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January 30, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
January 30, 2003

AMEREN CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-14756  
(Commission  
File Number)

43-1723446  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103  
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 621-3222

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 30, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has approved the Registrant's proposed acquisition of CILCORP Inc. from The AES Corporation under the Public Utility Holding Company Act. The press release states that no other regulatory approvals are required and the SEC approval paves the way for the closing of the

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transaction in the near future. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press release, dated January 30, 2003, issued by the Registrant.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AMEREN CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Martin J. Lyons

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Name: Martin J. Lyons  
Title: Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: January 30, 2003

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Exhibit No. Description  
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99 - Press release dated January 30, 2003, issued by Ameren Corporation.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION APPROVES  
AMEREN'S PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF CILCORP

ST. LOUIS, MO, Jan. 30, 2003--Ameren Corporation (NYSE: AEE) announced today that the Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the proposed Ameren acquisition of CILCORP Inc. from The AES Corporation (NYSE: AES) under the Public Utility Holding Company Act.

No other regulatory approvals are required, but the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions. The U.S. Department of Justice has completed its review, conducted under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act. The Illinois Commerce Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have also approved the transaction.

Ameren serves 1.5 million electric customers and 300,000 natural gas customers in a 44,500-square-mile area of Missouri and Illinois. CILCORP's largest subsidiary, Central Illinois Light Company---CILCO, serves 200,000 electric and more than 200,000 natural gas customers.

Safe Harbor Statement  
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This news release may include forward-looking statements. Actual events and results may differ materially from those projected. Factors that could affect actual results are discussed in Ameren's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and readers are encouraged to read those filings to learn more about the risk factors associated with Ameren's businesses.

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