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Customers will receive electricity at the lowest possible market price in a competitive energy market.

As with other everyday goods and services, customers can choose to save money on electricity. We shouldn't change a law that works.

- **Illinois residential customers have saved more than \$3.7 billion on their electric bills since 1997.**

According to the 2005 Illinois Commerce Commission Report to the General Assembly, since the passage of the Electric Service Customer Choice Rate Relief Law of 1997, the six largest electric utilities in Illinois have been operating on reduced rates that have allowed residential customers to save nearly \$4 billion. The only way for customers to save money on energy costs is to let them choose their electric supplier based on price — something only available through competition.

- **Since implementation of the Electric Service Customer Choice Rate Relief Law of 1997, nearly 100,000 customers have switched delivery services.**

According to the most recent utility reports to the Illinois Commerce Commission, more than 98,000 Illinois electricity customers have taken advantage of their ability to choose their energy provider and switched utility companies — proof that these customers prefer a competitive energy marketplace and enjoy the cost benefits it represents.

- **Revenue loss comes with the territory for utility companies in competitive market.**

Electric industry restructuring has bred a competitive market and customer choice, in which companies must lower their prices in order to compete for their share to serve the more than 5 million electric customers in Illinois. As a result, utility companies have seen nearly \$3.5 billion in collective revenue wiped out since the state implemented restructuring in 1997, according to ICC reports.

- **Since 1997, residential customers in Illinois have saved an annual average of 8 percent in base rate reductions from the state's six largest utilities.**

Illinois utility companies reported millions in increased savings for their customers from 1998 to 2004, according to a 2005 report filed by the ICC to the General Assembly. Restructuring has provided reliable energy at affordable prices to electric customers for the last nine years and will continue to do so if left uninterrupted.

Thanks to the Electric Service Customer Choice Rate Relief Law of 1997, Illinois electricity customers are saving money. As restructuring moves forward, competition will continue to ensure that consumers receive reliable electricity at the lowest possible prices.