AMEREN CORP Form 8-K January 23, 2015

## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 23, 2015

**Exact Name of Registrant as** 

**Specified in Charter;** 

**State of Incorporation;** 

**Address and Telephone** 

**IRS Employer Identification** 

Commission File Number 1-14756

Number Ameren Corporation Number 43-1723446

(Missouri Corporation)

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St. Louis, Missouri 63103

(314) 621-3222

1-3672 Ameren Illinois Company

37-0211380

(Illinois Corporation)

**6 Executive Drive** 

Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

On January 23, 2015, Ameren Illinois Company (AIC) filed a request with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) seeking approval to increase its natural gas delivery service rates by \$53 million annually. The natural gas rate increase request is based on a 10.25 percent return on equity, a capital structure composed of 50% equity, a rate base of \$1.2 billion, and a test year ended December 31, 2016.

The ICC proceedings relating to the proposed natural gas delivery service rate changes will take place over a period of up to 11 months, with a decision by the ICC required by December 2015 and new rates expected to be effective in January 2016. AIC cannot predict the level of any natural gas delivery service rate change that the ICC may approve, when any rate change may go into effect, or whether any rate increase that may eventually be approved will be sufficient for AIC to recover its costs and earn a reasonable return on its investments when such increase goes into effect.

This combined Form 8-K is being filed separately by Ameren Corporation and Ameren Illinois Company (each a registrant). Information contained herein relating to any individual registrant has been filed by such registrant on its own behalf. No registrant makes any representation as to information relating to any other registrant.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized. The signature for each undersigned company shall be deemed to relate only to matters having reference to such company or its subsidiaries.

AMEREN CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ Martin J. Lyons, Jr. Name: Martin J. Lyons, Jr.

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY (Registrant)

By: /s/ Richard J. Mark Name: Richard J. Mark

Title: Chairman and President

Date: January 23, 2015