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## **Ameren Improves 2013 Corporate Social Responsibility Report** *Improved report now on par with industry peers*

**Tues, Mar. 25** – After engagement with environmental nonprofits As You Sow and the Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment (MCRI), the St. Louis-based utility Ameren Corporation has released its 2013 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) report. The new report represents an improvement over its prior disclosure, and brings the report up to the industry standard. The changes came about following a dialogue stemming from a 2013 shareholder resolution filed by As You Sow and MCRI requesting increased transparency on water impacts.

“Ameren’s 2013 CSR report shows improvement over previous years. It touches on more topics, and offers more data,” said Amelia Timbers, Energy program manager at [As You Sow](http://AsYouSow.org). “Shareholders and Investment managers require detailed CSR reporting to evaluate business risk. Ameren’s CSR reporting improvements are a step in the right direction.”

Sister Barbara Jennings of the [Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment](http://MidwestCoalitionforResponsibleInvestment.org) said “The twenty faith-based members of MCRI urge investors and ratepayers to review the Ameren website to learn more about the improvements in environmental transparency. Ameren recognizes that the company must move forward responsibly to both greater disclosure and sustainability; clean water is essential to human life and to biodiversity.”

Among the improvements Ameren has made:

- 2013 CSR report includes a wider range of topics than prior versions;
- 2013 CSR report provides plant-level environmental data, including disclosure of each coal-fired plant’s emissions;
- In addition to its CSR report, Ameren now also completes the carbon portion of the annual environmental survey issued by the Carbon Disclosure Project;
- Ameren has adopted an internal water policy which will consider the impacts of its operations on water.

In addition to requesting goals to reduce water risk, As You Sow has previously filed shareholder resolutions with Ameren asking for a plan to reduce exposure to the costs and risks associated with continued reliance on coal. In light of the improvement in its CSR report, As You Sow and MCRI decided not to refile in 2014, and instead are recognizing Ameren’s positive actions.

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**As You Sow** is a nonprofit organization that promotes environmental and social corporate responsibility through shareholder advocacy, coalition building, and innovative legal strategies. For more information visit [www.asyousow.org](http://www.asyousow.org).



The **Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment (MCR)** works to monitor and influence the policies and practices of corporations. Through a variety of shareholder activities, members work with corporations towards “Doing Good and Doing Well” by advocating for sustainability and the integrity of creation. Recognizing their commitment to social responsibility, faith-based religious communities established the Coalition in 1977. MCR assists members to use their financial resources in a responsible and proactive way for greater dialogue with corporations. MCR is affiliated with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), a research, education and action-oriented organization headquartered in New York City. For more information visit [www.midwestcri.com](http://www.midwestcri.com).