

Government Support Portal – Those municipal, township, or county authorities who are aggregators, actively bill a municipal utility tax, or are considering a municipal utility tax can use this self-service web portal to obtain jurisdictional premises information and load data. In addition, State Government authorities whose responsibility includes reporting eligible State tax exemptions and/or verifying the status of customers currently listed with Gas Energy Efficiency Rider (GER) exemptions are able to access this web program to electronically notify effective and termination dates of the applicable exemption(s). Ameren Illinois calls these groups Government Entities (GE).

The five levels of access built into the web portal are described below:

- 1. <u>Government Site Administrator</u> This is a state, municipal, township, or county employee who completes and maintains registration and has <u>full</u> access to the portal. It is the Government Administrator's responsibility to set up additional program administrators, program non-administrator users, and program view only users for access to reports provided by each program.
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- 3. <u>Program Non-Administrator / Consultant</u> This can be multiple employees, agents, or a consultant with the GE who has access to view the government dashboard and request, view, and maintain reports.
- 4. **Program View Only** This can be multiple employees, agents, or a consultant with the GE who has access to view the government dashboard and view reports.
- 5. **No Program Level Role** This can be applied to any user with multiple service role access and will eliminate the ability for that user to view/edit anything within that selected service.



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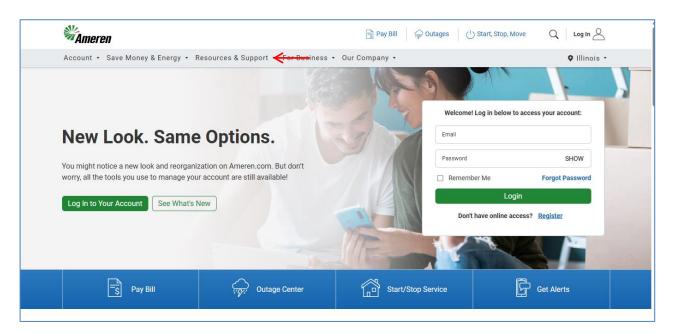
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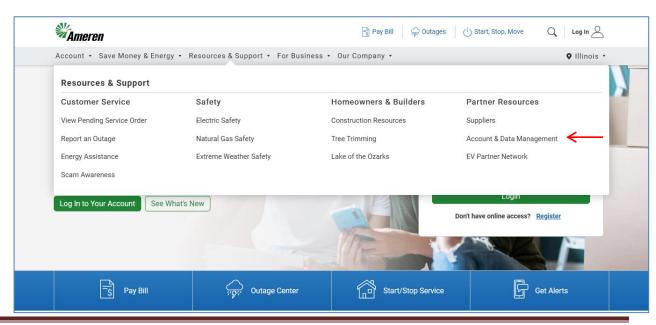
Government Support Portal

To gain access to the Government Support Portal

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- Select "Resources & Support"

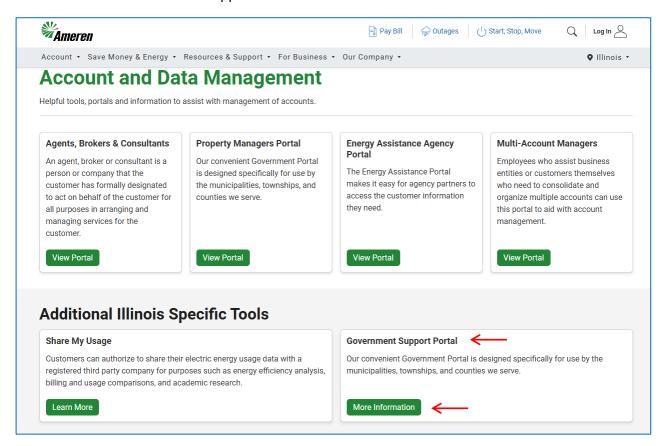


• Select "Account & Data Management"



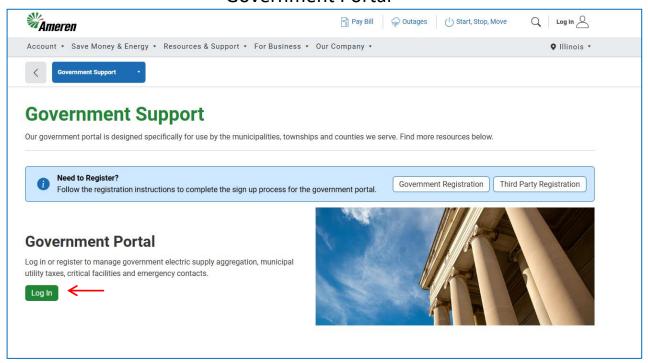


• Go down to Government Support Portal and select "More Information".

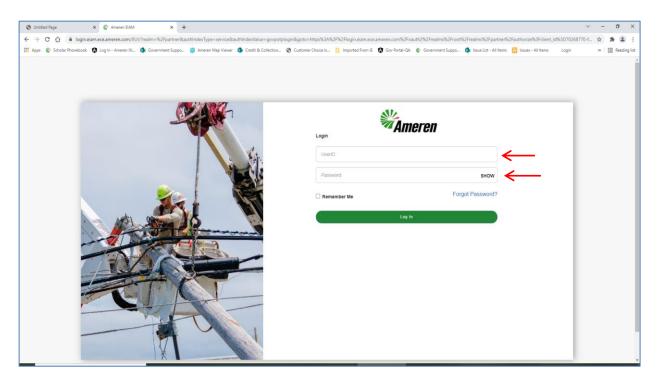


• Either select the Login (shown below with a red arrow) or the Government Registration.





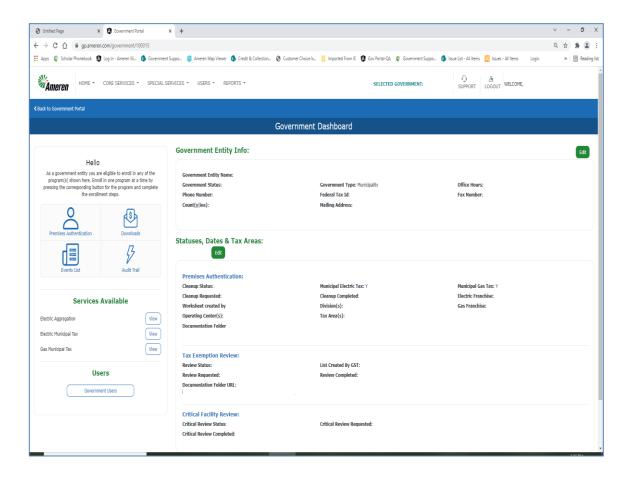
Enter your email address used during registration and the temporary password that was sent to you after registration and follow the prompts.





Government Dashboard

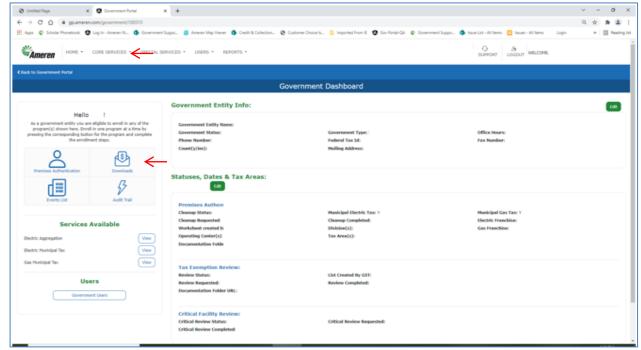
"Government Dashboard", contains GE specific data that can be edited by the Government Site Administrator and where services are accessed or added. This window will list all services available based on the Government Type selected during initial registration.





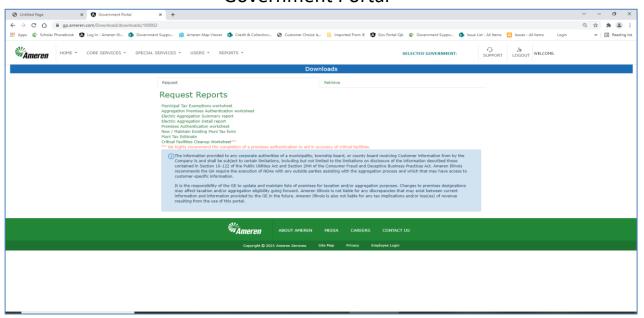
Downloads

To access select either the "Downloads" from the quick side menu <u>or</u> the "Downloads" option under the Core Services menu, at the top of the page.



To request a new report please make sure you are on the "Request" sub-window and then click the appropriate report name. If reports were previously requested you will need to select "Retrieve". If a Government Entity is registered for multiple programs, reports provided are dependent on the access rights of the user logged in. In the example below, the Government Administrator is logged in therefore all service reports are listed.





<u>Municipalities</u> will not have the ability to request a Muni Tax Estimate or New/Maintain Existing Muni Tax form until premises authentication is complete.

<u>Townships</u> will not have the ability to request a preliminary Summary report or Detail report until premises authentication is complete.

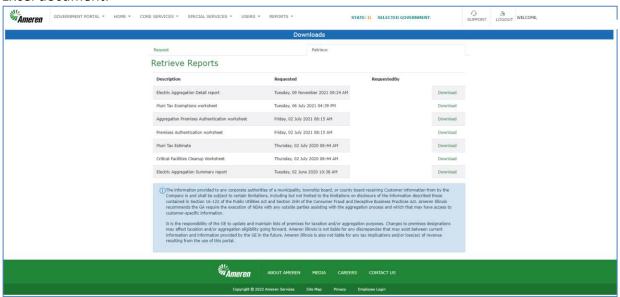
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- New / Maintain Existing Muni Tax This form is available after the completion of premises authentication and is for municipalities who are looking to implement or



modify an existing municipal utility tax. Once the form is completed you can either fax or mail it into Ameren Illinois' Tax Department.

The requested report will automatically move to the "Retrieve" window. If it doesn't then refresh your browser screen or go back to your Dashboard and back to the Downloads screen. To view the report(s), select the "Download" link. The report(s) can then get exported to an Excel document.

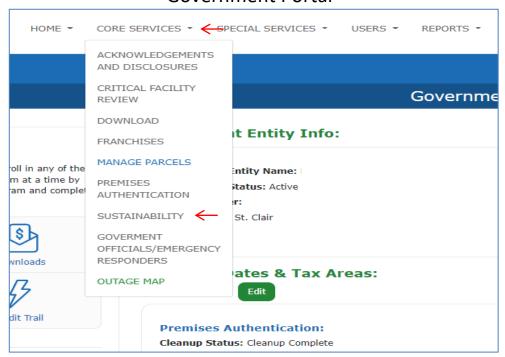


Sustainability

Sustainability Report – This report is for municipalities and counties only who inquire about the combined usage for their jurisdictional boundaries. The usage is grouped by Revenue Class, Service Type, and Service Class (AIC Rate). For accuracy of this report, Ameren Illinois strongly encourages you to complete a Premises Authentication prior to requesting a Sustainability Report.

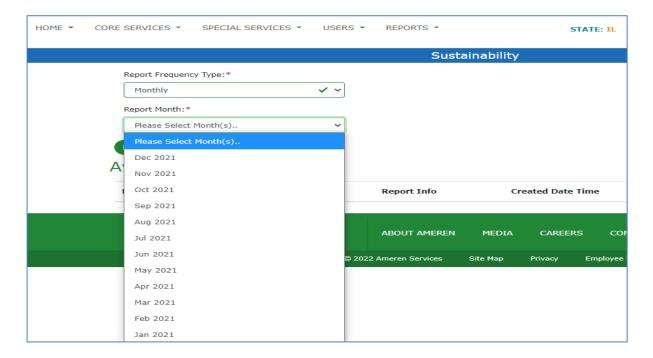
Select "Sustainability" from the Core Services menu.





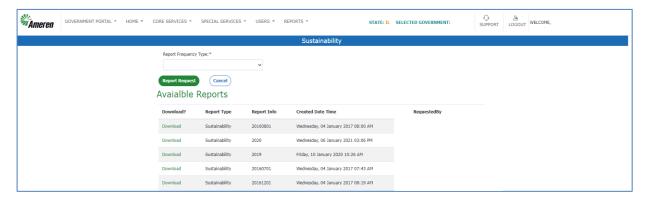
To obtain either an Annual or Monthly report, select the Report Frequency Type. Once the frequency is selected you will either need to pick a specific year or month and then select "Report Request". You will receive an email when it is time to log back into the Government Portal to download the report.

- Annual Report options The last three calendar years
- Monthly Report options The last 12 months (rolling calendar)

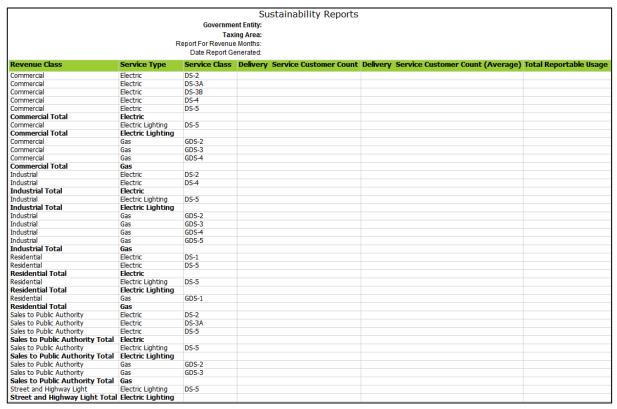




Once the email is received you will log back into the Government Portal and access the Sustainability screen. The reports available to download will display with a green "Download" link. Reports requested but not available will display "Pending" in red.



An example of the Sustainability Report is listed below.

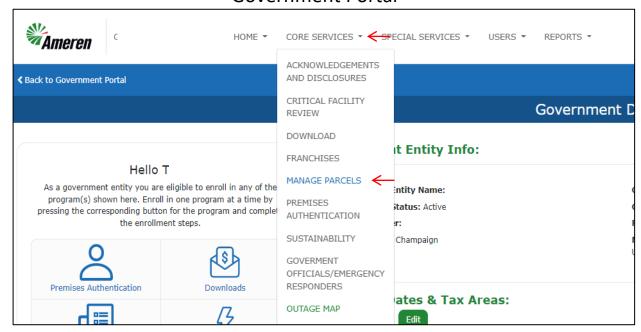


Manage Parcels

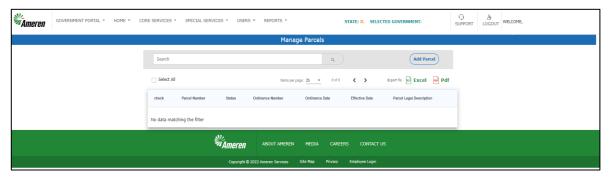
"Manage Parcels" is an easy way for Municipalities and Counties who have Annexed/De-Annexed a parcel of land or would like to associate a parcel to an Annexed premises with either a 911 address and/or actual premises address.

Select "Manage Parcels" from the Core Services menu.





To add a new parcel, select the blue "Add Parcel" link.

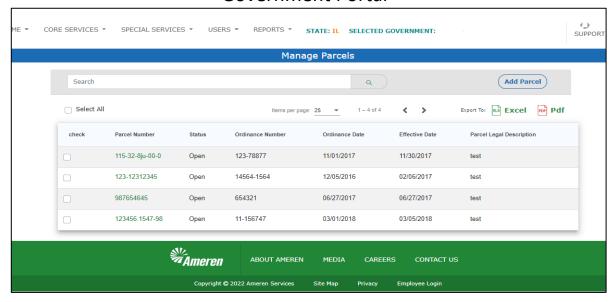


Fill in the Parcel Number, Ordinance number for the current Annexation, Ordinance Date, Effective Date, Parcel Legal Description and select "Submit". **NOTE: Do not change the Status.**



After submitting, you will return to the previous page with the new parcel displaying in the table.



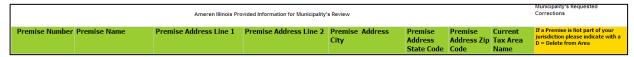


After the parcel is selected the screen will display the Parcel and Annexation details.

Premises Authentication

Municipalities and Counties

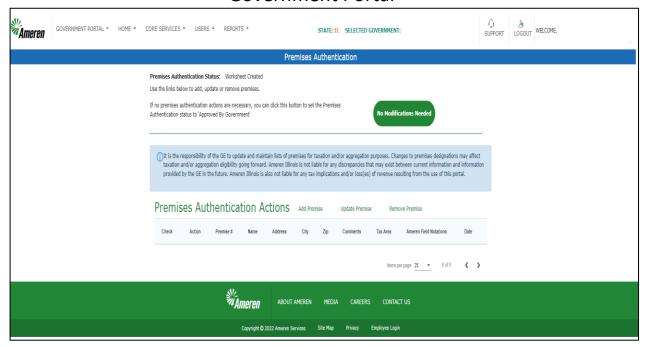
(Aggregation or Muni Tax) Premises Authentication Worksheet – This worksheet provides the individual premises information required to complete Premises Authentication. The columns shown below will aide in the review and provide the required details when entering any premises for maintenance.



"Premise Authentication" is where the user will begin and complete the premises authentication process.

If the Premises Authentication List is accurate and requires no revisions select "No Modifications Needed". A message will appear confirming the status of the premises authentication and notify the Government Support Team.



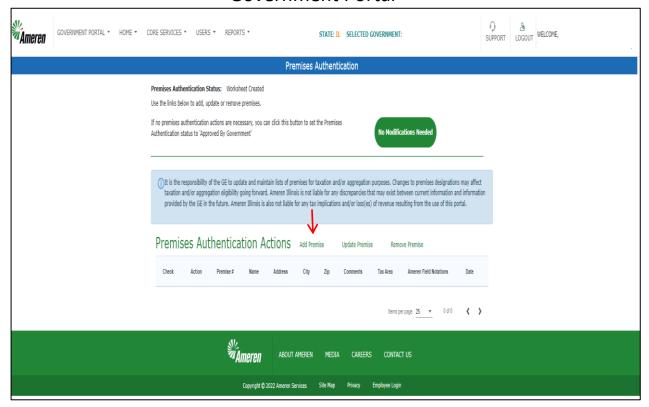


However, if there are modifications required please follow the steps mentioned on the following pages.

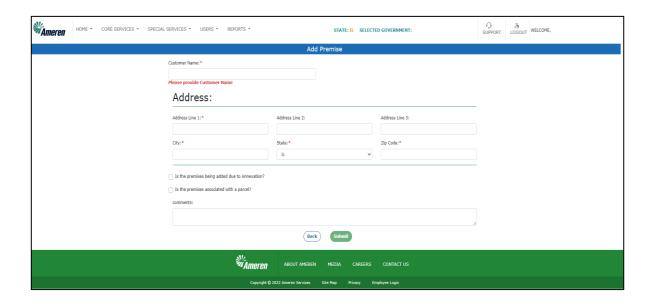
Add a Premises

"Add Premise" allows the user to add premises to the premises list. Select "Add Premise".





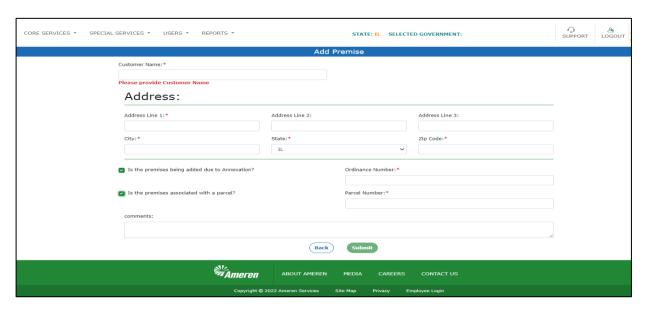
The following window will populate, fill out all required fields, indicated with an asterisk.



If the premise is added due to Annexation, select the check box and enter the Annexation Ordinance Number.



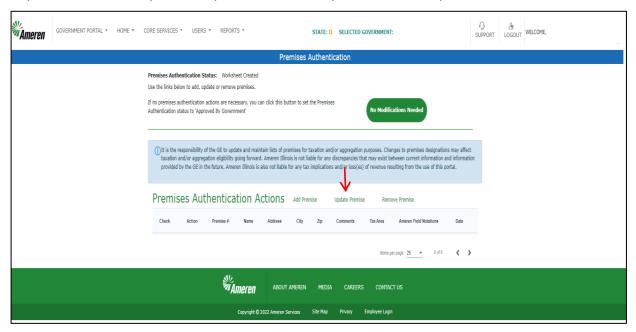
In addition, if the Annexation is associated with a Parcel, select the checkbox and then enter the Parcel Number.



Select "Submit" and it will be added to the list on the main screen of the Premises Authentication page.

Update a Premises

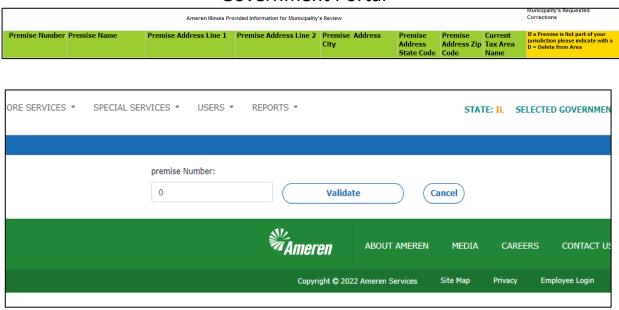
"Update Premise" requires the premises number provided on the premises list.



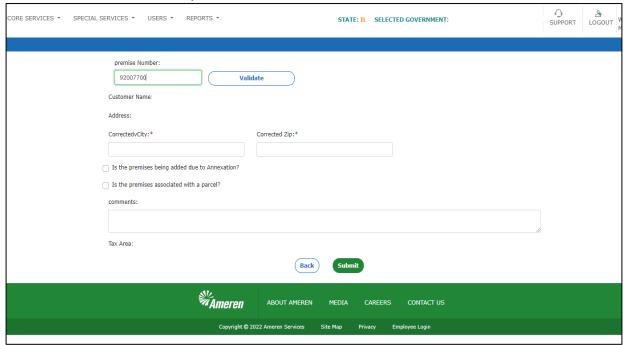
The premises number identifies the physical location in Ameren Illinois' customer service system and helps ensure that we perform maintenance at the correct premises.







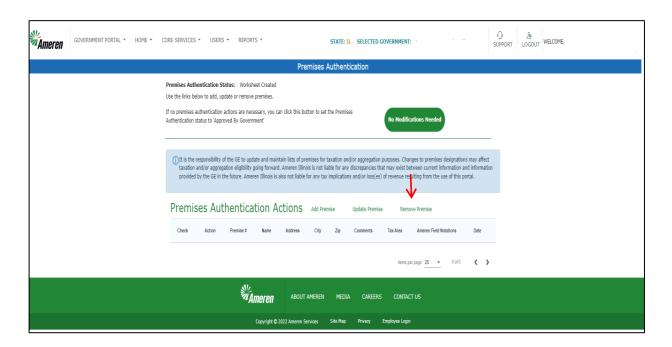
The premises number you entered will automatically populate in the window below, where you can correct the city and zip code. If the street address has an error, make the corrections in the comment box. When you are finished, select "Submit".



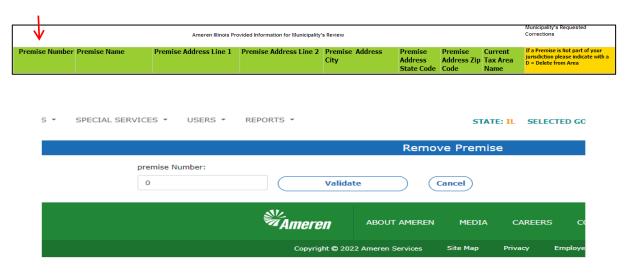


Remove a Premises

"Remove Premise" also requires the premises number provided on the premises list.



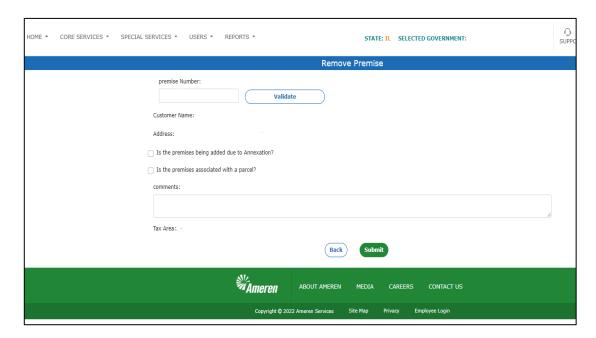
The premises number identifies the physical location in Ameren Illinois' customer service system, and helps ensure that we perform maintenance at the correct premises.



The premises number entered will automatically populate in the window below.

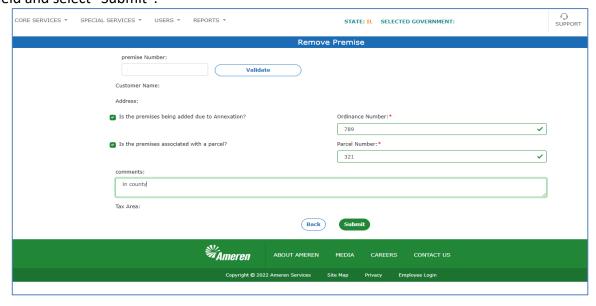


If the premise is added due to De-Annexation, select the check box and enter the De-Annexation Ordinance Number.



In addition, if the De-Annexation is associated with a Parcel, select the checkbox and then select enter the Parcel Number.

If the correct jurisdictional boundary is known please provide this information in the comment field and select "Submit".

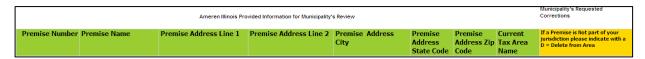




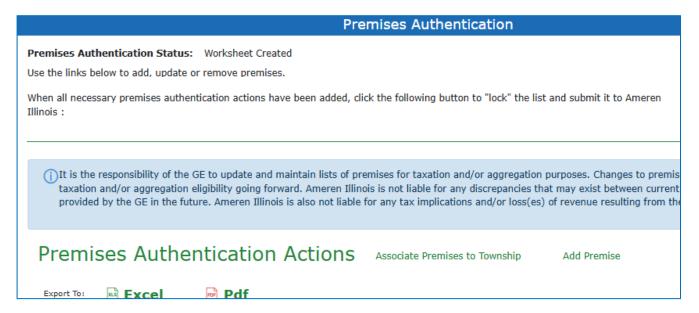
Premises Authentication

Townships

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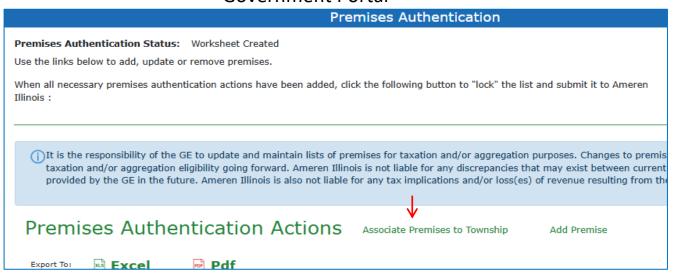
For Townships, the Premises Authentication window is slightly different. The primary focus is on associating premises from the county list(s) to the township.



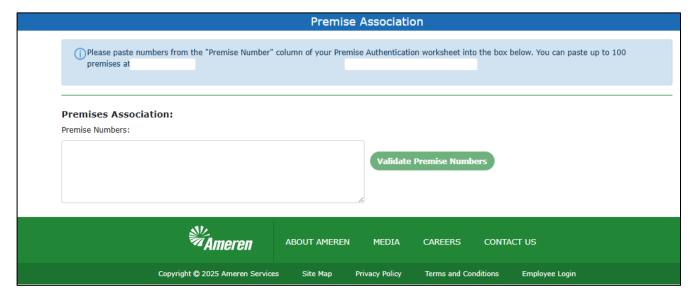
Associate Premises to a Township

To accomplish this task select, "Associate Premises to Township".

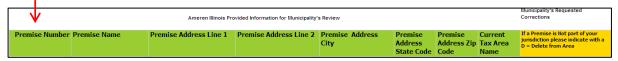




The following window will populate allowing the user to copy and paste, up to 100 premises numbers at one time from the premises authentication worksheet.

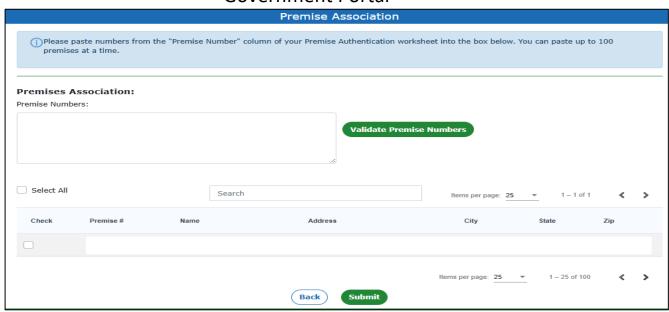


The premises number is in the first column, shown below. Once the premises number(s) are copied, paste them in the screen above, and select "Validate Premise Numbers".

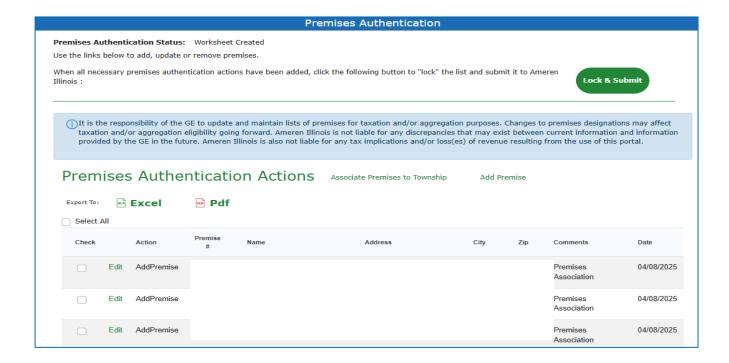


The user will receive a confirmation page for the premises number(s) selected (shown below), if the list is accurate, select "Submit". If an error is found, correct the premise number(s) that are incorrect and select the Validate Premise Numbers again.





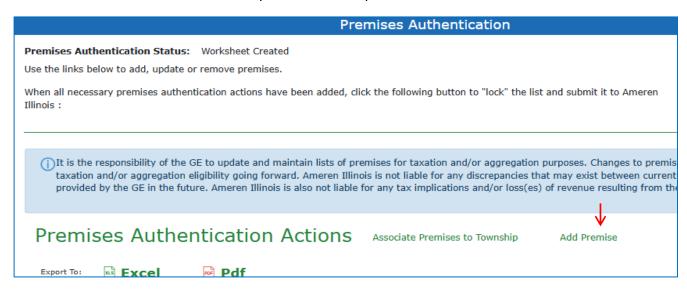
This will take you back to the original Premises Authentication screen where the user will be able to select the Associate Premises to Township option again.



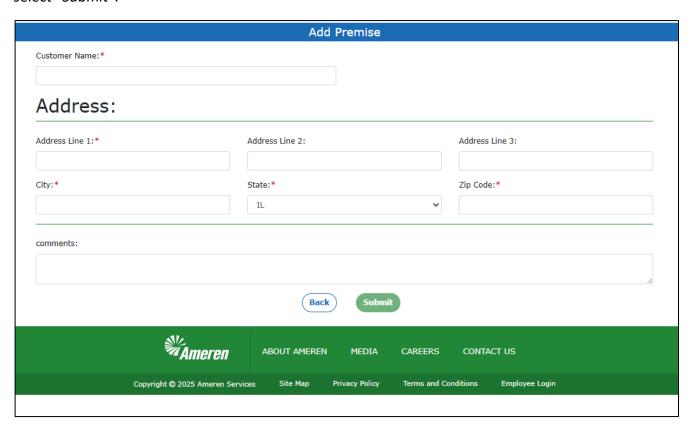


Add a Premise

"Add Premise" allows the user to add premises to the premises list. Select "Add Premise".



The following window will populate, fill out all required fields, indicated with an asterisk, and select "Submit".





Lock and Submit any Premises Authentication

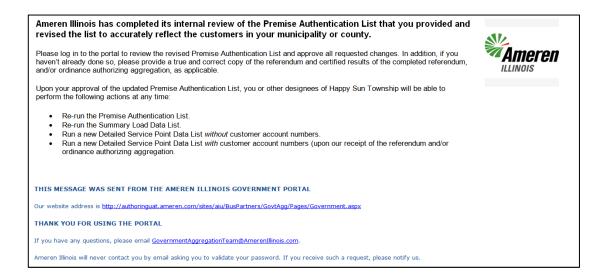
Once the premises authentication list has been thoroughly reviewed and premises have been removed, updated, or added, new wording will appear in the Premises authentication window. Select "Lock and Submit". A message will appear confirming the status of the premises authentication and that the Government Support Team (GST) has been notified.





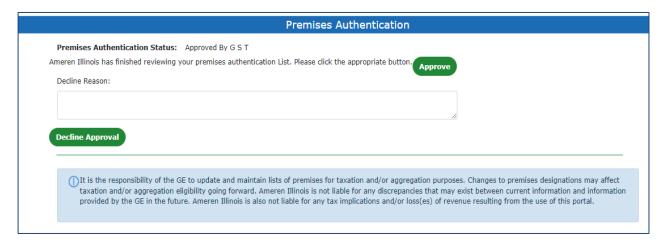
Government Review of Completed Premises Authentication

Once Ameren Illinois has completed the edits, the GE will receive an email advising that they should log into the portal to review and approve or decline the modifications completed by Ameren Illinois.



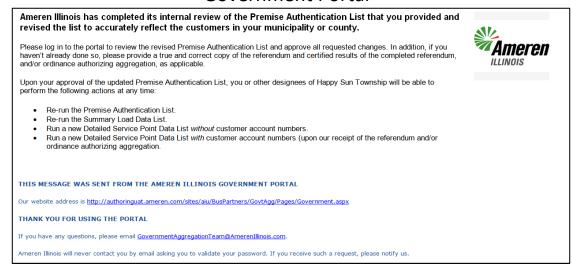
Decline Modifications

After the user has reviewed and they disagree with Ameren Illinois' modifications, enter comments in the decline reason box and select "Decline Approval".



This will automatically notify GST that further review and modifications are required. Once Ameren Illinois completes the additional review and/or modifications the GE will receive an email advising to log into the portal, review and approve or decline the modifications completed by Ameren Illinois.

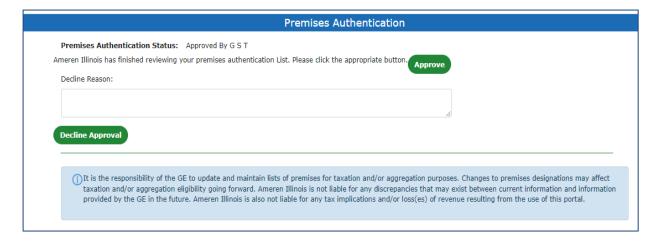




If the GE agrees with the additional modifications, continue with the instructions below to approve.

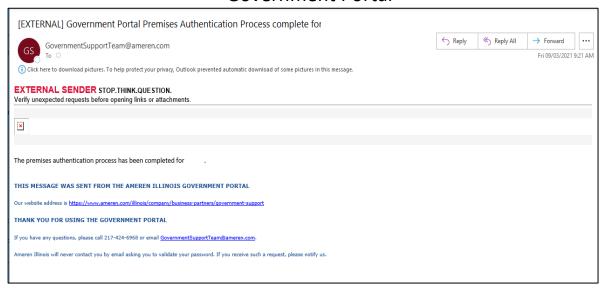
Approve Modifications

After the user has reviewed and agrees with Ameren Illinois' modifications, select "Approve".



This will automatically notify GST to change the premises authentication status to "Premise Authentication Complete". The GE will receive an email advising the premises authentication is complete.





Updated Summary and Detail reports will be available the Monday following the date on the email from GST. Since reports are updated with territory changes over the weekend, we recommend requesting them no more than once a week.



Government Aggregation

Government Aggregation is a process whereby a Municipality (city, village, or incorporated town), Township, or County acts on behalf of all or a part of its constituents in procuring their electric supply, either directly or via a third-party supplier. Illinois law allows Municipalities, Townships, and Counties to arrange for the purchase of electricity supply on behalf of residential and small business customer of investor-owned electric utilities. Authorities of a Municipality, Township, or County board may "aggregate" residential and small commercial retail electric loads located within the Municipality, Township, or unincorporated areas of the County. They may solicit bids and enter into service agreements to facilitate purchase of electricity for their constituents.

There can be, and are, other forms of aggregation, such as when a chamber of commerce elects to aggregate power supply for its members. Other forms of aggregation may develop in the future with organizations like schools, credit unions, or even service clubs. Public Act 097-0338 specifically applies to a Municipality, Township, or County government that chooses to aggregate electric supply.

To begin the process for Aggregation please view the Government Portal Registration / Log In guide for step-by-step instructions related to Aggregation Registration.

Municipal Utility Tax

Municipal Utility Tax is a process whereby Ameren Illinois bills customers additional taxes located within a Municipality's jurisdictional boundaries, based on an ordinance passed by the defined Municipality. These taxes are collected by Ameren Illinois with a percentage being returned as revenue to the Municipality.

To implement a tax, Ameren Illinois needs a certified copy of the ordinance with original signatures, seal, and copy of the certification with seal that the new ordinance was posted in three prominent areas or published in pamphlet form. Before a new tax is implemented, Ameren Illinois requires the Municipality to verify all the customers in the Municipality's boundaries. The new tax will not be programmed until we receive confirmation that the Municipality has reviewed all the premises.

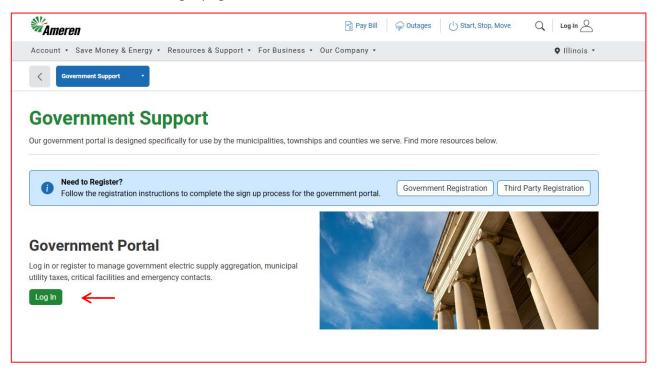
To begin the process in implementing/maintaining a Municipal Utility Tax please view the Government Portal Registration / Log In guide for step-by-step instructions related to Municipal Utility Tax Registration. Once registered this document, beginning on page 13, will take you through step-by-step instruction on how to complete premises authentication.



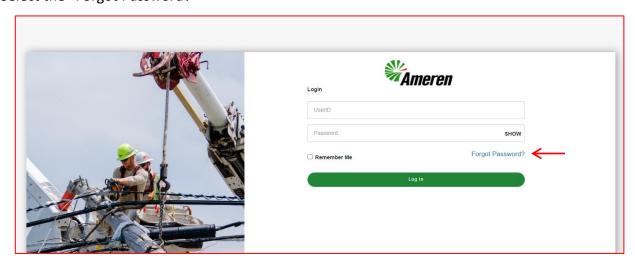
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Forgot Password

Once you have selected the Government Support page (steps begin on page 3), users can select the Government Portal Login page.

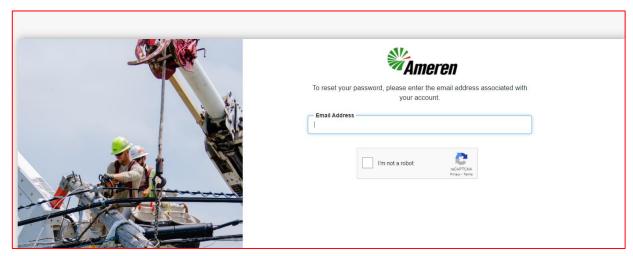


Select the "Forgot Password?"

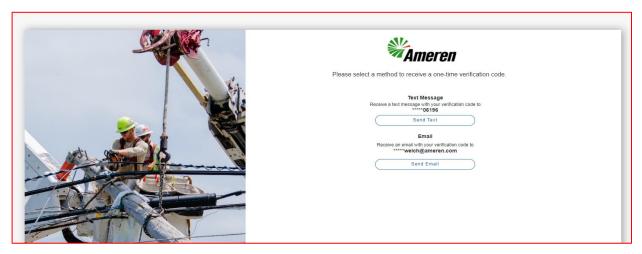




Enter your email address used during registration and select "I'm not a robot".



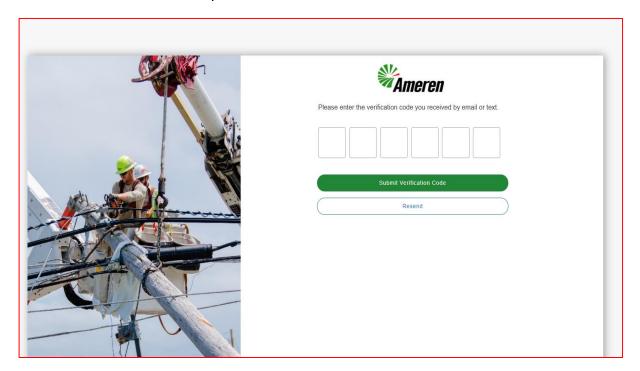
As long as the address is valid, the following page will display.



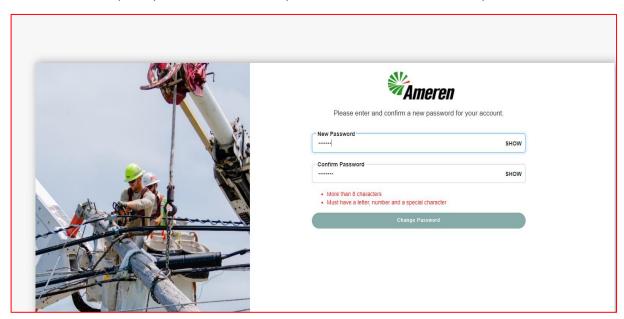
You will need to select to have either a code sent to you via text or email.



Enter the code that is sent to you and select "Submit Verification Code."



You will then be prompted to enter a new password and to confirm that password.



Your password is case sensitive. Follow the guidelines provided and set a new password. Select "Change Password".



You should receive the screen below and select "Continue".





Glossary

<u>Detail Report</u> – Prior to completion of the premises authentication and receipt of ordinance (optin) or certified referendum results (opt-out), the detailed report *will not* include the customer account numbers.

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<u>Municipal Utility Tax</u> – Ameren Illinois will work with the municipality to make an additional charge (tax) to its customers receiving service in municipalities pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-11-2.

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