$500 million of long-term securities consisting of any combination of preferred stock or other forms of preferred securities and long-term debt ("Long-term Securities").

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Preferred stock or other types of preferred securities may be issued in one or more series with such rights, preferences, and priorities as may be designated in the instrument creating each such series. All such securities will be redeemed no later than 50 years after the issuance thereof. The dividend rate on any series of preferred stock or other preferred securities will not exceed at the time of issuance 700 basis points over the yield to maturity of a U.S. Treasury security having a remaining term equal to the term of such securities, or, if no such Treasury security is outstanding, then the yield to maturity of a 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond. Dividends or distributions on preferred stock or other preferred securities will be made periodically and to the extent funds are legally available for such purpose, but may be made subject to terms that allow the issuer to defer dividend payments or distributions for specified periods.

Long-term debt of a particular series (a) may be secured or unsecured, (b) will have a maturity ranging from one to 50 years, (c) will bear interest at a rate not to exceed at the time of issuance 600 basis points over the yield to maturity of a U.S. Treasury security having a remaining term equal to the average life of such series, or, if no such U.S. Treasury security is outstanding, then the yield to maturity of a 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond, (d) may be subject to optional and/or mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, at par or at various premiums above the principal amount thereof, (e) may be entitled to mandatory or optional sinking fund provisions, (f) may provide for reset of the coupon pursuant to a remarketing or auction arrangement, and (g) may be called from existing investors by a third party. The maturity dates, interest rates, and redemption and sinking fund provisions, if any, with respect to the long-term debt of a particular series, will be established by negotiation or competitive bidding.

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Except in accordance with a further order of the Commission in this proceeding, CILCORP and CIGI will not publicly issue any long-term securities unless such securities are rated at the investment grade level as established by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as that term is used in paragraphs (c) (2) (vi) (E), (F) and (H) of Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. It is requested that the Commission reserve jurisdiction over the issuance by CILCORP or CIGI of any such long-term securities that are rated below investment grade.

(c) Interest Rate Hedging Transactions. To the extent not exempt under Rule 52(a), CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI request authorization to enter into interest rate hedging transactions with respect to outstanding indebtedness ("Interest Rate Hedges"), subject to certain limitations and restrictions, in order to reduce or manage the effective interest rate cost. Interest Rate Hedges would only be entered into with counterparties ("Approved Counterparties") whose senior debt ratings, or the senior debt ratings of the parent companies of the counterparties, as published by S&P, are equal to or greater than BBB, or an equivalent rating from Moody's or Fitch, Inc.

Interest Rate Hedges will involve the use of financial instruments commonly used in today's capital markets, such as interest rate swaps, caps, collars, floors, swaptions and structured notes (i.e., a debt instrument in which the principal and/or interest payments are indirectly linked to the value of an underlying asset or index), or transactions involving the purchase or

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sale, including short sales, of U.S. Treasury securities. The transactions would be for fixed periods and stated notional amounts. Fees, commissions and other amounts payable to the counterparty or exchange (excluding, however, the swap or option payments) in connection with an Interest Rate Hedge will not exceed those generally obtainable in competitive markets for parties of comparable credit quality.

In addition, CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI request authorization to enter into interest rate hedging transactions with respect to anticipated debt offerings (the "Anticipatory Hedges"), subject to certain limitations and restrictions. Such Anticipatory Hedges would only be entered into with Approved Counterparties, and would be utilized to fix the interest rate and/or limit the interest rate risk associated with any new issuance through (i) a forward sale of exchange-traded U.S. Treasury futures contracts, U.S. Treasury securities and/or a forward swap (each a "Forward Sale"), (ii) the purchase of put options on U.S. Treasury securities (a "Put Options Purchase"), (iii) a Put Options Purchase in combination with the sale of call options on U.S. Treasury securities (a "Zero Cost Collar"), (iv) transactions involving the purchase or sale, including short sales, of U.S. Treasury securities, or (v) some combination of a Forward Sale, Put Options Purchase, Zero Cost Collar and/or other derivative or cash transactions, including, but not limited to structured notes, caps and collars, appropriate for the Anticipatory Hedges.

Anticipatory Hedges may be executed on-exchange ("On-Exchange Trades") with brokers through the opening of futures and/or options positions traded on the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Mercantile Exchange or other financial exchange, the opening of over-the-counter positions with one or more counterparties ("Off-Exchange Trades"), or a combination of On-Exchange Trades and Off-Exchange Trades. CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI will determine the optimal structure of each Anticipatory Hedge transaction at the time of execution.

Each Interest Rate Hedge and Anticipatory Hedge will qualify for hedge

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accounting treatment at the time it is entered into under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI will also comply with the then existing financial disclosure requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board associated with hedging transactions. (22)

b. Intrasytem Financing Transactions; Guarantees; Money Pool

Transactions.

(a) Long-term Securities of CILCORP. Ameren may from time to time during the Authorization Period acquire additional shares of CILCORP's common stock, make additional capital contributions or non-interest bearing cash advances to CILCORP, and/or make loans to CILCORP (and in connection therewith acquire unsecured promissory notes of CILCORP evidencing such loans) in order to enable CILCORP to fund additional investments in CILCO and its other existing subsidiaries, to redeem or retire the CILCORP Senior Notes, and to fund working

(22) The authority sought for interest rate hedging transactions in this Application/Declaration is identical to the authorization previously granted to Ameren in File No. 70-9877, supra n. 17.

capital. (23) CILCORP will not use the proceeds of any such financing by Ameren to acquire the securities of or other interest in any new company. Accordingly, CILCORP requests authority to issue, and Ameren requests authority to acquire, from time to time during the Authorization Period, up to \$1 billion at any time outstanding of additional common stock and/or promissory notes having maturities of one year or more. Any promissory note issued by CILCORP to Ameren evidencing a loan will be unsecured and will bear interest at a rate and have a maturity date designed to parallel the effective cost of capital and maturity date of a similar debt instrument issued by Ameren.

(b) Guarantees Issued by CILCORP and Its Subsidiaries.

CILCORP from time to time is called upon to provide guarantees and other forms of credit support with respect to the obligations of its subsidiaries. Currently, CILCORP has outstanding guarantees totaling \$4 million with respect to obligations of CESI under two gas marketing contracts. The subsidiaries of CILCO (CIGI, CILCO Exploration and Development Company and CILCO Energy Corporation) have guaranteed borrowings by CILCO under an existing \$100 million credit facility. CIM, a direct non-utility subsidiary of CILCORP, and CILCORP Lease Management Inc. ("CLM"), a subsidiary of CIM, have also provided guarantees with respect to certain obligations of their subsidiaries, as lessors, under various equipment and real estate leases. Currently, there are a total of six of these guarantees outstanding. Neither CIM nor CLM has ever been called upon to make a payment under any of these guarantees. The exposure of CIM and CLM under these guarantees is not quantifiable; however, the potential financial impact is considered immaterial in the aggregate.

To the extent required, CILCORP and its subsidiaries request authorization to maintain, renew and extend all guarantees and other forms of credit support that are outstanding at the time that the Transaction closes. In

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addition, CILCORP requests authorization to provide additional guarantees and other forms of credit support from time to time during the Authorization Period on behalf of or for the benefit of any of its subsidiaries, provided that the aggregate amount of all CILCORP guarantees at any time outstanding shall not exceed \$500 million. Credit support provided by CILCORP may be in the form of guarantees of indebtedness or of contractual obligations of its subsidiaries, agreements to indemnify, reimburse, or assume joint liability with respect to obligations of subsidiaries, capital maintenance or contribution agreements, or other forms of credit support (collectively, "Guarantees"). Any Guarantee outstanding on March 31, 2006 will expire or terminate in accordance with its terms.

In some cases, the obligations of a subsidiary of CILCORP that are guaranteed by CILCORP may not be susceptible of exact quantification. In such cases, CILCORP will determine its exposure under such Guarantee for purposes of measuring compliance with the \$500 million limit by appropriate means, including estimation of exposure based on loss experience or projected potential payment

(23) By its terms, Rule 52(b) would not exempt any securities issued by CILCORP, and Rule 45(b)(7) would not exempt any guarantee by CILCORP of securities issued by its subsidiaries. In contrast, Rule 45(a)(4) would exempt cash capital contributions and open account advances without interest by Ameren to CILCORP.

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amounts. Any such estimates will be made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and will be reevaluated periodically.

(c) Participation by CILCO in Utility Money Pool. By order dated March 22, 1999 (the "Money Pool Order"), (24) Ameren was authorized to establish and fund loans to AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and Ameren Services through the Utility Money Pool in order to provide for the short-term cash and working capital needs of these companies. (25) Further, to the extent not exempt under Rule 52, AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS, and Ameren Services are authorized to make unsecured short-term borrowings from the Utility Money Pool, to contribute surplus funds to the Utility Money Pool, and to lend and extend credit to (and acquire promissory notes from) one another through the Utility Money Pool. (26) Ameren may not make borrowings under the Utility Money Pool. If surplus funds made available by the participants in the Utility Money Pool (i.e., "Internal Funds") are used to fund loans to eligible borrowers, the interest rate applicable to such loans is equal to the CD yield equivalent of the 30-day Federal Reserve "AA" Non-Financial commercial paper composite rate. If proceeds from external borrowings by any participant in the Utility Money Pool (i.e., "External Funds") are used to fund loans to eligible borrowers, the interest rate is equal to the lending company's cost of borrowing. In cases where both Internal Funds and External Funds are used to fund loans to eligible borrowers, the applicable interest rate is a composite rate equal to the weighted average of the Internal Funds and External Funds. CILCO requests authorization herein to participate in the Utility Money Pool on the same basis as AmerenCIPS and AmerenUE.

(d) Participation by CILCORP and CIGI in Ameren Non-Utility Money Pool. Ameren also maintains and funds loans to its non-utility subsidiaries pursuant to the Non-Utility Money Pool, which functions in the same manner as the Utility Money Pool. Borrowings and extensions of credit by

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Ameren's non-utility subsidiaries under the Non-Utility Money Pool are exempt pursuant to Rule 52(b) and Rule 45(b)(1), as applicable. CILCORP and CIGI propose to become participants in the Non-Utility Money Pool on the same terms as the other participants. As previously indicated, because the issuance of securities by CILCORP and CIGI is not exempt under Rule 52, the approval of the Commission is required in order for CILCORP and CIGI to participate in the Non-Utility Money Pool.

CILCORP and CIGI each requests authorization to borrow up to \$250 million at any time outstanding under the Non-Utility Money Pool. The interest rate on borrowings under the Non-Utility Money Pool and on any investment of surplus funds by CILCORP or CIGI to the Non-Utility Money Pool will be

(24) See Ameren Corporation, et al., Holding Co. Act Release No. 26993 (Mar. 22, 1999).

(25) The authorization period under the Money Pool Order extends through February 27, 2003. Ameren and certain of its subsidiaries intend to file a separate application to request a continuation and extension of their current authorization under the Money Pool Order beyond February 27, 2003.

(26) Borrowings by AmerenCIPS under the Utility Money Pool must be approved by ICC and are therefore exempt under Rule 52(a). Borrowings by Ameren Services are exempt under Rule 52(b).

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determined in the same manner described above in connection with the Utility Money Pool.

1.9 Organization and Acquisition of Financing Subsidiaries.

In connection with the issuance of any securities for which authorization is requested in Item 1.8 above, or (in the case of CILCO) pursuant to Rule 52(a), CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI request authorization to acquire, directly or indirectly, the common stock or other equity securities of one or more entities (each a "Financing Subsidiary") formed exclusively for the purpose of facilitating the issuance of certain types of debt and/or preferred securities and the loan or other transfer of the proceeds thereof to the parent company of a Financing Subsidiary. The proceeds of any financing carried out through a Financing Subsidiary will be counted against the limits proposed in Item 1.8 for the parent company of such Financing Subsidiary, and the terms, conditions and other limitations applicable to any securities issued by a Financing Subsidiary will conform to those proposed in Item 1.8 for the specified type of security (e.g., long-term debt, preferred securities, etc.). In connection with any such financing transactions, CILCORP, CILCO or CIGI, as the case may be, may enter into one or more guarantees or other credit support agreements in favor of the Financing Subsidiary. No Financing Subsidiary shall acquire or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any interest in any "utility asset," as that term is defined under the Act.

CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI also request authority to issue and sell to any Financing Subsidiary, at any time or from time to time in one or more series, unsecured debentures, unsecured promissory notes or other unsecured debt instruments (individually, a "Note" and, collectively, the "Notes") governed by

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an indenture or indentures or other documents, and the Financing Subsidiary will apply the proceeds of any external financing by such Financing Subsidiary plus the amount of any equity contribution made to it from time to time to purchase Notes. The terms (e.g., interest rate, maturity, amortization, prepayment terms, default provisions, etc.) of any such Notes would generally be designed to parallel the terms of the securities issued by the Financing Subsidiary to which the Notes relate. The principal amount of Notes issued to a Financing Subsidiary by its parent will not be counted against the limits proposed in Item 1.8 on securities issued by CILCORP, CILCO or CIGI to third parties or to Ameren.

Ameren represents that it has in place sufficient internal controls to enable it to monitor the creation and use of any Financing Subsidiary by CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI. Any Financing Subsidiary organized pursuant to the authority granted by the Commission in this proceeding shall be organized only if, in management's opinion, the creation and utilization of such Financing Subsidiary, will likely result in tax savings, increased access to capital markets and/or lower cost of capital for CILCORP, CILCO or CIGI, as applicable.

1.10 Payment of Dividends by CILCORP Out of Capital and Unearned ----- Surplus. -----

Ameren will use the purchase method of accounting for the Transaction. Under this method of accounting, the Purchase Price will be assigned to the tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the Transaction on the basis of their fair values on the date of the

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acquisition. Any premium (i.e., the excess of the Purchase Price over the fair values of the net assets acquired) will be recorded as goodwill. In this case, Ameren will "push down" the purchase accounting and establish a new basis of accounting for the stand-alone accounts of CILCORP. As a result of the push-down of the purchase accounting to CILCORP, the current retained earnings of CILCORP, the traditional source for dividend payments, will be eliminated (i.e., recharacterized as additional paid-in capital). There will be no goodwill created in the Transaction; however, CILCORP will reduce goodwill that it recorded when it was acquired by AES by approximately \$52 million.(27) It is expected that, for accounting purposes, the goodwill on CILCORP's books will generally remain unchanged, but it will be reviewed for potential impairment on a regular basis in accordance with Statements of Financial Accounting Standard Nos. 141 and 142.

CILCORP requests authorization to declare and pay dividends on its common stock and/or redeem or repurchase its outstanding shares of common stock from time to time through the Authorization Period out of capital and unearned surplus (including revaluation reserve) to the extent permitted under applicable corporate law and the terms of any applicable covenants in its financing documents (including the CILCORP Indenture).(28)

1.11 Exemption of CILCORP and CILCO as Holding Companies. -----

In its capacity as a holding company over CILCO and CIGI, CILCORP will continue to be entitled to an exemption pursuant to Section 3(a)(1) of the Act because CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI are all incorporated in Illinois, the state in which all of CILCO's and CIGI's public utility operations are conducted. Likewise, in its capacity as a holding company over CIGI, CILCO will be entitled

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to an exemption under Section 3(a)(1). Accordingly, CILCORP and CILCO request that the Commission issue an order exempting them from the registration requirements of Section 5 of the Act pursuant to Section 3(a)(1). Ameren, CILCORP and CILCO acknowledge that such order shall have no effect upon the status of CILCORP or CILCO as subsidiary companies of Ameren, a registered holding company. Thus, CILCORP and CILCO will continue to be subject to all provisions of the Act that would apply to them as subsidiary companies of a registered holding company. (29)

(27) Although Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) Topic 5-J does not require Ameren to "push down" the purchase accounting to CILCORP, because of the existence of substantial amounts of publicly-held debt of CILCORP, Ameren has nevertheless concluded that CILCORP's stand-alone financial statements would be more meaningful to the public debt holders if they reflected a new basis of accounting. However, the purchase accounting will not be pushed down to the stand-alone accounts of CILCO or its subsidiaries for financial reporting purposes to the Commission, for regulatory reporting to the ICC or FERC, or for any other purpose.

(28) The Commission granted substantially identical authority in connection with the acquisition of Powergen plc by E.ON AG. See E.ON AG, et al., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27539 (June 14, 2002).

(29) The Commission has granted exemptions under Section 3(a)(1) to second-tier holding companies under similar circumstances in several recent merger cases. See, e.g., CP&L Energy, Inc., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27284 (Nov. 27,

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1.12 Reports Pursuant to Rule 24.

CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI propose to file certificates of notification pursuant to Rule 24 that report each of the financing transactions carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of and for the purposes represented in Item 1.8 of this Application/Declaration. Such certificates of notification would be filed within 60 days after the end of each of the first three calendar quarters, and 90 days after the end of the last calendar quarter, in which transactions occur. The Rule 24 certificates will contain the following information for the reporting period:

(a) the type of securities issued (e.g., common stock, long-term debt, short-term debt, etc.);

(b) the principal terms thereof (e.g., interest rate, maturity, dividend rate, sinking fund provisions, etc.);

(c) the amount of consideration received;

(d) the amount and purpose of any Guarantee issued by CILCORP;

(e) the notional amount and principal terms of any Interest Rate Hedge or Anticipatory Hedge entered into during the quarter and the identity of the parties to such instruments;

(f) the maximum outstanding amount of all borrowings under or

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investments in the Utility Money Pool by CILCO during the quarter, and the rate or range of rates charged on Utility Money Pool borrowings and paid on Utility Money Pool investments during the quarter;

(g) with respect to each Financing Subsidiary that has been formed, a representation that the financial statements of the parent company of the Financing Subsidiary shall account for the Financing Subsidiary in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and further, with respect to each such entity, (i) the name of the Financing Subsidiary, (ii) the amount invested by the parent company in such Financing Subsidiary; (iii) the balance sheet account where the investment and the cost of the investment are booked; (iv) the form of organization (e.g., corporation, limited partnership, trust, etc.) of such Financing Subsidiary; (v) the percentage owned by the parent company; and (vi) if any equity interests in the Financing Subsidiary are sold in a non-public offering, the identity of the purchasers; and

(h) consolidated balance sheets of CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI as of the end of the calendar quarter, which may be incorporated by reference to filings, if any, by such companies under the Securities Act of 1933 or Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

ITEM 2. FEES, COMMISSIONS AND EXPENSES.

It is estimated that the fees, commissions and expenses paid or incurred, or to be paid or incurred, directly or indirectly, in connection with the Transaction will not exceed \$14 million, assuming that the Transaction closes, as follows

2000); National Grid Group plc, et al., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27490 (Jan. 16, 2002).

Investment bankers fees and expenses.....	\$8,000,000
Consultants fees and expenses.....	\$1,000,000
Accountants fees.....	\$1,000,000
Legal fees and expenses.....	\$3,500,000
Other.....	\$500,000

TOTAL.....	\$14,000,000

Total fees, commissions and expenses incurred or to be incurred by CILCORP, CILCO or CIGI in connection with the issuance of securities to any non-associate company, including underwriting fees, registration fees under the Securities Act of 1933, dealer discounts, commitment fees, compensating balances, fees for obtaining letters of credit, rating agency fees, and other fees and costs customarily incurred in connection with the issuance of such securities or obtaining third-party credit support, will not exceed 6% of the

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amount of any specific financing transaction.(30)

ITEM 3. APPLICABLE STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

3.1 General Overview of Applicable Statutory Provisions. The following sections of the Act and the Commission's rules thereunder are or may be directly or indirectly applicable to the proposed Transaction:

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE ACT AND RULES.	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION.
Section 3(a)(1)	Exemption of CILCORP and CILCO as holding companies.
Sections 6(a) and 7	Issuance of securities, directly or indirectly through a Financing Subsidiary, by CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI after becoming subsidiaries of Ameren; issuance of Notes by CILCORP, CILCO or CIGI to any Financing Subsidiary.
Sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b), and 12(f)	Participation of CILCO in Utility Money Pool.
Sections 9(a), 10(a), (b), (c) and (f), 11(b)(1); Rule 51	Acquisition by Ameren of common stock of CILCORP.

(30) This is the same limitation on fees, commissions and expenses approved by the Commission in File No. 70-9877 in connection the issuance of equity and debt securities by Ameren, supra n. 17.

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Sections 9(a), 10 and 12(b)	Acquisition of common stock or other equity securities of Financing Subsidiaries by CILCORP, CILCO and CIGI.
Section 12(b); Rule 45	Issuance of Guarantees by CILCORP; issuance of guarantees and other forms of credit support by CILCORP, CILCO or CIGI in respect of securities issued by any Financing Subsidiary; guarantee of new CILCORP notes by Ameren in lieu of pledge of CILCO stock and/or of CILCORP Senior Notes in order to obtain termination of existing stock pledge.
Sections 12(b) and 12(d); Rule 45	Pledge by CILCORP of common stock of CILCO in connection with refinancing CILCORP Senior Notes.
Section 12(c); Rules 26(c) and 46	Payment of dividends by CILCORP

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	out of capital and unearned surplus.
Sections 8, 9(c)(3), 11(b)(1)	Retention by Ameren of the gas utility properties of CILCO as part of additional public utility system; retention of non-utility subsidiaries and investments of CILCORP.
Section 11(b)(2)	Retention of CIGI as a subsidiary of CILCO.
Section 13(b); Rules 87, 90 - 91	Approval of the services to be provided by Ameren Fuel to CILCO and CIGI
Section 32(h); Rule 54.	Generally applicable to all of the above transactions.

As set forth more fully below, the Transaction complies with all of the applicable provisions of Section 10 of the Act and should be approved by the Commission. Specifically, the Commission should find that:

- o the consideration to be paid in the Transaction is fair and reasonable;
- o the Transaction will not create detrimental interlocking relations or concentration of control;

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- o the Transaction will not result in an unduly complicated capital structure for the Ameren system;
- o the Transaction is in the public interest and the interests of investors and consumers;
- o the Transaction is consistent with Section 8 of the Act and not detrimental to carrying out the provisions of Section 11;
- o the Transaction will tend toward the economical and efficient development of an integrated electric utility system; and
- o the Transaction will comply with all applicable state laws.

3.2 Compliance with Section 10(b).

Section 10(b) provides that, if the requirements of Section 10(f) are satisfied, the Commission shall approve an acquisition under Section 9(a) unless the Commission finds that:

- (1) such acquisition will tend towards interlocking relations or the concentration of control of public-utility companies, of a kind or to an extent detrimental to the public interest or the interests of investors or consumers;

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- (2) in case of the acquisition of securities or utility assets, the consideration, including all fees, commissions, and other remuneration, to whomsoever paid, to be given, directly or indirectly, in connection with such acquisition is not reasonable or does not bear a fair relation to the sums invested in or the earning capacity of the utility assets to be acquired or the utility assets underlying the securities to be acquired; or
- (3) such acquisition will unduly complicate the capital structure of the holding-company system of the applicant or will be detrimental to the public interest or the interests of investors or consumers or the proper functioning of such holding-company system.

a. Section 10(b)(1).

The standards of Section 10(b)(1) are satisfied because the proposed Transaction will not "tend towards interlocking relations or the concentration of control of public-utility companies, of a kind or to an extent detrimental to the public interest or the interests of investors or consumers." By its nature, any merger results in new links between previously unrelated companies. The Commission has recognized, however, that such interlocking relationships are permissible in the interest of efficiencies and economies. See *Northeast Utilities*, 50 S.E.C. 427, 443 (1990) ("*Northeast Utilities*"), as modified, 50 S.E.C. 511 (1991), *aff'd sub nom. City of Holyoke v. SEC*, 972 F.2d 358 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (finding that interlocking relationships are necessary to integrate the two merging entities). The links that will be established as a

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result of the Transaction are not the types of interlocking relationships targeted by Section 10(b)(1), which was primarily aimed at preventing utility mergers unrelated to operating economies.⁽³¹⁾ As described elsewhere in this Application/Declaration, the Transaction will achieve various operating synergies. Among other things, CILCO and CIGI will enter into contractual arrangements with other Ameren system companies under which various administrative and management services will be provided. Because substantial benefits will accrue to the public, investors and consumers from the affiliation of Ameren and CILCORP, whatever interlocking relationships may arise from the combination are not detrimental.

In applying Section 10(b)(1) to a utility acquisition, the Commission must further determine whether such acquisition will result in "the type of structures and combinations at which the Act was specifically directed." *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp.*, 43 S.E.C. 693, 700 (1968). The Transaction will not create a "huge, complex and irrational system" but, rather, will afford the opportunity to achieve economies of scale and efficiencies for the benefit of investors and consumers. See *American Electric Power Company, Inc.*, 46 S.E.C. 1299, 1307 (1978) ("*AEP*"). The Transaction will combine the strengths of the companies, enabling them to offer customers a broader array of energy products and services more efficiently and cost-effectively than either could alone, and at the same time create a larger and more diverse asset and customer base with enhanced opportunities for operating efficiencies and risk diversification.

CILCO is a relatively small utility company, with only about 201,000 electric and 204,000 retail gas customers. Thus, the indirect acquisition of CILCO will add only modestly to the size of the present Ameren system, which

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serves 1.5 million electric and 300,000 retail gas customers in two States, Missouri and Illinois. If approved, the Ameren system will serve approximately 1.7 million electric customers and 500,000 retail gas customers in the same two States. The acquisition of CILCORP will add about 1,200 MW of generating capacity to the 12,600 MW of generating capacity that Ameren already owns or controls. On a pro forma basis, as of December 31, 2001, Ameren will have consolidated assets of about \$12.5 billion, including net utility plant of approximately \$9.7 billion. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2001, pro forma combined operating revenues will total approximately \$5.3 billion.

The following table compares Ameren after the Transaction to other registered holding company systems that compete with Ameren in the midwest and central U.S. power markets in terms of total assets, operating revenues and electric customers (all data as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001):

(31) See Section 1(b)(4) of the Act (finding that the public interest and interests of consumers and investors are adversely affected "when the growth and extension of holding companies bears no relation to the economy of management and operation or the integration and coordination of related operating properties . . .").

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System	Total Assets (\$ Millions) -----	Operating Revenues (\$ Millions) -----	Utility Customers - Electric (E)/Gas (G) -----
Exelon Corp.	\$34,860	\$15,140	E - 5.1 million G - .44 million
FirstEnergy	\$37,351	\$7,999	E - 4.3 million
American Electric Power Co.	\$47,281	\$61,257	E - 4.9 million
Xcel Corp.	\$28,735	\$15,028	E - 3.2 million G - 1.7 million
Entergy Corp.	\$25,910	\$9,621	E - 2.6 million G - .24 million
Cinergy Corp.	\$12,300	\$12,923	E - 1.5 million G - .5 million
Ameren (pro forma)	\$12,524	\$5,332	E - 1.7 million G - .5 million

As the foregoing table shows, even after the Transaction, the Ameren system will be substantially smaller than Exelon Corp., which is the largest utility, by far, in Illinois, as well as American Electric Power Company, Xcel

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Corp., FirstEnergy and Entergy Corp., which operate in adjoining States. In any case, the Commission has rejected an interpretation of Section 10(b)(1) that would impose per se limits on the post-merger size of a registered holding company. Instead, the Commission assesses the size of the resulting system with reference to the economic efficiencies that can be achieved through the integration and coordination of utility operations. In AEP, the Commission noted that, although the framers of the Act were concerned about "the evils of bigness, they were also aware that the combination of isolated local utilities into an integrated system afforded opportunities for economies of scale, the elimination of duplicate facilities and activities, the sharing of production capacity and reserves and generally more efficient operations... [and] [t]hey wished to preserve these opportunities." AEP, 46 S.E.C. at 1309. By virtue of the Transaction, Ameren will be in a position to realize precisely these types of benefits. Among other things, the Transaction is expected to yield operating cost savings, corporate and administrative and purchasing savings, and fuel cost savings, among others. These expected economies and efficiencies from the combined utility operations are described in greater detail in Item 3.3 below.

Finally, Section 10(b)(1) also requires the Commission to consider possible anticompetitive effects of a proposed combination. See *Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts v. SEC*, 413 F.2d 1052 (D.C. Cir. 1969). As the Commission noted in *Northeast Utilities*, the "antitrust ramifications of an

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acquisition must be considered in light of the fact that public utilities are regulated monopolies and that federal and state administrative agencies regulate the rates charged to customers." *Northeast Utilities*, 50 S.E.C. at 445 (citing AEP, 46 S.E.C. at 1324 - 25). In this case, Ameren and AES will file Notification and Report Forms with the Department of Justice ("DOJ") and the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") pursuant to the HSR Act describing the effects of the Transaction on competition in the relevant market. The competitive impact of the Transaction on wholesale power markets will also be considered by the FERC, which will include analyses required under the FERC's Order No. 592 (hereinafter, the "Merger Policy Statement") (32) and Order No. 642. (33) Specifically, the FERC will consider the effects of combining Ameren's and CILCORP's generation assets (horizontal market power), the effects of combining generation and transmission assets (one aspect of vertical market power), and the effects of combining electric and natural gas assets. To mitigate concerns about the potential for increased market power that otherwise might be suggested by the analyses used, Ameren is proposing to the FERC, as a condition of merger approval, to implement certain transmission upgrades at a cost of approximately \$18 million that will allow increased power flows in an around the area traversed by its transmission system. These include construction of a new 12.5-mile 138 kV line interconnecting with CWLP to increase import capability to CWLP, rebuilding approximately 50 miles of an existing 138 kV line to increase import capability to CILCO, and upgrades/changes to certain substation equipment. The purpose of these transmission improvements is to eliminate transmission congestion in central Illinois and thereby increase the available transfer capability.

The Commission has found, and the courts have agreed, that it may appropriately rely upon the FERC with respect to such matters. See *City of Holyoke v. SEC*, 972 F.2d at 363-64, quoting *Wisconsin's Environmental Decade v. SEC*, 882 F.2d 523, 527 (D.C. Cir. 1989). For these reasons, the proposed Transaction will not "tend toward interlocking relations or the concentration of control of public-utility companies, of a kind or to the extent detrimental to the public interest or the interests of investors or customers."

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b. Section 10(b)(2).

Section 10(b)(2) of the Act precludes approval of an acquisition if the consideration to be paid in connection with the transaction, including all fees, commissions and other remuneration, is "not reasonable or does not bear a fair relation to the sums invested in or the earning capacity of the utility assets to be acquired or the utility assets underlying the securities to be acquired." The Commission has found "persuasive evidence" that the standards of Section 10(b)(2) are satisfied where, as here, the agreed consideration for an acquisition is the result of arms-length negotiations between the managements

(32) See Inquiry Concerning Merger Policy under the Federal Power Act: Policy Statement, Order No. 592, III FERC Stats. & Regs.P. 31,044 (1996), reconsideration denied, Order No. 592-A, 79 FERCP. 61,321 (1997) (codified at 18 C.F.R.ss. 2.26).

(33) See Revised Filing Requirements Under Part 33 of the Commission's Regulations, Order No. 642, III FERC Stats. & Regs.P. 31,111 (2000), reh'g denied, Order No. 642-A, 94 FERC P. 61,289 (2001).

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of the companies involved, supported by an opinion of a financial advisor. See Entergy Corp., 51 S.E.C. 869 at 879 (1993); Southern Company, Holding Co. Act Release No. 24579 (Feb. 12, 1988).

There is no basis for the Commission to question the fairness of the consideration to be paid to AES for CILCORP's common stock. AES announced its decision to sell CILCORP on November 13, 2001, and thereafter solicited expressions of interest from several potential purchasers. On February 19, 2002, AES disclosed that it had narrowed the list of potential purchasers to seven, including Ameren, and conducted further negotiations with them over price and other terms. Ameren was selected as the successful bidder at the conclusion of this auction process.

There is also no basis for the Commission to conclude that the consideration to be paid for CILCORP does not bear a fair relation to the earning capacity of CILCORP's utility assets. In this case, Ameren requested its financial advisor, Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"), to provide an opinion as to the fairness from a financial point of view to Ameren of the consideration to be paid for CILCORP (including the membership interests in AES Medina Valley Cogen, L.L.C.). On April 28, 2002, Goldman Sachs provided its opinion addressed to the Board of Directors of Ameren to the effect that, as of that date and based upon and subject to the matters and assumptions set forth therein, the Consideration (as defined in the opinion) to be paid by Ameren for CILCORP (including the membership interests in AES Medina Valley Cogen, L.L.C.) pursuant to the relevant agreements "is fair from a financial point of view to [Ameren]." Goldman Sachs' fairness opinion is filed herewith as Exhibit J.

Another consideration under Section 10(b)(2) is the overall fees, commissions and expenses to be incurred in connection with the Transaction. Ameren believes that the transaction costs are reasonable and fair in light of the size and complexity of the proposed Transaction, and that the anticipated benefits of the Transaction to the public, investors and consumers are consistent with recent precedents and meet the standards of Section 10(b)(2). The total estimated fees and expenses, approximately \$14 million (see Item 2 -

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Fees, Commissions and Expenses), are about 1% of the Purchase Price under the Stock Purchase Agreement. This is consistent with (and in fact generally lower than) percentages previously approved by the Commission. See, e.g., Entergy Corp., 51 S.E.C. at 881, n. 63 (fees and expenses of \$38 million, representing approximately 2% of the value of the consideration paid to the shareholders of Gulf States Utilities); Northeast Utilities, Holding Co. Act Release No. 25548 (June 3, 1992) (fees and expenses of approximately 2% of the value of the assets to be acquired); and American Electric Power Company, Inc., et al., Holding Company Act Release No. 27186 (June 14, 2000), n. 40 (total fees, commissions and expenses of approximately \$72.7 million, representing 1.1% of the value of the total consideration paid by American Electric Power to the shareholders of Central and South West Corp.).

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c. Section 10(b)(3).

Section 10(b)(3) requires the Commission to determine whether the Transaction will "unduly complicate the capital structure" or be "detrimental to the public interest or the interest of investors or consumers or the proper functioning" of the Ameren system.

The capital structure of the Ameren system will not change materially as a result of the Transaction. In the Transaction, Ameren will acquire 100% of the outstanding common stock of CILCORP for cash. Hence, the transaction will not create any publicly-held minority stock interest in any public utility company. The existing debt securities and preferred stock of CILCORP and CILCO will remain outstanding as obligations of those companies.

The continued existence of CILCORP as a secondary holding company following the Transaction will not unduly complicate Ameren's capital structure. In this regard, the Commission has permitted other registered holding companies to retain secondary holding companies in order to preserve tax advantages and/or existing structural and financial benefits. See e.g., American Electric Power Company, Inc., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27186, June 14, 2000); Energy East Corp., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27224 (August 31, 2000); NiSource Inc., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27263 (Oct. 30, 2000); and CP&L Energy, Inc., et al., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27284 (Nov. 27, 2000).

There are significant financial disincentives to eliminating CILCORP as a secondary holding company at this time. Specifically, in order to eliminate CILCORP as a subsidiary, Ameren would either have to prepay the CILCORP Senior Notes, or, alternatively, assume the CILCORP Senior Notes by means of a merger or otherwise. As previously indicated, any prepayment or redemption of the CILCORP Senior Notes would require payment of a yield maintenance, or "make whole," premium which, at current interest rates, would approximate \$175 million. If, on the other hand, CILCORP were to be merged into Ameren, the CILCORP Senior Notes would not have to be prepaid but would, by operation of law, become the direct obligations of Ameren. In this regard, however, the indenture under which the CILCORP Senior Notes were issued (the "CILCORP Indenture") includes limitations on future activities and other covenants that are far more onerous and restrictive than those in Ameren's existing debt instruments. For example, the CILCORP Indenture provides (in section 10.04 thereof) that future indebtedness of CILCORP and any subsidiary cannot be secured without the same property also securing the CILCORP Senior Notes, with certain exceptions. If CILCORP were merged into Ameren, this limitation would apply to future secured debt issued not only by Ameren, but AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS as well. This would be unacceptable from a business perspective.

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Under section 10.06, CILCORP and its subsidiaries cannot incur certain new debt unless CILCORP receives the written confirmation from certain ratings agencies that the issuance of such debt would not result in a ratings downgrade from the then-existing rating on the CILCORP Senior Notes. If CILCORP were merged into Ameren, this ratings affirmation covenant would apply to any debt issued by Ameren or any subsidiary of Ameren. Further, if the current rating for the CILCORP Senior Notes is raised as a result of the Transaction, then the higher rating becomes the "floor" for purposes of future ratings affirmations. Under section 10.07 of the CILCORP Indenture, CILCORP can only engage in businesses in addition to (i) those businesses in which it and its subsidiaries were engaged

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at the time the CILCORP Senior Notes were issued and (ii) other businesses that are deemed to be necessary, useful or desirable in connection with such existing businesses, if, prior to entering into any such additional business, CILCORP obtains the written confirmation of the ratings agencies that a ratings downgrade will not result.

There are other limitations and restrictions under the CILCORP Indenture that Ameren would find unacceptable if they were to apply to Ameren and its subsidiaries. In this regard, it should be kept in mind that the CILCORP Senior Notes were issued as part of a highly leveraged transaction in which CILCORP became a wholly-owned subsidiary of AES, and consequently the covenants in the CILCORP Indenture reflect that status. In contrast, Ameren is a publicly-held company that has a substantially higher credit rating than either AES or CILCORP. Thus, while the limitations under the CILCORP Indenture may have been appropriate for CILCORP at the time the CILCORP Senior Notes were issued, they would not be appropriate for Ameren.

In any event, leaving the CILCORP Senior Notes in place will not negatively affect CILCO's capital structure or be detrimental to investors. CILCO's common equity ratio has averaged around a minimum of 45% both before and after the issuance of the CILCORP Senior Notes. Also, CILCO's operating cash flow has been sufficient to cover the debt service requirements on the CILCORP Senior Notes, a trend that Ameren expects to continue. By becoming part of the Ameren system, CILCO's credit ratings may improve, thus providing CILCO with better access to capital. Further, CILCORP and CILCO will have additional access to short-term funding through participation in the Ameren system money pool arrangements.

Set forth below are summaries of the capital structures of Ameren and CILCORP as of December 31, 2001, and the pro forma consolidated capital structure of Ameren (assuming the Transaction and acquisition of AES Medina Valley (No. 4) L.L.C. had been consummated on December 31, 2001:

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Ameren and CILCORP Historical Consolidated Capital Structures

(dollars in millions)

Ameren

CILCORP

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Common stock equity	\$3,349	47%	\$515	38%
Preferred securities	235	3%	41	3%
Long-term debt	2,835	39%	718	54%
Short-term debt, incl. current portion	780	11%	6	5%

Total	\$7,199	100%	\$1,338	100%

Ameren Pro Forma Consolidated Capital Structure (dollars in millions) (unaudited)

Common stock equity	\$3,889	45%	
Preferred securities	276	3%	
Long-term debt	3,655	42%	
Short-term debt, incl. current portion	845	10%	
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Total	\$8,665	100.0%	

As the foregoing shows, Ameren's pro forma consolidated common equity to total capitalization ratio of 45% will comfortably exceed the "traditionally acceptable 30% level." (34) See *Northeast Utilities*, 50 S.E.C. at 440, n. 47. Moreover, the Transaction will have no effect on the capitalization of AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS, CILCO or CIGI. Common equity as a percentage of capitalization of each of these companies is and will remain well over 30%.

Section 10(b)(3) also requires the Commission to determine whether the proposed combination will be detrimental to the public interest, the interests of investors or consumers or the proper functioning of the combined Ameren system. The proposed transaction between Ameren and CILCORP is entirely

(34) Under section 7(d)(1) of the Act, the Commission generally has required a registered holding company system and its public-utility subsidiaries to maintain a 65/30 debt/common equity ratio, the balance generally being preferred equity. Such debt/equity capitalization requirement was included in Rule 52, as originally adopted, as applied to securities issued by public-utility subsidiaries, but was eliminated in 1992.

consistent with the proper functioning of a registered holding company system. Ameren's and CILCORP's utility operations are contiguous and interconnected. The Transaction will result in substantial, otherwise unavailable, savings and benefits to the public and to consumers and investors of both companies. Moreover, the Transaction is subject to approval by the ICC and the FERC, which will ensure that the interests of customers will be adequately protected. The FERC approval will also confirm that the Transaction will have no adverse effect on competition. For these reasons, Ameren believes that the Transaction will be in the public interest and the interest of investors and consumers and will not

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be detrimental to the proper functioning of the resulting holding company system.

3.3 Section 10(c).

Section 10(c) of the Act provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10(b), the Commission shall not approve:

- (1) an acquisition of securities or utility assets, or of any other interest, which is unlawful under the provisions of section 8 or is detrimental to the carrying out of the provisions of section 11; or
- (2) the acquisition of securities or utility assets of a public utility or holding company unless the Commission finds that such acquisition will serve the public interest by tending towards the economical and the efficient development of an integrated public utility system.

a. Section 10(c)(1).

- (a) The Transaction will be lawful under Section 8.

Section 10(c)(1) first requires that the Transaction be lawful under Section 8. That section was intended to prevent holding companies, by the use of separate subsidiaries, from circumventing state restrictions on common ownership of gas and electric operations. The Transaction will not result in any new situation of common ownership of so-called "combination" systems within a given state. CILCO already provides electric and gas service in overlapping areas of Illinois. Moreover, the ICC has jurisdiction over the Transaction. Accordingly, the Transaction does not raise any issue under Section 8.

- (b) The Transaction will not be detrimental to carrying out the provisions of Section 11.

Section 10(c)(1) also requires that the Transaction not be "detrimental to the carrying out of the provisions of section 11." Section 11(b)(1), in turn, directs the Commission generally to limit a registered holding company "to a single integrated public-utility system," either electric or gas. An exception to this requirement, as discussed below, is provided in Section 11(b)(1)(A) - (C) (the "ABC clauses"), which permits a registered holding company to retain one or more additional (i.e., secondary) integrated public-utility systems if the system satisfies the criteria of the ABC clauses. In the 1997 Merger Order, the Commission determined that Ameren's primary

system, comprised of the electric utility facilities of AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS, constitutes an integrated electric utility system; and that the gas utility properties of AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS together constitute an integrated gas utility system that is retainable under the standards of Section 11(b)(1). At issue in this proceeding is whether Ameren's acquisition of CILCORP, whose principal subsidiary (CILCO) currently operates as both an electric and gas utility in substantially the same area of Illinois, will result in a system that

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is "detrimental to the carrying out of the provisions of section 11."

As explained more fully below, the combination of the electric utility operations of AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS, and CILCO (including CIGI following the transfer of CILCO's generation assets to that company) will result in a single, integrated electric utility system. In addition, the combination of CILCO's gas utility properties with those of AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS will comprise an integrated gas utility system that may be retained by Ameren as an additional system under the ABC clauses of Section 11(b)(1). These standards are addressed below.

(i) Integration of Electric Operations.

The threshold question is whether the electric utility properties of CILCO can be combined with those of AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS to form a single "integrated public-utility system," which, as applied to electric utility companies, is defined in Section 2(a)(29)(A) to mean:

a system consisting of one or more units of generating plants and/or transmission lines and/or distributing facilities, whose utility assets, whether owned by one or more electric utility companies, are physically interconnected or capable of physical interconnection and which under normal conditions may be economically operated as a single interconnected and coordinated system confined in its operations to a single area or region, in one or more States, not so large as to impair (considering the state of the art and the area or region affected) the advantages of localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation.

Reading the statutory definition closely, there are four distinct and separate components of integration, as applied to an electric system: physical interconnection; coordination; limitation to a single area or region; and no impairment of localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation. See *National Rural Electric Cooperative Ass'n v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, 276 F.3d 609 at (D.C. Cir. 2002). The Transaction satisfies each of these tests.

A. Interconnection...The first requirement for an integrated electric utility system is that the electric generation and/or transmission and/or distribution facilities comprising the system be "physically interconnected or capable of physical interconnection." As previously noted, the electric service areas of AmerenCIPS and CILCO in Illinois are adjacent and physically interconnected by a 345 kV line. Under traditional analysis, this

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fact alone satisfies the interconnection requirement. See e.g., *Energy East, et al.*, Holding Company Act Release No. 27546 (June 27, 2002).

B. Coordination. Historically, the Commission has interpreted the requirement that an integrated electric system be economically operated under normal conditions as a single interconnected and coordinated system "to refer to the physical operation of utility assets as a system in which, among other things, the generation and/or flow of current within the system may be centrally controlled and allocated as need or economy directs." See, e.g., *Conectiv, Inc.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 26832 (Feb. 25, 1998), citing *The North American Company*, 11 S.E.C. 194, 242 (1942), *aff'd*, 133 F.2d 148 (2d Cir. 1943), *aff'd on constitutional issues*, 327 U.S. 686 (1946). The

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Commission has noted that, through this standard, "Congress intended that the utility properties be so connected and operated that there is coordination among all parts, and that those parts bear an integral operating relationship to one another." See *Cities Service Co.*, 14 S.E.C. 28 at 55 (1943). Traditionally, the most obvious indicia of "coordinated operations" was the ability to jointly dispatch all system generating units automatically on an economic basis in order to achieve the lowest overall cost of electricity. However, in recent cases, the Commission has recognized that joint economic dispatch is not per se a requirement for a finding of coordinated operations. See e.g., *American Electric Power Company, Inc., Holding Co.* Act Release No. 27186 (June 14, 2000); *Exelon Corporation, Holding Co.* Act Release No. 27256 (Oct. 19, 2000); and *CP&L Energy, Inc., Holding Co.* Act Release No. 27284 (Nov. 27, 2000).

In connection with the formation of Ameren in 1997, AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS entered into a Joint Dispatch Agreement ("JDA"), which was amended in 2000 in order to add Ameren Energy Generating upon the transfer of AmerenCIPS' generating units to Ameren Energy Generating. Under the JDA, the existing generation resources in the Ameren system are jointly dispatched on a single-system basis, without regard to ownership. The applicants in this proceeding, however, do not intend to make CILCO a party to the JDA or otherwise dispatch CILCO's plants and Ameren's plants on a single-system basis. CILCO is currently "short" of generating capacity, meaning that, for the foreseeable future, it will continue to require all of the capacity and associated energy from its existing generating units in order to serve its own load. Under these circumstances, it is clear that no advantage would be gained by making CILCO's generation subject to the JDA. Also, to expedite the state and federal regulatory approval process, Ameren and CILCO desire to keep the existing operating structure in place as much as possible, consistent with the requirements of the Act.

Moreover, it is clear that the transfer of CILCO's generating assets to CIGI will not, at least for the foreseeable future, eliminate the need for close coordination between CILCO's transmission and distribution operations and CIGI's generation operations. As explained in Item 1, in connection with the restructuring of CILCO, CIGI will provide the full requirements of CILCO's retail customers pursuant to the PSA through December 31, 2004. Ameren anticipates that CILCO and CIGI will file a request with FERC to extend the PSA,

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on its existing terms, until December 31, 2006. Thus, at least through 2006, there will be a high degree of coordination between CIGI and CILCO. (35)

Notwithstanding the foregoing, AmerenUE and CIGI (and, as well, Ameren Energy Generating, even though it is an EWG) will have opportunities to coordinate their generating resources through joint planning, operation and maintenance programs, and through joint management of fuel resources by Ameren Fuels. Ameren Services' Energy Supply Operations Department, for example, will have overall responsibility for dispatching CIGI's plants as well as Ameren's other plants. They will also have opportunities to coordinate their generating facilities through power sales under their FERC-authorized market based tariffs. Further, because AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and CILCO are, or will become, directly or indirectly, members of MISO, their transmission assets will be under common day-to-day control and management. Thus, in terms of both generation and transmission facilities, there will be high degree of coordination.

Under Section 2(a)(29)(A), the Commission must also find that the resulting interconnected and coordinated system may be "economically operated." This calls for a determination that coordinated operation of the combined

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company's facilities is likely to produce economies and efficiencies. The question of whether a combined system will be economically operated under Section 10(c)(2) and Section 2(a)(29)(A) was recently addressed by the U.S. Court of Appeals in *Madison Gas and Electric Company v. SEC*, 168 F.3d 1337 (D.C. Cir. 1999). In that case, the court determined that in analyzing whether a system will be economically coordinated, the focus must be on whether the acquisition "as a whole" will "tend toward efficiency and economy." *Id.* at 1341. As discussed in Item 3.3 below, the Transaction will meet this standard.

In short, all aspects of the combined system will be centrally and efficiently planned and coordinated. As with other merger applications approved by the Commission, the combined system will be capable of being economically operated as a single interconnected and coordinated system as demonstrated by the variety of means through which its operations will be coordinated and the efficiencies and economies expected to be realized by the proposed transaction.

C. Single Area or Region. As required by Section 2(a)(29)(A), the operations of Ameren following the Transaction will be confined to a "single area or region in one or more States." The retail service area of the Ameren system will continue to be confined to the two adjoining states (Missouri and Illinois) in which Ameren already operates. Moreover, as

(35) Contrast *Reliant Energy, Inc., et al., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27548* (July 5, 2002), where the Commission concluded that, following the separation of Reliant's generation assets and "wires" business into separate subsidiaries, in accordance with Texas' restructuring law, coordination between the two would cease. Under Texas restructuring law, however, Reliant's transmission and distribution subsidiary will no longer purchase or sell any electricity and will not have any responsibility to be a provider of last resort, and Reliant's generating subsidiary will sell all of its output into the wholesale market.

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indicated, AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and CILCO are all members of MAIN, one of the ten regional electric reliability councils in the United States.

D. Size. The final clause of Section 2(a)(29)(A) requires the Commission to look to the size of the combined system (considering the state of the art and the area or region affected) and its effect upon localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation. In the instant matter, these standards are easily met. The size of the Ameren electric system will not impair the advantages of localized management, efficient operation or the effectiveness of regulation. Instead, the proposed Transaction will actually increase the efficiency of operations.

Localized Management -- Although CILCO will necessarily come under new management as a result of the Transaction, it will continue to exist as a separate legal entity and will continue to operate through regional offices with local service centers and line crews available to respond to customers' needs. Ameren will preserve the well-established delegations of authority -- currently in place at AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS -- which permit the local, district and regional management teams to budget for, operate and maintain the electric distribution system, and to schedule work forces in order to provide the same (or better) quality of service to customers of CILCO.³⁶ In short, CILCO will continue to be managed on a day-to-day basis at a local level, particularly in areas that must be responsive to local needs. Accordingly, the advantages of

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localized management will not be impaired.

Efficient Operation -- As discussed above in the analysis of Section 10(c)(2), the Transaction will result in significant economies and efficiencies. Operations will be more efficiently performed on a centralized basis because of economies of scale, standardized operating and maintenance practices and closer coordination of system-wide matters.

Effective Regulation -- The Transaction will not impair the effectiveness of regulation at either the state or federal level. CILCO will continue to be regulated by the ICC with respect to retail rates, service, securities issuances and other matters, and by FERC with respect to interstate electric sales for resale and transmission services.

(ii) Integration of Gas Operations.

The gas utility properties of CILCO, when added to those owned by AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS, will form an "integrated gas-utility system," which is defined in Section 2(a)(29)(B) to mean:

(36) In their application to the ICC (Exh. D-1 hereto), CILCO and Ameren committed, among other things, to maintain CILCO's headquarters in Peoria for at least five years after the Transaction closes, to continue to employ at least 800 full-time employees of CILCO and its affiliates in the CILCO service area at least through 2005, and to maintain a management presence in the Peoria region by having two vice presidents (or higher level business leaders) work out of the Peoria region.

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a system consisting of one or more gas utility companies which are so located and related that substantial economies may be effectuated by being operated as a single coordinated system confined in its operations to a single area or region, in one or more States, not so large as to impair (considering the state of the art and the area or region affected) the advantages of localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation: Provided, That gas utility companies deriving natural gas from a common source of supply may be deemed to be included in a single area or region.

Thus, the definition of an integrated gas-utility system has three distinct parts, each of which will be satisfied in this case.

A. Coordination. In order to find coordination among the gas-utility companies in the same holding company system, the Commission has historically focused primarily on the operating economies that may be effectuated through coordinated management of gas supply portfolios, i.e., gas purchase arrangements, transportation agreements, and storage assets, the access of the gas-utility companies in the same holding company system to common market and supply-area hubs, the functional merger of separate gas supply departments under common management, and sharing of data management software systems. See NIPSCO Industries, Inc., 53 S.E.C. 1296 at 1306 - 1309 (1999); New Century Enterprises, Inc., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27212 (Aug. 16, 2000). The Commission has also recognized that substantial operating economies can be achieved through access to the resources of an affiliated gas marketer. See Sempra Energy, 53 S.E.C. 1242 at 1251 - 1252 (1999).

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AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and CILCO currently manage similar physical properties and contractual assets: natural gas supply, interstate pipeline transportation contracts, and storage contracts of varying types and duration. Following the acquisition of CILCO, Ameren Fuels will enter into a fuel services agreement with CILCO that is substantially identical to the existing Fuel Services Agreement between Ameren Fuels and AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS. Under these agreements, personnel of Ameren Fuels will manage all of the natural gas supply, transportation and storage activities on behalf of the three companies. This will include procuring natural gas supply, transportation services and storage capacity, negotiating agreements, nominating and scheduling gas deliveries, balancing system demand and supply, and performing state and federal regulatory responsibilities, in each case as agent for the three companies.

B. Single Area or Region. The combined gas system of AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and CILCO will also be confined to Missouri and Illinois. The areas served in Illinois are mostly contiguous. CILCO takes delivery of gas on five interstate pipelines: Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Trunkline Gas Company, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, and ANR Pipeline Company. Ameren is currently served by all of these interstate pipelines with the exception of ANR Pipeline Company. The common pipelines give both companies access to gas supplies produced in the Mid-Continent region (Kansas and the Texas/Oklahoma Panhandle) and Gulf Coast onshore and offshore (Louisiana and Texas) producing areas and, to a lesser

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extent, the Rocky Mountain and western Canada producing basins. Thus, the companies share a "common source of supply."

C. Size. For the same reasons given above in connection with the discussion of impacts of the Transaction on the combined electric system, localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation will not be impaired by the resulting size of the integrated gas utility system.

(c) Retention of Combined Gas System.

As indicated, under the "ABC clauses" of Section 11(b)(1), a registered holding company can own "one or more" additional integrated systems if certain conditions are met. Specifically, the Commission must find that (A) the additional system "cannot be operated as an independent system without the loss of substantial economies which can be secured by the retention of control by such holding company of such system," (B) the additional system is located in one state or adjoining states, and (C) the combination of systems under the control of a single holding company is "not so large ... as to impair the advantages of localized management, efficient operation, or the effectiveness of regulation."

(i) Loss of Economies.

Clause A requires a showing that each additional integrated system (in this case, the integrated gas utility system formed by combining the operations of AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and CILCO) cannot be operated as an independent system without the loss of substantial economies which can be secured by the retention of control by a holding company of such system.

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Historically, the Commission considered four ratios as a "guide" to determining whether lost economies would be "substantial" under Section 11(b)(1)(A). Specifically, the Commission considered the estimated loss of economies expressed in terms of the ratio of increased expenses to the system's total operating revenues, operating revenue deductions, gross income and net income. See *Engineers Public Service Co.*, 12 SEC 41 (1942), rev'd on other grounds and remanded, 138 F. 2d 936 (DC Cir. 1943), vacated as moot, 332 US 788 (1947) ("*Engineers*"), and *New England Electric System*, 41 S.E.C. 888, 893 - 899 (1964). In *Engineers*, the Commission suggested that cost increases resulting in a 6.78% loss of operating revenues, a 9.72% increase in operating revenue deductions, a 25.44% loss of gross income, and 42.46% loss of net income would afford an "impressive basis for finding a loss of substantial economies" associated with a divestiture. 12 SEC at 59. More recently, the Commission has indicated that it will no longer require a comparison of resulting loss ratios to those of earlier precedent. See *CP&L Energy, Inc., Holding Co.* Act Release No. 27284 (Nov. 27, 2000), fn. 40.

In its early decisions, the Commission also considered the increases in operational expenses that were anticipated upon divestiture, but also took into account, as offsetting benefits, the significant competitive advantages that were perceived to flow from a separation of gas and electric operations. The Commission's assumption was that a combination of gas and electric operations is typically disadvantageous to the gas operations and, hence, the public interest and the interests of investors and consumers would be benefited by a separation of gas from the electric operations. In more recent cases, however, the

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Commission has recognized that these assumptions are outdated and that the historical ratios do not provide an adequate indication of the substantial loss of economies that may occur by forcing a separation of electric and gas. Specifically, beginning with its decision in *New Century Energies, Inc.*, 53 S.E.C. 54 (1997), the Commission took notice of the changing circumstances in today's electric and gas industries, notably the increasing convergence of the electric and gas industries. The Commission concluded that, "in these circumstances, separation of gas and electric businesses may cause the separated entities to be weaker competitors than they would be together. This factor adds to the quantifiable loss of economies caused by increased costs." 53 S.E.C. at 76. This view was repeated in subsequent cases, including the 1997 Merger Order and *WPL Holdings, Inc.*, 53 S.E.C. 501 (1997). The Commission has also recognized that revenue enhancement opportunities and other benefits likely to be realized from a "convergence" merger would be diminished or lost if the Commission forced a divestiture of the additional system. See *SCANA Corp., Holding Co.* Act Release No. 27133 (Feb. 9, 2000); and *Northeast Utilities, Holding Co.* Act Release No. 27127 (Jan. 31, 2000).

Ameren intends to prepare and file a Severance Study that will quantify the economic impact of a divestiture of the gas assets of AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and CILCO into a new, stand-alone company. The Severance Study will be filed by amendment as Exhibit H hereto. The study will include estimates of the increase in annual operating costs that would result if the gas properties were divested. These increased operating costs would result primarily from additional capital costs and annual operating and maintenance costs in several categories (e.g., establishing new service centers), including one-time transition costs associated with establishing the gas department as a separate company. The study will also include an estimate of the offsetting economies that would be derived from combining CILCO's gas operations with AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS' gas operations.

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Finally, in its analysis of clause A, the Commission has also taken into account the historical association of the electric and gas operations and the views of the interested state commissions. New Century Energies, 53 S.E.C. at 78. As in that case, the electric and gas assets of both CILCO and Ameren's subsidiaries have been under common control for many years, and the Transaction will not alter the status quo. Further, the Missouri Public Service Commission, which has jurisdiction over AmerenUE, and the ICC, which has jurisdiction over both AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS, did not object at the time that the Ameren system was formed to the continued ownership of both electric and gas utility operations in a single system. The ICC has jurisdiction over the Transaction and will have another opportunity to consider this issue.

(ii) Same State or Adjoining States.

The proposed Transaction does not raise any issue under Section 11(b)(1)(B) of the Act, as the gas utility properties of AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS and CILCO are located and operate exclusively in Illinois and Missouri, the same two States in which they operate as electric utilities. Thus, the requirement that each additional system be located in one State or adjoining States is satisfied.

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(iii) Size.

Further, retention of the combined gas utility business does not raise any issues under Section 11(b)(1)(C) of the Act. The combination of both electric and gas utility systems under the control of a single holding company will be "not so large ... as to impair the advantages of localized management, efficient operation, or the effectiveness of regulation." As the Commission has recognized, the determinative consideration is not size alone or size in an absolute sense, either big or small, but size in relation to its effect, if any, on localized management, efficient operation and effective regulation. From these perspectives, it is clear that the continued ownership of the combined gas system by Ameren is not too large.

As of December 31, 2001, and giving effect to the Transaction, the combined gas operations of AmerenUE, AmerenCIPS, and CILCO would represent only about 12% of Ameren's post-Transaction net utility plant, and only about 5% of Ameren's post-Transaction net operating revenues.

As indicated, the gas procurement functions of CILCO, AmerenUE and AmerenCIPS will be centralized in Ameren Fuels. Ameren Fuels will administer the combined portfolios of natural gas supply, transportation and storage contracts as agent for the three companies. In most other respects, the local operations of CILCO will continue to be handled from CILCO's headquarters in Peoria. Management will therefore remain geographically close to the gas operations, thereby preserving the advantages of localized management.

(d) Retention of CILCORP's Non-Utility Subsidiaries and Investments.

Section 11(b)(1) permits a registered holding company to retain "such other businesses as are reasonably incidental, or economically necessary or appropriate, to the operations of [an] integrated public utility system." The

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Commission has historically interpreted this provision to require an operating or "functional" relationship between the non-utility activity and the system's core utility business. See, e.g. Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., 44 S.E.C. 361 (1970), aff'd, 444 F.2d 913 (D.C. Cir. 1971); United Light and Railways Co., 35 S.E.C. 516 (1954); CSW Credit, Inc., 51 S.E.C. 984 (Mar. 2, 1994); and Jersey Central Power and Light Co., Holding Co. Act Release No. 24348 (Mar. 18, 1987). In addition, the Commission has permitted new registered holding companies to retain passive investments which, although not meeting the functional relationship test, could nevertheless be acquired under the standards of Section 9(c)(3) of the Act.

In 1997, the Commission adopted Rule 58,(37) which conditionally exempts from the pre-approval requirements of Sections 9(a) and 10 of the Act the acquisition by a registered holding company of securities of companies engaged in certain specified categories of "energy-related" businesses which the

(37) "Exemption of Acquisition by Registered Public-utility Holding Companies of Securities of Non-utility Companies Engaged in Certain Energy-related and Gas-related Activities," Holding Co. Act Release No. 26667 (Feb. 14, 1997) ("Rule 58 Release").

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Commission has determined, on the basis of experience, are so closely related to the business of a public-utility company as to be considered in the ordinary course of a public utility business. In adopting Rule 58, the Commission "has sought to respond to developments in the industry by expanding its concept of a functional relationship." Rule 58 Release at 11. Importantly, Rule 58 does not require that non-utility businesses of the type covered by the rule be "functionally" related to a holding company's utility operations at all.

As set forth more fully in Exhibit I, the direct and indirect non-utility subsidiaries and investments of CILCORP meet the Commission's standards for retention under Section 11(b)(1) or Section 9(c)(3), as applicable, with certain exceptions that are noted in Exhibit I. Certain of CILCORP's non-utility subsidiaries fit within the definition of "energy-related company" under Rule 58. Rule 58 provides in section (a)(1)(ii) thereof that investments in non-utility activities that are exempt under Rule 58 cannot exceed 15% of the consolidated capitalization of the registered holding company. In its statement supporting the adoption of the Rule, the Commission stated:

The Commission believes that all amounts that have actually been invested in energy-related companies pursuant to commission order prior to the date of effectiveness of the Rule should be excluded from the calculation of aggregate investment under Rule 58. The Commission also believes it is appropriate to exclude from the calculation all investments made prior to that date pursuant to available exemptions. (Rule 58 Release at 50-51).

Moreover, in recent merger orders, the Commission has also excluded from the Rule 58 investment limit investments in "energy-related companies" acquired and held by exempt holding companies prior to the time they registered or were acquired by a registered holding company, on the ground that the restrictions of Section 11(b)(1) are applicable to registered holding companies and not to exempt holding companies. Because CILCORP is an exempt holding company, none of the investments it has heretofore made in non-utility businesses was pursuant to Commission order. Accordingly, investments made by

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CILCORP in "energy-related companies" prior to the effective date of the Transaction should not be counted in the calculation of the 15% investment limitation.(38)

(e) Retention of CIGI as Subsidiary of CILCO.

Section 11(b)(2) of the Act requires the Commission to ensure that "the corporate structure or continued existence of any company in the holding company system does not unduly or unnecessarily complicate the structure, or unfairly or inequitably distribute voting power among security holders, of the holding company system." Section 11(b)(2) also directs the Commission to require each registered holding company "to take such steps as the Commission shall find necessary in order that such holding company shall cease to be a holding company with respect to each of its subsidiary companies which itself has a subsidiary company which is a holding company," in other words, to eliminate so-called "great-grandfather" holding companies. As a result of the Transaction, and assuming the continued interposition of CILCORP as an

(38) See, e.g., *New Century Energies, Inc.*, 53 S.E.C. 54 at 82 (1997).

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intermediate holding company, Ameren will become a "great-grandfather" holding company with respect to CIGI. If CILCORP were eliminated as an intermediate holding company, or if CIGI is again determined to be an EWG, the "great-grandfather" relationship between Ameren and CIGI would no longer exist. However, as discussed above in Item 3.2, Ameren is proposing to retain CILCORP as an intermediate holding company for the indefinite future and is also proposing to acquire CIGI as an additional public utility subsidiary (by causing CIGI to relinquish its EWG status).(39)

Ameren could also eliminate the "great-grandfather" relationship with CIGI by causing CILCO to distribute the common stock of CIGI to CILCORP or otherwise transfer the stock of CIGI to another company in the Ameren system. In this connection, it is Ameren's intention ultimately to move CIGI out from under CILCO in order to achieve a clearer delineation between CILCO's regulated utility business and CIGI's unregulated business. However, such action would necessitate obtaining a release from the lien under CILCO's mortgage on CIGI's generating assets,(40) and may require further regulatory approvals. Ameren is also examining whether such a change in corporate structure would result in any adverse federal and/or state tax consequences. After the Transaction is completed, Ameren will seek the appropriate regulatory approvals and endeavor to obtain a release under CILCO's mortgage with a view to transferring the stock of CIGI to CILCORP or another Ameren entity. However, these actions may be beyond Ameren's control. Accordingly, Ameren proposes that CIGI remain as a subsidiary of CILCO for the indefinite future.

In any event, the continued ownership of CIGI by CILCO does not implicate any of the abuses that Section 11(b)(2) of the Act was intended to prevent. These abuses, facilitated by the pyramiding of holding company groups, involved the diffusion of control and the creation of different classes of debt or stock with unusual voting rights. These abuses are not present in this case. CIGI is wholly-owned by CILCO; it does not have any other class of equity securities or any third-party debt outstanding. In fact, for the time being at least, its assets will continue to secure first mortgage bonds issued by CILCO.

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Moreover, at least through the end of 2004 (as is likely to be extended through the end of 2006), all of CIGI's generating capacity will be dedicated under the PSA to serving the needs of CILCO; it will not have any retail customers who are subject to cost of service rates. The continued ownership of CIGI by CILCO will therefore enhance operational efficiency and coordination. Compare Energy East Corp., et al., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27224 (Aug. 31, 2000) (permitting Central Maine Power Company, a third tier subsidiary of Energy East, to retain ownership of certain single purpose utility subsidiaries whose assets are directly related to the utility operations of their parent); and Exelon

(39) Although the acquisition of CIGI as an EWG would be exempt under Section 32(g) of the Act, it could result in Ameren exceeding the limitation under Rule 53(a)(1) on use of proceeds of authorized financing to acquire interests in EWGs. After the Transaction closes, Ameren may file a separate application to request relief from the investment limitation under Rule 53(a)(1), and, assuming that such relief is obtained, may then choose to seek a new determination from the FERC that CIGI is an EWG.

(40) At this time, CILCO does not have sufficient previously unfunded bondable additions that could be pledged in order to obtain a release of the lien under its mortgage on the generating assets to be transferred to CIGI.

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Corporation, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27256 (Oct. 19, 2000) (permitting retention of third tier generating utility subsidiary that was created as part of implementation of state restructuring plans and certain other fourth and lower tier generating companies that had been in existence for a long period of time).

b. Section 10(c)(2).

The Transaction will "serve the public interest by tending toward the economical and efficient development of an integrated public utility system." It will therefore satisfy the requirements of Section 10(c)(2) of the Act.

The Transaction will produce economies and efficiencies that are sufficient (given the size of the Transaction) to satisfy the standards of Section 10(c)(2) of the Act. Although some of the anticipated economies and efficiencies will be fully realized only in the longer term, they are properly considered in determining whether the standards of Section 10(c)(2) have been met. See AEP, 46 S.E.C. at 1320 - 1321. Some potential benefits cannot be precisely estimated; nevertheless, they too are entitled to be considered. As the Commission has observed, "[s]pecific dollar forecasts of future savings are not necessarily required; a demonstrated potential for economies will suffice even when these are not precisely quantifiable." Centerior Energy Corp., 49 S.E.C. at 480.

Because of its size, with more than 1.5 million electric customers and more than 300,000 gas customers, Ameren has greater purchasing power for equipment, materials, supplies, services and fuels than CILCO. Ameren believes that its size advantage will help to stabilize CILCO's cost of operations during a period of service improvements. Likewise, AmerenUE's and AmerenCIPS' customers will benefit from the Transaction. Such benefits will be derived from greater economies of scale and the ability to maximize the utilization of existing

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systems and infrastructure.

Specifically, the Transaction will produce savings in the energy delivery business through purchasing economies, elimination of duplicate energy delivery services and limited staff reductions. Ameren estimates that ongoing pre-tax net savings associated with the energy delivery function will range from \$500,000 to \$3.2 million per year in the first four years (2003 through 2006). Ameren also believes that there will be opportunities to achieve substantial savings in power supply through the integration of CIGI's and Ameren's generation functions in such areas as fuel purchasing, transportation and handling, joint planning, joint plant maintenance programs, and spare parts inventory management. Ameren also believes that additional savings can be achieved through administrative and corporate purchasing economies, elimination of duplicate administrative and corporate services, and limited staff reductions.

Ameren estimates that, in order to achieve the projected level of savings, approximately \$25 million in one-time transition expenses, along with approximately \$14 million of capital expenditures will be incurred. These expenditures are required principally to enable CILCO to utilize Ameren's systems and to pay for relocation and severance costs and facilities integration.

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Although these quantifiable savings are modest in relation to savings that have been projected in other recent merger cases approved by the Commission, they are nevertheless meaningful in relation to the overall Transaction size.

The Transaction should also have a beneficial effect on CILCO's ability to raise capital on reasonable terms and on the cost of future debt capital since Ameren has a higher credit rating than AES.(41) It is expected, for example, that CILCO will achieve savings in the cost of short-term debt through participation in the Utility Money Pool, which should enable CILCO to terminate or reduce the size of its existing external credit facilities, with a reduction in associated facility fees. CILCO's existing ratings for senior secured debt, preferred stock and commercial paper are not expected to be adversely affected as a result of the Transaction.(42)

3.4 Section 10(f).

Section 10(f) provides that:

The Commission shall not approve any acquisition as to which an application is made under this section unless it appears to the satisfaction of the Commission that such State laws as may apply in respect of such acquisition have been complied with, except where the Commission finds that compliance with such State laws would be detrimental to the carrying out of the provisions of section 11.

As previously stated, the Transaction is subject to the approval of the ICC. In addition, closing conditions under the Stock Purchase Agreement are designed to assure compliance with all other applicable State laws.

3.5 Intra-system Transactions.

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The sale of goods and services to CILCORP and its subsidiaries following the effective date of the Transaction will be carried out in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Section 13(b) of the Act and Rules 87, 90 and 91 unless otherwise authorized by the Commission by order or by rule. These include the Service Agreements and the Fuel Services Agreement.

The acquisition of CILCORP will not necessitate any change in the organization of Ameren Services, the type and character of the companies to be served, the methods of allocating costs to associate companies, or the scope or character of the services to be rendered. However, it is contemplated that certain employees of CILCORP and its subsidiaries may be transferred to and become employees of Ameren Services after the Transaction closes.

(41) As previously noted, Ameren's senior unsecured debt is rated A2 by Moody's and A by S&P. AES's senior unsecured debt is rated Ba3 by Moody's and BB- by S&P.

(42) Following the announcement of the Transaction in April 2002, S&P and FitchRatings both indicated in press releases that the Transaction is viewed as a positive influence on CILCO's credit worthiness.

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3.6 Rule 54 Analysis.

Rule 54 provides that the Commission shall not consider the effect of the capitalization or earnings of any EWG or "foreign utility company" ("FUCO"), as defined in Sections 32 and 33, respectively, in which a registered holding company holds an interest in determining whether to approve any transaction unrelated to any EWG or FUCO if the requirements of Rule 53 (a), (b) and (c) are satisfied. These standards are met.

Rule 53(a)(1): Ameren's "aggregate investment" (as defined in Rule 53(a)(1)) in EWGs is currently \$535,939,525, or approximately 31.5% of Ameren's "consolidated retained earnings" (also as defined in Rule 53(a)(1)) for the four quarters ended March 31, 2002 (\$1,699,880,250). On a pro forma basis, to take into account Ameren's investment in AES Medina Valley, Ameren's "aggregate investment" would be \$558,139,525, or about 32.8% of "consolidated retained earnings" for the four quarters ended March 31, 2002. Ameren does not currently hold an interest in any FUCO.

Rule 53(a)(2): Ameren will maintain books and records enabling it to identify investments in and earnings from each such EWG and FUCO in which it directly or indirectly acquires and holds an interest. Ameren will cause each domestic EWG in which it acquires and holds an interest, and each foreign EWG and FUCO that is a majority-owned subsidiary, to maintain its books and records and prepare its financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). All of such books and records and financial statements will be made available to the Commission, in English, upon request.

Rule 53(a)(3): No more than 2% of the employees of Ameren's domestic public utility subsidiaries (including CILCO and CIGI) will, at any one time, directly or indirectly, render services to EWGs and FUCOs.

Rule 53(a)(4): Ameren will submit a copy of each Application or

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Declaration, and each amendment thereto, relating to any EWG or FUCO, and will submit copies of any Rule 24 certificates required thereunder, as well as a copy of the relevant portions of Ameren's Form U5S, to each of the public service commissions having jurisdiction over the retail rates of Ameren's domestic public utility subsidiaries.

In addition, Ameren states that the provisions of Rule 53(a) are not made inapplicable to the authorization herein requested by reason of the occurrence or continuance of any of the circumstances specified in Rule 53(b). Rule 53(c) is inapplicable by its terms.

ITEM 4. REGULATORY APPROVALS.

4.1 Illinois Commerce Commission.

The Transaction requires approval by the ICC. Under the applicable provisions of Illinois law, in order to approve the Transaction, the ICC must find that: the Transaction will not diminish CILCO's ability to provide adequate, reliable, efficient, safe and least-cost public utility service; the Transaction will not result in the unjustified subsidization of non-utility

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activities by CILCO or its customers; the costs and facilities of CILCO are fairly and reasonably allocated between utility and non-utility activities in such a manner that the ICC may identify those costs and facilities which are properly included by the utility for ratemaking purposes; the Transaction will not significantly impair CILCO's ability to raise necessary capital on reasonable terms or to maintain a reasonable capital structure; CILCO will remain subject to all applicable laws, regulations, rules, decisions and policies governing the regulation of Illinois public utilities; the Transaction is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on competition in those markets over which the ICC has jurisdiction; and the Transaction is not likely to result in any adverse rate impacts on retail customers. In addition, the authorization of the ICC is required for CILCO to enter into the Services Agreement and the Fuel Services Agreement. A copy of the application filed with the ICC, including the Proposed Acquisition Conditions, is filed herewith as Exhibit D-1.

The approval of the ICC is also required in order for CILCO to become a participant in the Utility Money Pool. CILCO intends to file a separate application with the ICC in order to request such approval.

4.2 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, the FERC is directed to approve a merger if it finds such merger consistent with the public interest. In reviewing transactions under the standards of Section 203, the FERC generally evaluates: whether the merger will adversely affect competition; whether the merger will adversely affect rates; and whether the merger will impair the effectiveness of regulation. A copy of the application filed by Ameren and CILCO(43) with the FERC requesting approval of the Transaction under the Federal Power Act is filed herewith as Exhibit D-3.

4.3 HSR Act.

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Under the HSR Act, and the rules promulgated thereunder by the FTC, the Transaction may not be consummated until Ameren and AES file notifications and provide certain information to the FTC and the DOJ and specified waiting period requirements are satisfied. Even after the HSR Act waiting period expires or terminates, the FTC or the DOJ may later challenge the transaction on antitrust grounds. If the transaction is not completed within 12 months after the expiration or earlier termination of the initial HSR Act waiting period, the parties would be required to submit new information under the HSR Act and a new waiting period would begin.

4.4 Federal Communications Commission.

In connection with the Transaction, CILCO will file an application with the Federal Communications Commission to request the transfer of various communications licenses that it holds to Ameren Services.

(43) AES Medina Valley is also an applicant on the joint application filed with FERC since the transfer of its facilities is also subject to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

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Except as described above, no other state or federal commission, other than this Commission, has jurisdiction over the proposed Transaction. (44)

ITEM 5. PROCEDURE.

The Applicants request that the Commission publish a notice under Rule 23 with respect to the filing of this Application/Declaration as soon as practicable, and issue an order approving the Application/Declaration as soon as its rules permit after the end of the required notice period. The Applicants request that there should not be a 30-day waiting period between issuance of the Commission's order and the date on which the order is to become effective; waive a recommended decision by a hearing officer or other responsible officer of the Commission; and consent to the participation by the Division of Investment Management in the preparation of the Commission's decision and/or order, unless the Division of Investment Management opposes the matters proposed herein.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

a. Exhibits.

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- A-1 Articles of Incorporation of CILCORP Inc. as amended effective November 15, 1999. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to Annual Report of Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 1-8946).
 - A-2 Bylaws of CILCORP Inc. as amended and restated effective October 18, 1999. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (3)a to Annual Report of Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 1-8946).
 - A-3 Articles of Incorporation of Central Illinois Light Company, as amended April 28, 1998. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (3) to Annual Report of Form 10-K for the year ended December

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31, 1998, File No. 1-8946).

- A-4 Bylaws of Central Illinois Light Company, as amended effective April 1, 1999. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (3)a to Annual Report of Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 1-8946).
- A-5 Articles of Incorporation of Central Illinois Generation, Inc.
- A-6 Bylaws of Central Illinois Generation, Inc.

(44) By order made effective June 23, 2002, the Missouri Public Service Commission ruled that it does not have jurisdiction over the Transaction. In the Matter of the Proposed Acquisition of Cilcorp, Inc. by Ameren Corporation, Case No. EO-2002-1082

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- A-7 Indenture, dated as of October 18, 1999, between Midwest Energy, Inc. and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, and First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 18, 1999, between CILCORP Inc. and The Bank of New York. (Incorporated by reference to exhibits 4.1 and 4.2 of Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by CILCORP on November 5, 1999 in File No. 333-90373).
- B-1 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 28, 2002, by and between The AES Corporation and Ameren Corporation.
- B-2 Fuel Services Agreement between Ameren Fuels and CILCO and CIGI.
- C Registration Statement on Form S-4 with respect to CILCORP Senior Notes, filed by CILCORP on November 5, 1999. (Incorporated by reference to File No. 333-90373).
- D-1 Application to the Illinois Commerce Commission for Approval of Transaction. (Form SE - Continuing hardship exemption).
- D-2 Order of the Illinois Commerce Commission Approving Transaction. (To be filed by amendment).
- D-3 Joint Application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for Approval of Transaction. (Form SE - Continuing hardship exemption).
- D-4 Order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. (To be filed by amendment).
- D-5 Application to Illinois Commerce Commission for Authorization to Participate in Utility Money Pool. (To be filed by amendment).
- D-6 Order of the Illinois Commerce Commission Approving Participation in Utility Money Pool. (To be filed by amendment).

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- E-1 Organizational Chart of Ameren and its Subsidiaries. (Form SE - Required paper format filing).
- E-2 Organizational Chart of CILCORP and its Subsidiaries. (Form SE - Required paper format filing).
- E-3 Electric Service Territory Map. (Form SE - Required paper format filing).
- E-4 Gas Service Territory Map. (Form SE - Required paper format filing).

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- E-5 Electric Transmission Facilities Maps. (Included in Exhibit D-3 hereto as Exhibit K).
- F Opinion of counsel to Ameren Corporation. (To be filed by amendment).
- G Proposed form of Federal Register notice.
- H Severance Study: Loss of Economies from Divestiture of Combined Ameren/CILCORP Gas Utility Business into a Stand-Alone Company. (To be filed by amendment).
- I Description of and Legal Basis for Retention of Non-Utility Subsidiaries and Investments of CILCORP.
- J Fairness Opinion of Goldman, Sachs & Co.
- b. Financial Statements.

- FS-1 Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of Ameren Corporation as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Ameren Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2001, in File No. 1-14756).
- FS-2 Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of Ameren Corporation as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2002. (Incorporated by reference to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Ameren Corporation for the period ended March 31, 2002, in File No. 1-14756).
- FS-3 Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of CILCORP Inc. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CILCORP Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2001, in File No. 1-8946).
- FS-4 Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of CILCORP Inc. as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2002. (Incorporated by reference to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of CILCORP Inc. for the period ended March 31, 2002, in File No. 1-8946).

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FS-5 Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of Central Illinois Light Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Central Illinois Light Company for the year ended December 31, 2001, in File No. 1-2732).

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FS-6 Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of Central Illinois Light Company as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2002. (Incorporated by reference to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Central Illinois Light Company for the period ended March 31, 2002, in File No. 1-2732).

FS-7 Balance Sheet of Central Illinois Generation, Inc. (To be filed by amendment).

FS-8 Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Condensed Balance Sheet of Ameren Corporation as of December 31, 2001. (To be filed by amendment).

FS-9 Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Condensed Statement of Income for Ameren Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2001. (To be filed by amendment).

ITEM 7. INFORMATION AS TO ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS.

The Transaction does not involve a "major federal action" nor will it "significantly affect the quality of the human environment" as those terms are used in section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act. The Transaction will not result in changes in the operation of the applicant or its subsidiaries that will have an impact on the environment. The applicant is not aware of any federal agency that has prepared or is preparing an environmental impact statement with respect to the Transaction.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, the undersigned companies have duly caused this Application/Declaration to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AMEREN CORPORATION
AMEREN ENERGY FUELS AND SERVICES COMPANY

By: /s/ Steven R. Sullivan
Name: Steven R. Sullivan
Title: Vice President, General Counsel, and
Secretary

CILCORP INC.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENERATION, INC.

By: /s/ Leonard M. Lee
Name: Leonard M. Lee
Title: President

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT COMPANY

By: /s/ Leonard M. Lee
Name: Leonard M. Lee
Title: Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 2, 2002