BE A SMART SHOPPER.

There are several variables to consider when shopping for an energy supplier. Use this list of questions as a guide as you compare various energy suppliers’ prices, terms, enrollment processes, billing and customer service.

Name of Agent _______________________________________________________ Name of Representative ___________________________

Date __________________ Phone # __________________

PRICING

What is the price per kilowatt-hour (kWh)? ______________________________________________________________________________

What does the price include? _________________________________________________________________________________________

What is the total price for, say, 500 kWh of electricity usage? _______________________________________________________________

Is it a fixed rate or a variable rate? _____________________________________________________________________________________

If it is a fixed rate, how long does it stay fixed? ___________________________________________________________________________

Are there any other charges that could change during the term of the agreement? __________________________________________________________________________________________

Is there more than one rate plan to choose from? _________________________________________________________________________

TERMS

What is the length of the agreement? __________________________________________________________________________________

Is there a penalty for cancelling an agreement before the term is up? _________________________________________________________

What happens if I move outside the service territory during the contract term? _____________________________________________________________________________________

Are there any other terms in the agreement? ____________________________________________________________________________

ENROLLMENT

Will there be a credit check? _________________________________________________________________________________________

Will I be asked for a deposit? If so, how much? ___________________________________________________________________________

What steps must I take if I want to change suppliers or return to supply service with Ameren Illinois? __________________________

What will be the date my service starts? ________________________________________________________________________________

When will I receive my first bill? _______________________________________________________________________________________

BILLING

How will I be billed? ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Am I able to participate in different billing plans, such as budget billing or deferred-payment arrangements? _________________

Do you accept bill payments online or by phone? __________________________________________________________________________

SERVICE

Will notices (disconnection, tree-trimming, claims, etc.) be sent to me if the bill is not provided by the utility? _________________

What are the customer service hours and phone number? ____________________________________________________________________