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2                                ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
3                                TRANSPORTATION REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
4                                Thursday, October 27, 2022  
5                                Springfield, Illinois

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8                                Met pursuant to notice at 11:30 a.m., at  
9                                527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

10                                PRESENT:

- 11                                CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairperson  
12                                ANN McCABE, Commissioner  
13                                D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner  
14                                MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner

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20                                BRIDGES COURT REPORTING, by  
21                                JENNIFER L. CROWE,  
22                                License No. 084-004589

1           CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: I will quickly note  
2 that I call the October 27, 2022 Regular Open  
3 Meeting to order with Commissioners Kimbrel,  
4 Carrigan and McCabe in Springfield and a quorum and  
5 with one request to speak, Norma Sanders. And I  
6 just wanted to note for the record that under 2  
7 Illinois Administrative Code 17.10, any person  
8 desiring to address the Commission may be allowed  
9 up to three minutes. Only one person may speak on  
10 behalf of any organization, and the Commission will  
11 not respond to comments.

12           Ms. Sanders, are you there?

13           MS. SANDERS: Yes, I am here. Should I be  
14 on video, or is this fine?

15           CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: You can choose  
16 either. We can hear you which is great. If you  
17 would like to turn your video on, that's fine. We  
18 are recording everything that you say, so that's  
19 where the record is contained.

20           So you will have three minutes to speak.  
21 I'm going to set my timer for three minutes. So if  
22 you want to go ahead and state and spell your name,

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1 and then when you start speaking, I will start my  
2 timer.

3 MS. SANDERS: Okay. Great. Good morning,  
4 Commission. Thank you for allowing me to speak on  
5 behalf of the Auburn Gresham community and my  
6 organization.

7 Again, my name is Norma Sanders. I'm the  
8 director of special initiatives for the Greater  
9 Auburn Gresham Development Corporation. We are a  
10 comprehensive community development organization  
11 that has a mission to support and revitalize  
12 moderate to low income communities. We anchor our  
13 work across five pillars of service to support  
14 quality of life for residents, businesses and local  
15 institutions, and those pillars include education  
16 and development, business and economic development,  
17 housing and senior services, health and wellness  
18 and community engagement.

19 Today I just wanted to take a few minutes  
20 to share why our organization and the community  
21 supports the Green Era RNG Project with Peoples Gas  
22 interconnect.

1           So when the Auburn Gresham community went  
2 on a journey to up-to-date our last quality of life  
3 plan in 2015, even back then, the Green Era Project  
4 team was an active participant in our process. So  
5 to get an understanding of the community, its  
6 values, its wants, its type of economic  
7 development, the type of jobs we wanted and  
8 community wealth generation, they participated to  
9 help make sure that they put a product in place in  
10 our community that would help us thrive. So we  
11 learned about the Green Era campus and bringing it  
12 to the community, but the project touched really  
13 many of these five quality of life strategies.

14           So honestly, we are honored that they  
15 selected Auburn Gresham for this project because  
16 what they have done is taken over a huge eyesore  
17 that was a previous old city dump, and, again,  
18 they, they put a project in place to revitalize  
19 that space. So that, by itself, is a huge benefit,  
20 but we can see even through the planning process  
21 that many other benefits came out of the project.  
22 So I just want to highlight just a few.

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1           Green Era kept their promise that a  
2 contaminated brownfield would be transformed.  
3 There is a vacant, vibrant -- a vacant site that's  
4 now a vibrant, green campus just ripe for an  
5 education center, which is the last part of it, and  
6 they did this. So it is currently pretty much in a  
7 completed state. It is clean, it is open, it is  
8 beautiful, and it naturally blends into a park  
9 that's right next door to it, Mahalia Jackson Park,  
10 right across the way, and we have worked with  
11 Chicago Park District because of this project to  
12 reactivate this and other adjacent green spaces.

13           So other key benefits, the Green Era  
14 Project team has reached out to nearby Simeon High  
15 School and, as they planned that campus, created a  
16 tech and architecture class curriculum with the  
17 school so the young people can weigh in on the  
18 project and what they felt was important for the  
19 community, for STEM, for climate change.

20           CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Ms. Sanders, that's  
21 time. I just, I did want to make sure we have your  
22 name spelled correctly. Is it N-O-R-M-A, and then

1 S-A-N-D-E-R-S? Is that correct?

2 MS. SANDERS: That is correct.

3 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Okay. Thank you.

4 MS. SANDERS: Would it be possible for me  
5 to make one more statement?

6 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: We are trying to  
7 stay on time, but I would say that you can file  
8 things in writing.

9 MS. SANDERS: Perfect. I will send --

10 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: That might be a good  
11 way to get more information out into the public.  
12 So thank you for that.

13 MS. SANDERS: Perfect Okay. Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Okay. So this  
15 concludes -- thank you for your comments. This  
16 concludes our requests to speak, and so now we are  
17 going to move onto our Transportation agenda.

18 There are edits to the October 6, 2022,  
19 Railroad Supplier Diversity Policy Session minutes.

20 Are there any objections to approving the  
21 minutes as edited?

22 (No response.)

1 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
2 minutes are approved.

3 Moving onto our Railroad items, Items RR-1  
4 and RR-2 concerns stipulated agreements regarding  
5 public safety improvement projects at railway  
6 crossings. The Orders accept the stipulated  
7 agreements and approve the projects, project  
8 deadlines and cost apportionment.

9 Are there any objections to considering  
10 these items together and approving the Orders?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
13 Orders are approved.

14 Moving onto our Motor Carrier items, Items  
15 MC-1 and MC-2 concern applications for renewal of  
16 commercial vehicle relocators licenses. The Orders  
17 grant the licenses finding that the applicants meet  
18 the requirements.

19 Are there any objections to considering  
20 these items together and approving the Orders?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the

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1 Orders are approved.

2 Item MC-3 concerns an application for an  
3 Operator Employment Permit to operate relocation  
4 towing vehicles. The Order dismisses the  
5 application without prejudice for lack of a  
6 sponsoring employer.

7 Are there any objections to approving the  
8 Order?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
11 Order is approved.

12 Item MC-4 concerns an Application for a  
13 Common Carrier Certificate to Transport Household  
14 Goods. The Order grants the application finding  
15 that the applicants meet the certification  
16 requirements.

17 Are there any objections to approving the  
18 Order?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
21 Order is approved.

22 Moving onto our administrative items, Item

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1 AM-1 is the Annual Transportation Regulatory Fund  
2 Report for fiscal year 2022. The report is due to  
3 the Governor and General Assembly by October 31 of  
4 2022. The annual report includes information on  
5 all monies deposited in the Transportation  
6 Regulatory Fund, all expenditures from the fund, a  
7 listing and description by function of all staff  
8 positions and the methods used to allocate expenses  
9 between this fund and other funds.

10 Are there any objections to approving the  
11 report?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRPERSON ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
14 report is approved.

15 So this concludes our Transportation  
16 Agenda.

17 (Transportation Agenda concluded at 11:47 a.m.)  
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