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STATEMENT FROM LT. GOVERNOR PAT QUINN

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“Over the past two weeks, consumers throughout Illinois have been loud and clear in their protest of the big utility companies’ plans to impose unfair rate hikes of 25% to 55%. Thousands of Ameren and ComEd customers have mailed or e-mailed teabags to those big utility companies, showing that the spirit of the Boston Tea Party is alive and well here in the Land of Lincoln.

“During the nine years that the State of Illinois’ electric rate freeze has been in place, Ameren’s profits have doubled. Exelon/ComEd’s profits have increased by 320%. These companies are already making record profits. Now they want to make obscene profits.”

“For the past two weeks, I have been talking to consumers all across our state, and they are infuriated by this unfair, outrageous rate increase proposal. I’m all for passage of the rate freeze extension, the sooner the better, and I commend Speaker Michael Madigan for taking action on this important issue that affects so many Illinois families.”

“I further encourage consumers to take their outrage on-line through our website, StandingUpForIllinois.org. The website makes it easy to e-mail an “electronic teabag” to CEOs of ComEd and Ameren, or the on-line teabag graphic can be printed and mailed along with your utility bill.”



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<http://www.standingupforillinois.org/ratehike/ratehike.php>