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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The rising cost of utilities, including the cost of electricity, imposes an increased burden on the citizens and families of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply concerned about the impact of electric rate increases upon the citizens of this State; and

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WHEREAS, In September 2008, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) obtained approval from State regulators for a \$270 million rate hike, which at the time the utility said would boost the average household's electric bill by \$4.50 per month; and

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WHEREAS, This rate-hike request was in addition to the extra \$70 million ratepayers will pay to ComEd beginning in April to cover the costs of unpaid bills from 2008 and 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Since the sunset date of the electric rate freeze in January of 2007, customers' electric bills from ComEd have increased about 25% to 30%; and

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WHEREAS, ComEd has stated they will ask the Illinois

1 Commerce Commission, the State's utility regulator, for an  
2 additional rate hike in the second or third quarter of this  
3 year; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Commerce Commission will have 11  
5 months to rule on ComEd's rate hike after it is filed;  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois  
9 Commerce Commission to deny this rate increase for ComEd; and  
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the Illinois Commerce Commission.