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## **FORD HIGHLIGHTS ECONOMIC** **IMPACT OF ELECTRIC RATE HIKE**

**CHICAGO** – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, (left) speaks about the negative effect of the recent electric rate hikes at a press conference held Monday at the Chicago office of the Citizens Utility Board (CUB).

According to a report released by CUB, 20,000 jobs could be lost in Illinois this year as a direct result of higher electric rates. The study further showed that the job losses could put an annual dent of \$2.3 billion into the state's economy.

Pictured with Ford are William McNary, Co-Director of Citizen Action/Illinois (center) and David Kolata, Executive Director of the Citizens Utility Board (right).

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