ADVANCED NETWORK

PAVING THE WAY FOR ADVANCED METERS: Before we upgrade meters in your area, Ameren Illinois will build a network that paves the way for the next generation of meters.

WHAT IS IT? This network is the “backbone” of our advanced metering communications system. During network deployment, we will install two types of equipment that enable communication between the meter and the energy delivery system:

- **Collectors** will be installed on poles outside our substations and surrounding areas to facilitate communications between Ameren Illinois and the meter.

- **Routers** will be mounted on local utility poles to help with meter communications.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- These upgrades will generally begin six to 12 months before the first advanced meter is installed in an area.

- Customers may see Ameren Illinois or contractor crews mounting network equipment on poles in their communities and near substations.

HOW IT HELPS: A more reliable energy delivery system helps to power the quality of life. Over time, customers will have more information and programs to better control energy usage and costs.

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ENERGY UPGRADES: We’re investing $3.5 billion over a five-year period to strengthen and improve the Ameren Illinois electric and natural gas delivery system. We’re fortifying utility poles, installing intelligent switches and sensors, replacing distribution lines and gas transmission equipment, and installing advanced meters throughout our 43,700-square-mile territory. These upgrades will improve service reliability and give customers information they can use to take control of their energy usage and costs. Learn more at AmerenIllinois.com/focus.