



1 production of electric power shall include the amount of any  
2 fees paid by the utility for the implementation and operation  
3 of a process for the desulfurization of the flue gas when  
4 burning high sulfur coal at any location within the State of  
5 Illinois irrespective of the attainment status designation of  
6 such location; but shall not include transportation costs of  
7 coal (i) except to the extent that for contracts entered into  
8 on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
9 1997, the cost of the coal, including transportation costs,  
10 constitutes the lowest cost for adequate and reliable fuel  
11 supply reasonably available to the public utility in  
12 comparison to the cost, including transportation costs, of  
13 other adequate and reliable sources of fuel supply reasonably  
14 available to the public utility, or (ii) except as otherwise  
15 provided in the next 3 sentences of this paragraph. Such  
16 costs of fuel shall, when requested by a utility or at the  
17 conclusion of the utility's next general electric rate  
18 proceeding, whichever shall first occur, include  
19 transportation costs of coal purchased under existing coal  
20 purchase contracts. For purposes of this paragraph "existing  
21 coal purchase contracts" means contracts for the purchase of  
22 coal in effect on the effective date of this amendatory Act  
23 of 1991, as such contracts may thereafter be amended, but  
24 only to the extent that any such amendment does not increase  
25 the aggregate quantity of coal to be purchased under such  
26 contract. Nothing herein shall authorize an electric utility  
27 to recover through its fuel adjustment clause any amounts of  
28 transportation costs of coal that were included in the  
29 revenue requirement used to set base rates in its most recent  
30 general rate proceeding. Cost shall be based upon uniformly  
31 applied accounting principles. Annually, the Commission shall  
32 initiate public hearings to determine whether the clauses  
33 reflect actual costs of fuel, gas, power, or coal  
34 transportation purchased to determine whether such purchases

1 were prudent, and to reconcile any amounts collected with the  
2 actual costs of fuel, power, gas, or coal transportation  
3 prudently purchased. In each such proceeding, the burden of  
4 proof shall be upon the utility to establish the prudence of  
5 its cost of fuel, power, gas, or coal transportation  
6 purchases and costs. The Commission shall issue its final  
7 order in each such annual proceeding for an electric utility  
8 by December 31 of the year immediately following the year to  
9 which the proceeding pertains, provided, that the Commission  
10 shall issue its final order with respect to such annual  
11 proceeding for the years 1996 and earlier by December 31,  
12 1998.

13 (b) A public utility providing electric service, other  
14 than a public utility described in subsections (e) or (f) of  
15 this Section, may at any time during the mandatory transition  
16 period file with the Commission proposed tariff sheets that  
17 eliminate the public utility's fuel adjustment clause and  
18 adjust the public utility's base rate tariffs by the amount  
19 necessary for the base fuel component of the base rates to  
20 recover the public utility's average fuel and power supply  
21 costs per kilowatt-hour for the 2 most recent years for which  
22 the Commission has issued final orders in annual proceedings  
23 pursuant to subsection (a), where the average fuel and power  
24 supply costs per kilowatt-hour shall be calculated as the sum  
25 of the public utility's prudent and allowable fuel and power  
26 supply costs as found by the Commission in the 2 proceedings  
27 divided by the public utility's actual jurisdictional  
28 kilowatt-hour sales for those 2 years. Notwithstanding any  
29 contrary or inconsistent provisions in Section 9-201 of this  
30 Act, in subsection (a) of this Section or in any rules or  
31 regulations promulgated by the Commission pursuant to  
32 subsection (g) of this Section, the Commission shall review  
33 and shall by order approve, or approve as modified, the  
34 proposed tariff sheets within 60 days after the date of the

1 public utility's filing. The Commission may modify the  
2 public utility's proposed tariff sheets only to the extent  
3 the Commission finds necessary to achieve conformance to the  
4 requirements of this subsection (b). During the 5 years  
5 following the date of the Commission's order, but in any  
6 event no earlier than January 1, 2007 2005, a public utility  
7 whose fuel adjustment clause has been eliminated pursuant to  
8 this subsection shall not file proposed tariff sheets  
9 seeking, or otherwise petition the Commission for,  
10 reinstatement of a fuel adjustment clause.

11 (c) Notwithstanding any contrary or inconsistent  
12 provisions in Section 9-201 of this Act, in subsection (a) of  
13 this Section or in any rules or regulations promulgated by  
14 the Commission pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section, a  
15 public utility providing electric service, other than a  
16 public utility described in subsection (e) or (f) of this  
17 Section, may at any time during the mandatory transition  
18 period file with the Commission proposed tariff sheets that  
19 establish the rate per kilowatt-hour to be applied pursuant  
20 to the public utility's fuel adjustment clause at the average  
21 value for such rate during the preceding 24 months, provided  
22 that such average rate results in a credit to customers'  
23 bills, without making any revisions to the public utility's  
24 base rate tariffs. The proposed tariff sheets shall  
25 establish the fuel adjustment rate for a specific time period  
26 of at least 3 years but not more than 5 years, provided that  
27 the terms and conditions for any reinstatement earlier than 5  
28 years shall be set forth in the proposed tariff sheets and  
29 subject to modification or approval by the Commission. The  
30 Commission shall review and shall by order approve the  
31 proposed tariff sheets if it finds that the requirements of  
32 this subsection are met. The Commission shall not conduct  
33 the annual hearings specified in the last 3 sentences of  
34 subsection (a) of this Section for the utility for the period

1 that the factor established pursuant to this subsection is in  
2 effect.

3 (d) A public utility providing electric service, or a  
4 public utility providing gas service may file with the  
5 Commission proposed tariff sheets that eliminate the public  
6 utility's fuel or purchased gas adjustment clause and adjust  
7 the public utility's base rate tariffs to provide for  
8 recovery of power supply costs or gas supply costs that would  
9 have been recovered through such clause; provided, that the  
10 provisions of this subsection (d) shall not be available to a  
11 public utility described in subsections (e) or (f) of this  
12 Section to eliminate its fuel adjustment clause.  
13 Notwithstanding any contrary or inconsistent provisions in  
14 Section 9-201 of this Act, in subsection (a) of this Section,  
15 or in any rules or regulations promulgated by the Commission  
16 pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section, the Commission  
17 shall review and shall by order approve, or approve as  
18 modified in the Commission's order, the proposed tariff  
19 sheets within 240 days after the date of the public utility's  
20 filing. The Commission's order shall approve rates and  
21 charges that the Commission, based on information in the  
22 public utility's filing or on the record if a hearing is held  
23 by the Commission, finds will recover the reasonable, prudent  
24 and necessary jurisdictional power supply costs or gas supply  
25 costs incurred or to be incurred by the public utility during  
26 a 12 month period found by the Commission to be appropriate  
27 for these purposes, provided, that such period shall be  
28 either (i) a 12 month historical period occurring during the  
29 15 months ending on the date of the public utility's filing,  
30 or (ii) a 12 month future period ending no later than 15  
31 months following the date of the public utility's filing.  
32 The public utility shall include with its tariff filing  
33 information showing both (1) its actual jurisdictional power  
34 supply costs or gas supply costs for a 12 month historical

1 period conforming to (i) above and (2) its projected  
2 jurisdictional power supply costs or gas supply costs for a  
3 future 12 month period conforming to (ii) above. If the  
4 Commission's order requires modifications in the tariff  
5 sheets filed by the public utility, the public utility shall  
6 have 7 days following the date of the order to notify the  
7 Commission whether the public utility will implement the  
8 modified tariffs or elect to continue its fuel or purchased  
9 gas adjustment clause in force as though no order had been  
10 entered. The Commission's order shall provide for any  
11 reconciliation of power supply costs or gas supply costs, as  
12 the case may be, and associated revenues through the date  
13 that the public utility's fuel or purchased gas adjustment  
14 clause is eliminated. During the 5 years following the date  
15 of the Commission's order, a public utility whose fuel or  
16 purchased gas adjustment clause has been eliminated pursuant  
17 to this subsection shall not file proposed tariff sheets  
18 seeking, or otherwise petition the Commission for,  
19 reinstatement or adoption of a fuel or purchased gas  
20 adjustment clause. Nothing in this subsection (d) shall be  
21 construed as limiting the Commission's authority to eliminate  
22 a public utility's fuel adjustment clause or purchased gas  
23 adjustment clause in accordance with any other applicable  
24 provisions of this Act.

25 (e) Notwithstanding any contrary or inconsistent  
26 provisions in Section 9-201 of this Act, in subsection (a)  
27 of this Section, or in any rules promulgated by the  
28 Commission pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section, a  
29 public utility providing electric service to more than  
30 1,000,000 customers in this State may, within the first 6  
31 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
32 1997, file with the Commission proposed tariff sheets that  
33 eliminate, effective January 1, 1997, the public utility's  
34 fuel adjustment clause without adjusting its base rates, and

1 such tariff sheets shall be effective upon filing. To the  
2 extent the application of the fuel adjustment clause had  
3 resulted in net charges to customers after January 1, 1997,  
4 the utility shall also file a tariff sheet that provides for  
5 a refund stated on a per kilowatt-hour basis of such charges  
6 over a period not to exceed 6 months; provided however, that  
7 such refund shall not include the proportional amounts of  
8 taxes paid under the Use Tax Act, Service Use Tax Act,  
9 Service Occupation Tax Act, and Retailers' Occupation Tax Act  
10 on fuel used in generation. The Commission shall issue an  
11 order within 45 days after the date of the public utility's  
12 filing approving or approving as modified such tariff sheet.  
13 If the fuel adjustment clause is eliminated pursuant to this  
14 subsection, the Commission shall not conduct the annual  
15 hearings specified in the last 3 sentences of subsection (a)  
16 of this Section for the utility for any period after  
17 December 31, 1996 and prior to any reinstatement of such  
18 clause. A public utility whose fuel adjustment clause has  
19 been eliminated pursuant to this subsection shall not file a  
20 proposed tariff sheet seeking, or otherwise petition the  
21 Commission for, reinstatement of the fuel adjustment clause  
22 prior to January 1, 2007 2005.

23 (f) Notwithstanding any contrary or inconsistent  
24 provisions in Section 9-201 of this Act, in subsection (a) of  
25 this Section, or in any rules or regulations promulgated by  
26 the Commission pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section, a  
27 public utility providing electric service to more than  
28 500,000 customers but fewer than 1,000,000 customers in this  
29 State may, within the first 6 months after the effective date  
30 of this amendatory Act of 1997, file with the Commission  
31 proposed tariff sheets that eliminate, effective January 1,  
32 1997, the public utility's fuel adjustment clause and adjust  
33 its base rates by the amount necessary for the base fuel  
34 component of the base rates to recover 91% of the public

1 utility's average fuel and power supply costs for the 2 most  
2 recent years for which the Commission, as of January 1, 1997,  
3 has issued final orders in annual proceedings pursuant to  
4 subsection (a), where the average fuel and power supply costs  
5 per kilowatt-hour shall be calculated as the sum of the  
6 public utility's prudent and allowable fuel and power supply  
7 costs as found by the Commission in the 2 proceedings divided  
8 by the public utility's actual jurisdictional kilowatt-hour  
9 sales for those 2 years, provided, that such tariff sheets  
10 shall be effective upon filing. To the extent the  
11 application of the fuel adjustment clause had resulted in net  
12 charges to customers after January 1, 1997, the utility shall  
13 also file a tariff sheet that provides for a refund stated on  
14 a per kilowatt-hour basis of such charges over a period not  
15 to exceed 6 months. Provided however, that such refund shall  
16 not include the proportional amounts of taxes paid under the  
17 Use Tax Act, Service Use Tax Act, Service Occupation Tax Act,  
18 and Retailers' Occupation Tax Act on fuel used in generation.  
19 The Commission shall issue an order within 45 days after the  
20 date of the public utility's filing approving or approving as  
21 modified such tariff sheet. If the fuel adjustment clause is  
22 eliminated pursuant to this subsection, the Commission shall  
23 not conduct the annual hearings specified in the last 3  
24 sentences of subsection (a) of this Section for the utility  
25 for any period after December 31, 1996 and prior to any  
26 reinstatement of such clause. A public utility whose fuel  
27 adjustment clause has been eliminated pursuant to this  
28 subsection shall not file a proposed tariff sheet seeking, or  
29 otherwise petition the Commission for, reinstatement of the  
30 fuel adjustment clause prior to January 1, 2007 2005.

31 (g) The Commission shall have authority to promulgate  
32 rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this  
33 Section.

34 (Source: P.A. 90-561, eff. 12-16-97.)



1 (220 ILCS 5/16-102)

2 Sec. 16-102. Definitions. For the purposes of this  
3 Article the following terms shall be defined as set forth in  
4 this Section.

5 "Alternative retail electric supplier" means every  
6 person, cooperative, corporation, municipal corporation,  
7 company, association, joint stock company or association,  
8 firm, partnership, individual, or other entity, their  
9 lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court  
10 whatsoever, that offers electric power or energy for sale,  
11 lease or in exchange for other value received to one or more  
12 retail customers, or that engages in the delivery or  
13 furnishing of electric power or energy to such retail  
14 customers, and shall include, without limitation, resellers,  
15 aggregators and power marketers, but shall not include (i)  
16 electric utilities (or any agent of the electric utility to  
17 the extent the electric utility provides tariffed services to  
18 retail customers through that agent), (ii) any electric  
19 cooperative or municipal system as defined in Section 17-100  
20 to the extent that the electric cooperative or municipal  
21 system is serving retail customers within any area in which  
22 it is or would be entitled to provide service under the law  
23 in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this  
24 amendatory Act of 1997, (iii) a public utility that is owned  
25 and operated by any public institution of higher education of  
26 this State, or a public utility that is owned by such public  
27 institution of higher education and operated by any of its  
28 lessees or operating agents, within any area in which it is  
29 or would be entitled to provide service under the law in  
30 effect immediately prior to the effective date of this  
31 amendatory Act of 1997, (iv) a retail customer to the extent  
32 that customer obtains its electric power and energy from that  
33 customer's own cogeneration or self-generation facilities,  
34 (v) an entity that owns, operates, sells, or arranges for the

1 installation of a customer's own cogeneration or  
2 self-generation facilities, but only to the extent the entity  
3 is engaged in owning, selling or arranging for the  
4 installation of such facility, or operating the facility on  
5 behalf of such customer, provided however that any such third  
6 party owner or operator of a facility built after January 1,  
7 1999, complies with the labor provisions of Section 16-128(a)  
8 as though such third party were an alternative retail  
9 electric supplier, or (vi) an industrial or manufacturing  
10 customer that owns its own distribution facilities, to the  
11 extent that the customer provides service from that  
12 distribution system to a third-party contractor located on  
13 the customer's premises that is integrally and predominantly  
14 engaged in the customer's industrial or manufacturing  
15 process; provided, that if the industrial or manufacturing  
16 customer has elected delivery services, the customer shall  
17 pay transition charges applicable to the electric power and  
18 energy consumed by the third-party contractor unless such  
19 charges are otherwise paid by the third party contractor,  
20 which shall be calculated based on the usage of, and the base  
21 rates or the contract rates applicable to, the third-party  
22 contractor in accordance with Section 16-102.

23 "Base rates" means the rates for those tariffed services  
24 that the electric utility is required to offer pursuant to  
25 subsection (a) of Section 16-103 and that were identified in  
26 a rate order for collection of the electric utility's base  
27 rate revenue requirement, excluding (i) separate automatic  
28 rate adjustment riders then in effect, (ii) special or  
29 negotiated contract rates, (iii) delivery services tariffs  
30 filed pursuant to Section 16-108, (iv) real-time pricing, or  
31 (v) tariffs that were in effect prior to October 1, 1996 and  
32 that based charges for services on an index or average of  
33 other utilities' charges, but including (vi) any subsequent  
34 redesign of such rates for tariffed services that is

1 authorized by the Commission after notice and hearing.

2 "Competitive service" includes (i) any service that has  
3 been declared to be competitive pursuant to Section 16-113 of  
4 this Act, (ii) contract service, and (iii) services, other  
5 than tariffed services, that are related to, but not  
6 necessary for, the provision of electric power and energy or  
7 delivery services.

8 "Contract service" means (1) services, including the  
9 provision of electric power and energy or other services,  
10 that are provided by mutual agreement between an electric  
11 utility and a retail customer that is located in the electric  
12 utility's service area, provided that, delivery services  
13 shall not be a contract service until such services are  
14 declared competitive pursuant to Section 16-113; and also  
15 means (2) the provision of electric power and energy by an  
16 electric utility to retail customers outside the electric  
17 utility's service area pursuant to Section 16-116. Provided,  
18 however, contract service does not include electric utility  
19 services provided pursuant to (i) contracts that retail  
20 customers are required to execute as a condition of receiving  
21 tariffed services, or (ii) special or negotiated rate  
22 contracts for electric utility services that were entered  
23 into between an electric utility and a retail customer prior  
24 to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 and  
25 filed with the Commission.

26 "Delivery services" means those services provided by the  
27 electric utility that are necessary in order for the  
28 transmission and distribution systems to function so that  
29 retail customers located in the electric utility's service  
30 area can receive electric power and energy from suppliers  
31 other than the electric utility, and shall include, without  
32 limitation, standard metering and billing services.

33 "Electric utility" means a public utility, as defined in  
34 Section 3-105 of this Act, that has a franchise, license,

1 permit or right to furnish or sell electricity to retail  
2 customers within a service area.

3 "Mandatory transition period" means the period from the  
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 through January  
5 1, 2007 2005.

6 "Municipal system" shall have the meaning set forth in  
7 Section 17-100.

8 "Real-time pricing" means charges for delivered electric  
9 power and energy that vary on an hour-to-hour basis for  
10 nonresidential retail customers and that vary on a periodic  
11 basis during the day for residential retail customers.

12 "Retail customer" means a single entity using electric  
13 power or energy at a single premises and that (A) either (i)  
14 is receiving or is eligible to receive tariffed services from  
15 an electric utility, or (ii) that is served by a municipal  
16 system or electric cooperative within any area in which the  
17 municipal system or electric cooperative is or would be  
18 entitled to provide service under the law in effect  
19 immediately prior to the effective date of this amendatory  
20 Act of 1997, or (B) an entity which on the effective date of  
21 this Act was receiving electric service from a public utility  
22 and (i) was engaged in the practice of resale and  
23 redistribution of such electricity within a building prior to  
24 January 2, 1957, or (ii) was providing lighting services to  
25 tenants in a multi-occupancy building, but only to the extent  
26 such resale, redistribution or lighting service is authorized  
27 by the electric utility's tariffs that were on file with the  
28 Commission on the effective date of this Act.

29 "Service area" means (i) the geographic area within which  
30 an electric utility was lawfully entitled to provide electric  
31 power and energy to retail customers as of the effective date  
32 of this amendatory Act of 1997, and includes (ii) the  
33 location of any retail customer to which the electric utility  
34 was lawfully providing electric utility services on such

1 effective date.

2 "Small commercial retail customer" means those  
3 nonresidential retail customers of an electric utility  
4 consuming 15,000 kilowatt-hours or less of electricity  
5 annually in its service area.

6 "Tariffed service" means services provided to retail  
7 customers by an electric utility as defined by its rates on  
8 file with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of  
9 Article IX of this Act, but shall not include competitive  
10 services.

11 "Transition charge" means a charge expressed in cents per  
12 kilowatt-hour that is calculated for a customer or class of  
13 customers as follows for each year in which an electric  
14 utility is entitled to recover transition charges as provided  
15 in Section 16-108:

16 (1) the amount of revenue that an electric utility  
17 would receive from the retail customer or customers if it  
18 were serving such customers' electric power and energy  
19 requirements as a tariffed service based on (A) all of  
20 the customers' actual usage during the 3 years ending 90  
21 days prior to the date on which such customers were first  
22 eligible for delivery services pursuant to Section  
23 16-104, and (B) on (i) the base rates in effect on  
24 October 1, 1996 (adjusted for the reductions required by  
25 subsection (b) of Section 16-111, for any reduction  
26 resulting from a rate decrease under Section 16-101(b),  
27 for any restatement of base rates made in conjunction  
28 with an elimination of the fuel adjustment clause  
29 pursuant to subsection (b), (d), or (f) of Section 9-220  
30 and for any removal of decommissioning costs from base  
31 rates pursuant to Section 16-114) and any separate  
32 automatic rate adjustment riders (other than a  
33 decommissioning rate as defined in Section 16-114) under  
34 which the customers were receiving or, had they been

1 customers, would have received electric power and energy  
2 from the electric utility during the year immediately  
3 preceding the date on which such customers were first  
4 eligible for delivery service pursuant to Section 16-104,  
5 or (ii) to the extent applicable, any contract rates,  
6 including contracts or rates for consolidated or  
7 aggregated billing, under which such customers were  
8 receiving electric power and energy from the electric  
9 utility during such year;

10 (2) less the amount of revenue, other than revenue  
11 from transition charges and decommissioning rates, that  
12 the electric utility would receive from such retail  
13 customers for delivery services provided by the electric  
14 utility, assuming such customers were taking delivery  
15 services for all of their usage, based on the delivery  
16 services tariffs in effect during the year for which the  
17 transition charge is being calculated and on the usage  
18 identified in paragraph (1);

19 (3) less the market value for the electric power  
20 and energy that the electric utility would have used to  
21 supply all of such customers' electric power and energy  
22 requirements, as a tariffed service, based on the usage  
23 identified in paragraph (1), with such market value  
24 determined in accordance with Section 16-112 of this Act;

25 (4) less the following amount which represents the  
26 amount to be attributed to new revenue sources and cost  
27 reductions by the electric utility through the end of the  
28 period for which transition costs are recovered pursuant  
29 to Section 16-108, referred to in this Article XVI as a  
30 "mitigation factor":

31 (A) for nonresidential retail customers, an  
32 amount equal to the greater of (i) 0.5 cents per  
33 kilowatt-hour during the period October 1, 1999  
34 through December 31, 2004, 0.6 cents per

1 kilowatt-hour in calendar year 2005, and 0.9 cents  
2 per kilowatt-hour in calendar year 2006, multiplied  
3 in each year by the usage identified in paragraph  
4 (1), or (ii) an amount equal to the following  
5 percentages of the amount produced by applying the  
6 applicable base rates (adjusted as described in  
7 subparagraph (1)(B)) or contract rate to the usage  
8 identified in paragraph (1): 8% for the period  
9 October 1, 1999 through December 31, 2002, 10% in  
10 calendar years 2003 and 2004, 11% in calendar year  
11 2005 and 12% in calendar year 2006; and

12 (B) for residential retail customers, an  
13 amount equal to the following percentages of the  
14 amount produced by applying the base rates in effect  
15 on October 1, 1996 (adjusted as described in  
16 subparagraph (1)(B)) to the usage identified in  
17 paragraph (1): (i) 6% from May 1, 2002 through  
18 December 31, 2002, (ii) 7% in calendar years 2003  
19 and 2004, (iii) 8% in calendar year 2005, and (iv)  
20 10% in calendar year 2006;

21 (5) divided by the usage of such customers  
22 identified in paragraph (1),  
23 provided that the transition charge shall never be less than  
24 zero.

25 "Unbundled service" means a component or constituent part  
26 of a tariffed service which the electric utility subsequently  
27 offers separately to its customers.

28 (Source: P.A. 90-561, eff. 12-16-97; 91-50, eff. 6-30-99.)

29 (220 ILCS 5/16-111)

30 Sec. 16-111. Rates and restructuring transactions during  
31 mandatory transition period.

32 (a) During the mandatory transition period,  
33 notwithstanding any provision of Article IX of this Act, and

1 except as provided in subsections (b), (d), (e), and (f) of  
2 this Section, the Commission shall not (i) initiate,  
3 authorize or order any change by way of increase (other than  
4 in connection with a request for rate increase which was  
5 filed after September 1, 1997 but prior to October 15, 1997,  
6 by an electric utility serving less than 12,500 customers in  
7 this State), (ii) initiate or, unless requested by the  
8 electric utility, authorize or order any change by way of  
9 decrease, restructuring or unbundling (except as provided in  
10 Section 16-109A), in the rates of any electric utility that  
11 were in effect on October 1, 1996, or (iii) in any order  
12 approving any application for a merger pursuant to Section  
13 7-204 that was pending as of May 16, 1997, impose any  
14 condition requiring any filing for an increase, decrease, or  
15 change in, or other review of, an electric utility's rates or  
16 enforce any such condition of any such order; provided,  
17 however, that this subsection shall not prohibit the  
18 Commission from:

19 (1) approving the application of an electric  
20 utility to implement an alternative to rate of return  
21 regulation or a regulatory mechanism that rewards or  
22 penalizes the electric utility through adjustment of  
23 rates based on utility performance, pursuant to Section  
24 9-244;

25 (2) authorizing an electric utility to eliminate  
26 its fuel adjustment clause and adjust its base rate  
27 tariffs in accordance with subsection (b), (d), or (f) of  
28 Section 9-220 of this Act, to fix its fuel adjustment  
29 factor in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 9-220  
30 of this Act, or to eliminate its fuel adjustment clause  
31 in accordance with subsection (e) of Section 9-220 of  
32 this Act;

33 (3) ordering into effect tariffs for delivery  
34 services and transition charges in accordance with



1 Sections 16-104 and 16-108, for real-time pricing in  
2 accordance with Section 16-107, or the options required  
3 by Section 16-110 and subsection (n) of 16-112, allowing  
4 a billing experiment in accordance with Section 16-106,  
5 or modifying delivery services tariffs in accordance with  
6 Section 16-109; or

7 (4) ordering or allowing into effect any tariff to  
8 recover charges pursuant to Sections 9-201.5, 9-220.1,  
9 9-221, 9-222 (except as provided in Section 9-222.1),  
10 16-108, and 16-114 of this Act, Section 5-5 of the  
11 Electricity Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Law, Section  
12 6-5 of the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Coal  
13 Resources Development Law of 1997, and Section 13 of the  
14 Energy Assistance Act of 1989.

15 After December 31, 2004, the provisions of this  
16 subsection (a) shall not apply to an electric utility whose  
17 average residential retail rate was less than or equal to 90%  
18 of the average residential retail rate for the "Midwest  
19 Utilities", as that term is defined in subsection (b) of this  
20 Section, based on data reported on Form 1 to the Federal  
21 Energy Regulatory Commission for calendar year 1995, and  
22 which served between 150,000 and 250,000 retail customers in  
23 this State on January 1, 1995 unless the electric utility or  
24 its holding company has been acquired by or merged with an  
25 affiliate of another electric utility subsequent to January  
26 1, 2002. This exemption shall be limited to this subsection  
27 (a) and shall not extend to any other provisions of this Act.

28 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a),  
29 each Illinois electric utility serving more than 12,500  
30 customers in Illinois shall file tariffs (i) reducing,  
31 effective August 1, 1998, each component of its base rates to  
32 residential retail customers by 15% from the base rates in  
33 effect immediately prior to January 1, 1998 and (ii) if the  
34 public utility provides electric service to (A) more than

1 500,000 customers but less than 1,000,000 customers in this  
2 State on January 1, 1999, reducing, effective May 1, 2002,  
3 each component of its base rates to residential retail  
4 customers by an additional 5% from the base rates in effect  
5 immediately prior to January 1, 1998, or (B) at least  
6 1,000,000 customers in this State on January 1, 1999,  
7 reducing, effective October 1, 2001, each component of its  
8 base rates to residential retail customers by an additional  
9 5% from the base rates in effect immediately prior to January  
10 1, 1998. Provided, however, that (A) if an electric utility's  
11 average residential retail rate is less than or equal to the  
12 average residential retail rate for a group of Midwest  
13 Utilities (consisting of all investor-owned electric  
14 utilities with annual system peaks in excess of 1000  
15 megawatts in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky,  
16 Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin), based on data  
17 reported on Form 1 to the Federal Energy Regulatory  
18 Commission for calendar year 1995, then it shall only be  
19 required to file tariffs (i) reducing, effective August 1,  
20 1998, each component of its base rates to residential retail  
21 customers by 5% from the base rates in effect immediately  
22 prior to January 1, 1998, (ii) reducing, effective October 1,  
23 2000, each component of its base rates to residential retail  
24 customers by the lesser of 5% of the base rates in effect  
25 immediately prior to January 1, 1998 or the percentage by  
26 which the electric utility's average residential retail rate  
27 exceeds the average residential retail rate of the Midwest  
28 Utilities, based on data reported on Form 1 to the Federal  
29 Energy Regulatory Commission for calendar year 1999, and  
30 (iii) reducing, effective October 1, 2002, each component of  
31 its base rates to residential retail customers by an  
32 additional amount equal to the lesser of 5% of the base rates  
33 in effect immediately prior to January 1, 1998 or the  
34 percentage by which the electric utility's average

1 residential retail rate exceeds the average residential  
2 retail rate of the Midwest Utilities, based on data reported  
3 on Form 1 to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for  
4 calendar year 2001; and (B) if the average residential retail  
5 rate of an electric utility serving between 150,000 and  
6 250,000 retail customers in this State on January 1, 1995 is  
7 less than or equal to 90% of the average residential retail  
8 rate for the Midwest Utilities, based on data reported on  
9 Form 1 to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for  
10 calendar year 1995, then it shall only be required to file  
11 tariffs (i) reducing, effective August 1, 1998, each  
12 component of its base rates to residential retail customers  
13 by 2% from the base rates in effect immediately prior to  
14 January 1, 1998; (ii) reducing, effective October 1, 2000,  
15 each component of its base rates to residential retail  
16 customers by 2% from the base rate in effect immediately  
17 prior to January 1, 1998; and (iii) reducing, effective  
18 October 1, 2002, each component of its base rates to  
19 residential retail customers by 1% from the base rates in  
20 effect immediately prior to January 1, 1998. Provided,  
21 further, that any electric utility for which a decrease in  
22 base rates has been or is placed into effect between October  
23 1, 1996 and the dates specified in the preceding sentences of  
24 this subsection, other than pursuant to the requirements of  
25 this subsection, shall be entitled to reduce the amount of  
26 any reduction or reductions in its base rates required by  
27 this subsection by the amount of such other decrease. The  
28 tariffs required under this subsection shall be filed 45 days  
29 in advance of the effective date. Notwithstanding anything to  
30 the contrary in Section 9-220 of this Act, no restatement of  
31 base rates in conjunction with the elimination of a fuel  
32 adjustment clause under that Section shall result in a lesser  
33 decrease in base rates than customers would otherwise receive  
34 under this subsection had the electric utility's fuel

1 adjustment clause not been eliminated.

2 (c) Any utility reducing its base rates by 15% on August  
3 1, 1998 pursuant to subsection (b) shall include the  
4 following statement on its bills for residential customers  
5 from August 1 through December 31, 1998: "Effective August 1,  
6 1998, your rates have been reduced by 15% by the Electric  
7 Service Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997 passed by  
8 the Illinois General Assembly.". Any utility reducing its  
9 base rates by 5% on August 1, 1998, pursuant to subsection  
10 (b) shall include the following statement on its bills for  
11 residential customers from August 1 through December 31,  
12 1998: "Effective August 1, 1998, your rates have been  
13 reduced by 5% by the Electric Service Customer Choice and  
14 Rate Relief Law of 1997 passed by the Illinois General  
15 Assembly.".

16 Any utility reducing its base rates by 2% on August 1,  
17 1998 pursuant to subsection (b) shall include the following  
18 statement on its bills for residential customers from August  
19 1 through December 31, 1998: "Effective August 1, 1998, your  
20 rates have been reduced by 2% by the Electric Service  
21 Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997 passed by the  
22 Illinois General Assembly.".

23 (d) During the mandatory transition period, but not  
24 before January 1, 2000, and notwithstanding the provisions  
25 of subsection (a), an electric utility may request an  
26 increase in its base rates if the electric utility  
27 demonstrates that the 2-year average of its earned rate of  
28 return on common equity, calculated as its net income  
29 applicable to common stock divided by the average of its  
30 beginning and ending balances of common equity using data  
31 reported in the electric utility's Form 1 report to the  
32 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission but adjusted to remove  
33 the effects of accelerated depreciation or amortization or  
34 other transition or mitigation measures implemented by the

1 electric utility pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section  
2 and the effect of any refund paid pursuant to subsection (e)  
3 of this Section, is below the 2-year average for the same 2  
4 years of the monthly average yields of 30-year U.S. Treasury  
5 bonds published by the Board of Governors of the Federal  
6 Reserve System in its weekly H.15 Statistical Release or  
7 successor publication. The Commission shall review the  
8 electric utility's request, and may review the justness and  
9 reasonableness of all rates for tariffed services, in  
10 accordance with the provisions of Article IX of this Act,  
11 provided that the Commission shall consider any special or  
12 negotiated adjustments to the revenue requirement agreed to  
13 between the electric utility and the other parties to the  
14 proceeding. In setting rates under this Section, the  
15 Commission shall exclude the costs and revenues that are  
16 associated with competitive services and any billing or  
17 pricing experiments conducted under Section 16-106.

18 (e) For the purposes of this subsection (e) all  
19 calculations and comparisons shall be performed for the  
20 Illinois operations of multijurisdictional utilities. During  
21 the mandatory transition period, notwithstanding the  
22 provisions of subsection (a), if the 2-year average of an  
23 electric utility's earned rate of return on common equity,  
24 calculated as its net income applicable to common stock  
25 divided by the average of its beginning and ending balances  
26 of common equity using data reported in the electric  
27 utility's Form 1 report to the Federal Energy Regulatory  
28 Commission but adjusted to remove the effect of any refund  
29 paid under this subsection (e), and further adjusted to  
30 include the annual amortization of any difference between the  
31 consideration received by an affiliated interest of the  
32 electric utility in the sale of an asset which had been sold  
33 or transferred by the electric utility to the affiliated  
34 interest subsequent to the effective date of this amendatory

1 Act of 1997 and the consideration for which such asset had  
2 been sold or transferred to the affiliated interest, with  
3 such difference to be amortized ratably from the date of the  
4 sale by the affiliated interest to December 31, 2006, exceeds  
5 the 2-year average of the Index for the same 2 years by 1.5  
6 or more percentage points, the electric utility shall make  
7 refunds to customers beginning the first billing day of April  
8 in the following year in the manner described in paragraph  
9 (3) of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection (e),  
10 the "Index" shall be the sum of (A) the average for the 12  
11 months ended September 30 of the monthly average yields of  
12 30-year U.S. Treasury bonds published by the Board of  
13 Governors of the Federal Reserve System in its weekly H.15  
14 Statistical Release or successor publication for each year  
15 1998 through 2006 ~~2004~~, and (B) (i) 4.00 percentage points  
16 for each of the 12-month periods ending September 30, 1998  
17 through September 30, 1999 or 8.00 percentage points if the  
18 electric utility's average residential retail rate is less  
19 than or equal to 90% of the average residential retail rate  
20 for the "Midwest Utilities", as that term is defined in  
21 subsection (b) of this Section, based on data reported on  
22 Form 1 to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for  
23 calendar year 1995, and the electric utility served between  
24 150,000 and 250,000 retail customers on January 1, 1995, (ii)  
25 7.00 percentage points for each of the 12-month periods  
26 ending September 30, 2000 through September 30, 2006 ~~2004~~ if  
27 the electric utility was providing service to at least  
28 1,000,000 customers in this State on January 1, 1999, or 9.00  
29 percentage points if the electric utility's average  
30 residential retail rate is less than or equal to 90% of the  
31 average residential retail rate for the "Midwest Utilities",  
32 as that term is defined in subsection (b) of this Section,  
33 based on data reported on Form 1 to the Federal Energy  
34 Regulatory Commission for calendar year 1995 and the electric

1 utility served between 150,000 and 250,000 retail customers  
2 in this State on January 1, 1995, (iii) 11.00 percentage  
3 points for each of the 12-month periods ending September 30,  
4 2000 through September 30, 2006 ~~2004~~, but only if the  
5 electric utility's average residential retail rate is less  
6 than or equal to 90% of the average residential retail rate  
7 for the "Midwest Utilities", as that term is defined in  
8 subsection (b) of this Section, based on data reported on  
9 Form 1 to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for  
10 calendar year 1995, the electric utility served between  
11 150,000 and 250,000 retail customers in this State on January  
12 1, 1995, and the electric utility offers delivery services on  
13 or before June 1, 2000 to retail customers whose annual  
14 electric energy use comprises 33% of the kilowatt hour sales  
15 to that group of retail customers that are classified under  
16 Division D, Groups 20 through 39 of the Standard Industrial  
17 Classifications set forth in the Standard Industrial  
18 Classification Manual published by the United States Office  
19 of Management and Budget, excluding the kilowatt hour sales  
20 to those customers that are eligible for delivery services  
21 pursuant to Section 16-104(a)(1)(i), and offers delivery  
22 services to its remaining retail customers classified under  
23 Division D, Groups 20 through 39 on or before October 1,  
24 2000, and, provided further, that the electric utility  
25 commits not to petition pursuant to Section 16-108(f) for  
26 entry of an order by the Commission authorizing the electric  
27 utility to implement transition charges for an additional  
28 period after December 31, 2006, or (iv) 5.00 percentage  
29 points for each of the 12-month periods ending September 30,  
30 2000 through September 30, 2006 ~~2004~~ for all other electric  
31 utilities or 7.00 percentage points for such utilities for  
32 each of the 12-month periods ending September 30, 2000  
33 through September 30, 2006 ~~2004~~ for any such utility that  
34 commits not to petition pursuant to Section 16-108(f) for

1 entry of an order by the Commission authorizing the electric  
 2 utility to implement transition charges for an additional  
 3 period after December 31, 2006 or 11.00 percentage points for  
 4 each of the 12-month periods ending September 30, 2005 and  
 5 September 30, 2006 for each electric utility providing  
 6 service to fewer than 6,500, or between 75,000 and 150,000,  
 7 electric retail customers in this State on January 1, 1995 if  
 8 such utility commits not to petition pursuant to Section  
 9 16-108(f) for entry of an order by the Commission authorizing  
 10 the electric utility to implement transition charges for an  
 11 additional period after December 31, 2006.

12 (1) For purposes of this subsection (e), "excess  
 13 earnings" means the difference between (A) the 2-year  
 14 average of the electric utility's earned rate of return  
 15 on common equity, less (B) the 2-year average of the sum  
 16 of (i) the Index applicable to each of the 2 years and  
 17 (ii) 1.5 percentage points; provided, that "excess  
 18 earnings" shall never be less than zero.

19 (2) On or before March 31 of each year 2000 through  
 20 2007 2005 each electric utility shall file a report with  
 21 the Commission showing its earned rate of return on  
 22 common equity, calculated in accordance with this  
 23 subsection, for the preceding calendar year and the  
 24 average for the preceding 2 calendar years.

25 (3) If an electric utility has excess earnings,  
 26 determined in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) of  
 27 this subsection, the refunds which the electric utility  
 28 shall pay to its customers beginning the first billing  
 29 day of April in the following year shall be calculated  
 30 and applied as follows:

31 (i) The electric utility's excess earnings  
 32 shall be multiplied by the average of the beginning  
 33 and ending balances of the electric utility's common  
 34 equity for the 2-year period in which excess



1 earnings occurred.

2 (ii) The result of the calculation in (i)  
3 shall be multiplied by 0.50 and then divided by a  
4 number equal to 1 minus the electric utility's  
5 composite federal and State income tax rate.

6 (iii) The result of the calculation in (ii)  
7 shall be divided by the sum of the electric  
8 utility's projected total kilowatt-hour sales to  
9 retail customers plus projected kilowatt-hours to be  
10 delivered to delivery services customers over a one  
11 year period beginning with the first billing date in  
12 April in the succeeding year to determine a cents  
13 per kilowatt-hour refund factor.

14 (iv) The cents per kilowatt-hour refund factor  
15 calculated in (iii) shall be credited to the  
16 electric utility's customers by applying the factor  
17 on the customer's monthly bills to each  
18 kilowatt-hour sold or delivered until the total  
19 amount calculated in (ii) has been paid to  
20 customers.

21 (f) During the mandatory transition period, an electric  
22 utility may file revised tariffs reducing the price of any  
23 tariffed service offered by the electric utility for all  
24 customers taking that tariffed service, which shall be  
25 effective 7 days after filing.

26 (g) During the mandatory transition period, an electric  
27 utility may, without obtaining any approval of the Commission  
28 other than that provided for in this subsection and  
29 notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any rule  
30 or regulation of the Commission that would require such  
31 approval:

32 (1) implement a reorganization, other than a merger  
33 of 2 or more public utilities as defined in Section 3-105  
34 or their holding companies;

- 1           (2) retire generating plants from service;
- 2           (3) sell, assign, lease or otherwise transfer
- 3 assets to an affiliated or unaffiliated entity and as
- 4 part of such transaction enter into service agreements,
- 5 power purchase agreements, or other agreements with the
- 6 transferee; provided, however, that the prices, terms and
- 7 conditions of any power purchase agreement must be
- 8 approved or allowed into effect by the Federal Energy
- 9 Regulatory Commission; or
- 10          (4) use any accelerated cost recovery method
- 11 including accelerated depreciation, accelerated
- 12 amortization or other capital recovery methods, or record
- 13 reductions to the original cost of its assets.

14          In order to implement a reorganization, retire generating  
15 plants from service, or sell, assign, lease or otherwise  
16 transfer assets pursuant to this Section, the electric  
17 utility shall comply with subsections (c) and (d) of Section  
18 16-128, if applicable, and subsection (k) of this Section, if  
19 applicable, and provide the Commission with at least 30 days  
20 notice of the proposed reorganization or transaction, which  
21 notice shall include the following information:

- 22           (i) a complete statement of the entries that
- 23 the electric utility will make on its books and
- 24 records of account to implement the proposed
- 25 reorganization or transaction together with a
- 26 certification from an independent certified public
- 27 accountant that such entries are in accord with
- 28 generally accepted accounting principles and, if the
- 29 Commission has previously approved guidelines for
- 30 cost allocations between the utility and its
- 31 affiliates, a certification from the chief
- 32 accounting officer of the utility that such entries
- 33 are in accord with those cost allocation guidelines;
- 34           (ii) a description of how the electric utility

1 will use proceeds of any sale, assignment, lease or  
2 transfer to retire debt or otherwise reduce or  
3 recover the costs of services provided by such  
4 electric utility;

5 (iii) a list of all federal approvals or  
6 approvals required from departments and agencies of  
7 this State, other than the Commission, that the  
8 electric utility has or will obtain before  
9 implementing the reorganization or transaction;

10 (iv) an irrevocable commitment by the electric  
11 utility that it will not, as a result of the  
12 transaction, impose any stranded cost charges that  
13 it might otherwise be allowed to charge retail  
14 customers under federal law or increase the  
15 transition charges that it is otherwise entitled to  
16 collect under this Article XVI; and

17 (v) if the electric utility proposes to sell,  
18 assign, lease or otherwise transfer a generating  
19 plant that brings the amount of net dependable  
20 generating capacity transferred pursuant to this  
21 subsection to an amount equal to or greater than 15%  
22 of the electric utility's net dependable capacity as  
23 of the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
24 1997, and enters into a power purchase agreement  
25 with the entity to which such generating plant is  
26 sold, assigned, leased, or otherwise transferred,  
27 the electric utility also agrees, if its fuel  
28 adjustment clause has not already been eliminated,  
29 to eliminate its fuel adjustment clause in  
30 accordance with subsection (b) of Section 9-220 for  
31 a period of time equal to the length of any such  
32 power purchase agreement or successor agreement, or  
33 until January 1, 2005, whichever is longer; if the  
34 capacity of the generating plant so transferred and

1 related power purchase agreement does not result in  
2 the elimination of the fuel adjustment clause under  
3 this subsection, and the fuel adjustment clause has  
4 not already been eliminated, the electric utility  
5 shall agree that the costs associated with the  
6 transferred plant that are included in the  
7 calculation of the rate per kilowatt-hour to be  
8 applied pursuant to the electric utility's fuel  
9 adjustment clause during such period shall not  
10 exceed the per kilowatt-hour cost associated with  
11 such generating plant included in the electric  
12 utility's fuel adjustment clause during the full  
13 calendar year preceding the transfer, with such  
14 limit to be adjusted each year thereafter by the  
15 Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator.

16 (vi) In addition, if the electric utility  
17 proposes to sell, assign, or lease, (A) either (1)  
18 an amount of generating plant that brings the amount  
19 of net dependable generating capacity transferred  
20 pursuant to this subsection to an amount equal to or  
21 greater than 15% of its net dependable capacity on  
22 the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997,  
23 or (2) one or more generating plants with a total  
24 net dependable capacity of 1100 megawatts, or (B)  
25 transmission and distribution facilities that either  
26 (1) bring the amount of transmission and  
27 distribution facilities transferred pursuant to this  
28 subsection to an amount equal to or greater than 15%  
29 of the electric utility's total depreciated original  
30 cost investment in such facilities, or (2) represent  
31 an investment of \$25,000,000 in terms of total  
32 depreciated original cost, the electric utility  
33 shall provide, in addition to the information listed  
34 in subparagraphs (i) through (v), the following

1 information: (A) a description of how the electric  
2 utility will meet its service obligations under this  
3 Act in a safe and reliable manner and (B) the  
4 electric utility's projected earned rate of return  
5 on common equity, calculated in accordance with  
6 subsection (d) of this Section, for each year from  
7 the date of the notice through December 31, 2006  
8 2004 both with and without the proposed transaction.  
9 If the Commission has not issued an order initiating  
10 a hearing on the proposed transaction within 30 days  
11 after the date the electric utility's notice is  
12 filed, the transaction shall be deemed approved.  
13 The Commission may, after notice and hearing,  
14 prohibit the proposed transaction if it makes either  
15 or both of the following findings: (1) that the  
16 proposed transaction will render the electric  
17 utility unable to provide its tariffed services in a  
18 safe and reliable manner, or (2) that there is a  
19 strong likelihood that consummation of the proposed  
20 transaction will result in the electric utility  
21 being entitled to request an increase in its base  
22 rates during the mandatory transition period  
23 pursuant to subsection (d) of this Section. Any  
24 hearing initiated by the Commission into the  
25 proposed transaction shall be completed, and the  
26 Commission's final order approving or prohibiting  
27 the proposed transaction shall be entered, within 90  
28 days after the date the electric utility's notice  
29 was filed. Provided, however, that a sale,  
30 assignment, or lease of transmission facilities to  
31 an independent system operator that meets the  
32 requirements of Section 16-126 shall not be subject  
33 to Commission approval under this Section.

34 In any proceeding conducted by the Commission

1           pursuant to this subparagraph (vi), intervention  
2           shall be limited to parties with a direct interest  
3           in the transaction which is the subject of the  
4           hearing and any statutory consumer protection agency  
5           as defined in subsection (d) of Section 9-102.1.  
6           Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10-113 of  
7           this Act, any application seeking rehearing of an  
8           order issued under this subparagraph (vi), whether  
9           filed by the electric utility or by an intervening  
10          party, shall be filed within 10 days after service  
11          of the order.

12          The Commission shall not in any subsequent proceeding or  
13          otherwise, review such a reorganization or other transaction  
14          authorized by this Section, but shall retain the authority to  
15          allocate costs as stated in Section 16-111(i). An entity to  
16          which an electric utility sells, assigns, leases or transfers  
17          assets pursuant to this subsection (g) shall not, as a result  
18          of the transactions specified in this subsection (g), be  
19          deemed a public utility as defined in Section 3-105. Nothing  
20          in this subsection (g) shall change any requirement under the  
21          jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety  
22          including, but not limited to, the payment of fees. Nothing  
23          in this subsection (g) shall exempt a utility from obtaining  
24          a certificate pursuant to Section 8-406 of this Act for the  
25          construction of a new electric generating facility. Nothing  
26          in this subsection (g) is intended to exempt the transactions  
27          hereunder from the operation of the federal or State  
28          antitrust laws. Nothing in this subsection (g) shall require  
29          an electric utility to use the procedures specified in this  
30          subsection for any of the transactions specified herein. Any  
31          other procedure available under this Act may, at the electric  
32          utility's election, be used for any such transaction.

33          (h) During the mandatory transition period, the  
34          Commission shall not establish or use any rates of

1 depreciation, which for purposes of this subsection shall  
2 include amortization, for any electric utility other than  
3 those established pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-104  
4 of this Act or utilized pursuant to subsection (g) of this  
5 Section. Provided, however, that in any proceeding to review  
6 an electric utility's rates for tariffed services pursuant to  
7 Section 9-201, 9-202, 9-250 or 16-111(d) of this Act, the  
8 Commission may establish new rates of depreciation for the  
9 electric utility in the same manner provided in subsection  
10 (d) of Section 5-104 of this Act. An electric utility  
11 implementing an accelerated cost recovery method including  
12 accelerated depreciation, accelerated amortization or other  
13 capital recovery methods, or recording reductions to the  
14 original cost of its assets, pursuant to subsection (g) of  
15 this Section, shall file a statement with the Commission  
16 describing the accelerated cost recovery method to be  
17 implemented or the reduction in the original cost of its  
18 assets to be recorded. Upon the filing of such statement,  
19 the accelerated cost recovery method or the reduction in the  
20 original cost of assets shall be deemed to be approved by the  
21 Commission as though an order had been entered by the  
22 Commission.

23 (i) Subsequent to the mandatory transition period, the  
24 Commission, in any proceeding to establish rates and charges  
25 for tariffed services offered by an electric utility, shall  
26 consider only (1) the then current or projected revenues,  
27 costs, investments and cost of capital directly or indirectly  
28 associated with the provision of such tariffed services; (2)  
29 collection of transition charges in accordance with Sections  
30 16-102 and 16-108 of this Act; (3) recovery of any employee  
31 transition costs as described in Section 16-128 which the  
32 electric utility is continuing to incur, including recovery  
33 of any unamortized portion of such costs previously incurred  
34 or committed, with such costs to be equitably allocated among

1 bundled services, delivery services, and contracts with  
2 alternative retail electric suppliers; and (4) recovery of  
3 the costs associated with the electric utility's compliance  
4 with decommissioning funding requirements; and shall not  
5 consider any other revenues, costs, investments or cost of  
6 capital of either the electric utility or of any affiliate of  
7 the electric utility that are not associated with the  
8 provision of tariffed services. In setting rates for  
9 tariffed services, the Commission shall equitably allocate  
10 joint and common costs and investments between the electric  
11 utility's competitive and tariffed services. In determining  
12 the justness and reasonableness of the electric power and  
13 energy component of an electric utility's rates for tariffed  
14 services subsequent to the mandatory transition period and  
15 prior to the time that the provision of such electric power  
16 and energy is declared competitive, the Commission shall  
17 consider the extent to which the electric utility's tariffed  
18 rates for such component for each customer class exceed the  
19 market value determined pursuant to Section 16-112, and, if  
20 the electric power and energy component of such tariffed rate  
21 exceeds the market value by more than 10% for any customer  
22 class, may establish such electric power and energy component  
23 at a rate equal to the market value plus 10%. In any such  
24 case, the Commission may also elect to extend the provisions  
25 of Section 16-111(e) for any period in which the electric  
26 utility is collecting transition charges, using information  
27 applicable to such period.

28 (j) During the mandatory transition period, an electric  
29 utility may elect to transfer to a non-operating income  
30 account under the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts  
31 either or both of (i) an amount of unamortized investment tax  
32 credit that is in addition to the ratable amount which is  
33 credited to the electric utility's operating income account  
34 for the year in accordance with Section 46(f)(2) of the



1 federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect prior to  
2 P.L. 101-508, or (ii) "excess tax reserves", as that term is  
3 defined in Section 203(e)(2)(A) of the federal Tax Reform Act  
4 of 1986, provided that (A) the amount transferred may not  
5 exceed the amount of the electric utility's assets that were  
6 created pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting  
7 Standards No. 71 which the electric utility has written off  
8 during the mandatory transition period, and (B) the transfer  
9 shall not be effective until approved by the Internal Revenue  
10 Service. An electric utility electing to make such a  
11 transfer shall file a statement with the Commission stating  
12 the amount and timing of the transfer for which it intends to  
13 request approval of the Internal Revenue Service, along with  
14 a copy of its proposed request to the Internal Revenue  
15 Service for a ruling. The Commission shall issue an order  
16 within 14 days after the electric utility's filing approving,  
17 subject to receipt of approval from the Internal Revenue  
18 Service, the proposed transfer.

19 (k) If an electric utility is selling or transferring to  
20 a single buyer 5 or more generating plants located in this  
21 State with a total net dependable capacity of 5000 megawatts  
22 or more pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section and has  
23 obtained a sale price or consideration that exceeds 200% of  
24 the book value of such plants, the electric utility must  
25 provide to the Governor, the President of the Illinois  
26 Senate, the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, the  
27 Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the  
28 Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives no  
29 later than 15 days after filing its notice under subsection  
30 (g) of this Section or 5 days after the date on which this  
31 subsection (k) becomes law, whichever is later, a written  
32 commitment in which such electric utility agrees to expend \$2  
33 billion outside the corporate limits of any municipality with  
34 1,000,000 or more inhabitants within such electric utility's

1 service area, over a 6-year period beginning with the  
 2 calendar year in which the notice is filed, on projects,  
 3 programs, and improvements within its service area relating  
 4 to transmission and distribution including, without  
 5 limitation, infrastructure expansion, repair and replacement,  
 6 capital investments, operations and maintenance, and  
 7 vegetation management.

8 (Source: P.A. 90-561, eff. 12-16-97; 90-563, eff. 12-16-97;  
 9 91-50, eff. 6-30-99.)

10 (220 ILCS 5/16-111.3 new)

11 Sec. 16-111.3. Transition period earnings calculations.  
 12 At such time as the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve  
 13 System ceases to include the monthly average yields of  
 14 30-year U.S. Treasury bonds in its weekly H.15 Statistical  
 15 Release or successor publication, the Monthly Treasury  
 16 Long-Term Average Rates (25 years and above) published by the  
 17 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in its  
 18 weekly H.15 Statistical Release or successor publication  
 19 shall instead be used to establish a rate for the purpose of  
 20 calculating the Index defined in subsection (e) of Section  
 21 16-111 of this Act, and at such time, such Monthly Treasury  
 22 Long-Term Average Rates (25 years and above) shall also be  
 23 used in place of the monthly average yields of 30-year U.S.  
 24 Treasury bonds in the rate of return calculation required by  
 25 subsection (d) of Section 16-111. An electric utility shall  
 26 also remove the effects, if any, of any impairment due to the  
 27 application of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards  
 28 No. 142, which was issued in June 2001, when making the  
 29 calculations required by this Section or by subsections (d)  
 30 and (e) of Section 16-111.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
 32 becoming law."