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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
REGULAR OPEN MEETING
(PUBLIC UTILITIES)
Chicago, Illinois
Tuesday, January 7th, 2014

Met pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. at
160 North LaSalle Street, 8th Floor, Chicago, Illinois

- PRESENT:
- MR. DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, Chairman
 - MR. JOHN T. COLGAN, Commissioner (via videoconference)
 - MS. ANN McCABE, Commissioner
 - MR. MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
 - MS. SHERINA E. MAYE, Commissioner
- MIDWEST LITIGATION SERVICES, by
Julie McCarron
Certified Shorthand Reporter
Illinois CSR No. 84-4777

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Pursuant to the provisions of the
2 Open Meetings Act, I now convene the regularly scheduled
3 Open Meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission. In
4 Springfield, is Commissioner Colgan; with me in Chicago,
5 are Commissioner McCabe, Commissioner del Valle,
6 Commissioner Maye. I'm Chairman Scott. We have a
7 quorum.

8 Before moving into the agenda, according to
9 Section 1700.10 of Title 2 of the Administrative Code,
10 this is the time we allow members of the public to
11 address the Commission. Members of the public wishing
12 to address the Commission must notify the Chief Clerk's
13 office at least 24 hours prior to Commission meetings.
14 According to the Chief Clerk's office, we have no
15 requests to speak at today's session.

16 We will start with the approval of minutes
17 from our December 9th Special Open Meeting. I
18 understand amendments have been forwarded. Is there a
19 motion to amend the minutes?

20 COMMISSIONER MAYE: So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner Maye.

22 Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Second by Commissioner McCabe.

25 All in favor, say aye.

1 (Ayes heard.)

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and
5 the amendments are adopted.

6 Is there now a motion to approve the minutes
7 as amended?

8 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner McCabe.

10 Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Second by Commissioner Maye.

13 All in favor, say aye.

14 (Ayes heard.)

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and
18 the minutes from our December 9th Special Open Meeting
19 as amended are approved.

20 Before moving into the bulk of today's agenda,
21 without objection, we'll address Item 26 first. This is
22 Nicor's year-end report on its compliance with merger
23 conditions. We have President and CEO of AGL Resources,
24 Mr. John Somerhalder, and Senior Vice President of AGL
25 Resources and President of Nicor, Ms. Beth Reese, here

1 to deliver a presentation.

2 So I will turn it over to you.

3 MS. REESE: Good morning.

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Glad to have you here. And thanks
5 for coming and I look forward to your remarks.

6 MS. REESE: Good morning, Chairman Scott.

7 Good morning, Commissioners. We're glad to be
8 here today. And before we go into our report on the
9 merger conditions, we thought we'd talk about the
10 weather since that seems to be the topic of the day.

11 As a lot of you have noted, some news agencies
12 are saying that we are colder than the South Pole today
13 and yesterday. It's a good day to be in the gas
14 business. But just to give some perspective on it, our
15 system is designed for 79-degree HDD and we were at
16 78 HDDs yesterday, but with the real feel, if you would,
17 the effective degree days were 84. So we exceeded
18 design day. We had the largest throughput we've ever
19 had or sendout, 4.8 Bcf, a third of that from our
20 storage fields. And if you think about how we respond
21 to the extreme weather conditions like yesterday and
22 today, it's really about our people, our planning, and
23 our process. So our people -- We started really
24 planning with our people early last week when it became
25 apparent what was going to happen with the temperatures.

1 We have had people on mandatory 12-hour shifts
2 monitoring stations to make sure we understood what was
3 going on with the pressures. We had people spending the
4 nights in storage fields. They bring in their cots and
5 tents -- not tents, but cots and sleeping bags and spend
6 the night down there.

7 We changed our meter reading routes to be able
8 to have the meter readers read on Saturday instead of
9 Monday to be able to deliver appropriate bills. We had
10 our gas control folks obviously working 24/7. They do
11 anyway, but really focused on that. It's really about
12 having the right people doing the right things. It's
13 also about planning; and it's simple things like the
14 foresight that the leaders of Nicor Gas had in
15 understanding what the aquifers could do for storage.
16 So having that storage there really allowed us to meet
17 yesterday's demand.

18 And as Commissioner McCabe noted to me
19 earlier, you know, we didn't have any curtailments and
20 we didn't impact any customers. We were able to meet a
21 third of our sendout through the storage facilities,
22 which is really terrific, and we are really lucky to
23 have those. But as planning for -- We plan for the
24 normal day, but we also plan for the extreme day. And
25 we're really glad to have that and obviously our

1 processes in place to make sure that we are focused on
2 safety and reliability every day. And yesterday was no
3 exception, as is today. So I'm really glad to give that
4 report to the Commission, that we had a good day
5 yesterday, hopefully having a good day today. All
6 reports before we came in were having a good day across
7 the system today. So I'm glad to do that.

8 And I am going to let our Chairman and CEO,
9 John Somerhalder, from AGL Resources speak a little bit
10 about industry and the successful management of our
11 merger conditions, and then I will speak a little bit
12 more.

13 MR. SOMERHALDER: Thank you, Beth.

14 And thank you, Chairman and Commissioners.
15 It's a pleasure to be here again with you this year.
16 When I was here last year, it was mild weather. And, in
17 fact, the cab driver, I think, commented how lucky I was
18 to come from Atlanta to Chicago with such mild weather.
19 And I wanted to tell him, for the gas guy, that's not
20 exactly good luck. But this is a little bit on the
21 opposite extreme. We like the fact that we are seeing
22 how the system performs, and it's performing well, but
23 we're quite happy with normal weather. This is a little
24 extreme.

25 I am pleased to report that of the 34 merger

1 conditions in a firm that we are in compliance with
2 those, 11 of those conditions were not recurring. They
3 were the first year. We met those conditions.
4 Twenty-three are recurring. We are in compliance with
5 those and we filed reports that will give you more
6 detail. As you know, we filed a report back in November
7 and one in June that have more detail on that. And, in
8 fact, Beth will go through a little bit more detail, and
9 I think you'll see when she goes through that report,
10 that our focus centers around those conditions, making
11 sure that everything we do -- make sure that we are in
12 compliance with those conditions.

13 We really are at a good time, from an industry
14 standpoint, and everyone knows about the abundance of
15 shale gas and what that's done for lower customer bills
16 for all four and a half million of our meters and
17 customers, but it's also helped on job development, job
18 growth. We've seen that stimulate a lot of industrial
19 growth, those type things -- really good for the
20 Country. And we're blessed with good infrastructure in
21 this Country that's been put in place over many, many
22 decades, but it is really important that we keep that
23 infrastructure in good shape.

24 As one example, with all this shale gas that
25 was coming on, people were not counting on storage to

1 the greatest extent because there was so much
2 production. Well, the report for this week is -- we
3 store -- at the beginning of the winter, we have about
4 3.9 trillion cubic foot of gas in storage -- working
5 gas. They believe this week, the forecast is that
6 300 Bcf or almost 10 percent of that will be pulled out
7 in one week because of the cold weather we've seen. So
8 it really is important that we have that infrastructure
9 in good shape. As Beth went through, our storage for
10 our system was remarkably important to have -- we
11 perform, but it also means that everything from pressure
12 improvement to replacing certain categories of lines --
13 like cast iron, bare steel, certain vintages of
14 plastic -- that we have that in good shape as well. And
15 we're very committed, and I hope you can see that, to do
16 what is necessary to keep our system in good shape. And
17 that's why things like the qualified infrastructure
18 statute that was passed here is really important to us
19 and really allows us to continue to invest in the system
20 in a way that continues to improve reliability and the
21 safety of our system.

22 We look forward to working with the Commission
23 this year and filing the specifics of that program. And
24 even what we're seeing this week with the stress on our
25 system, allows us to better understand what can really

1 help with the reliability of our system. So we look
2 forward to that.

3 It's also important to, you know, see things
4 like what was done here with the legislation related to
5 fracking and transparency that will allow -- you know,
6 even though we have an abundance of shale gas, you have
7 to have the right regulations in place. We want supply
8 closer to our system so what could be done related to
9 shale gas in Illinois with that transparency in a
10 responsible way is something that is very positive.

11 The other thing we're focused on, and I won't
12 go into a whole lot of detail, is using natural gas with
13 the abundance for transportation. And as a company, we
14 are focused on everything from using liquified natural
15 gas for the higher horsepower-type applications -- rail,
16 marine, big trucks -- all the way through home refueling
17 and what we can do to continue and improve those
18 technologies and central refueling, converting some of
19 our own fleet to natural gas. And Beth has more details
20 on that.

21 Kind of another important issue for us is --
22 it's important for the entire Country, and that's cyber
23 security. And the major focus for us is through
24 American Gas Association. We're a member of the
25 American Gas Association and we play a large role in

1 that. And, in fact, we have Rob Mims, who some of you
2 may have met last year. He spoke at the IRPS conference
3 in Springfield. He's our chief security officer and the
4 managing director of corporate and information security
5 for us. He is chairing committees with AGA and working
6 with a lot of the other participants here in Illinois
7 and across the Country to make sure that we continue to
8 make progress on monitoring -- having the right programs
9 in place to protect from a cyber security standpoint.

10 One final point before I turn it back to Beth,
11 one of the ways we believe we're successful running our
12 business is with the shared services model, where we use
13 services in Atlanta to help support what goes on
14 across our system. We use services here in Naperville
15 to help support outside of Illinois so that we provide
16 the best services -- the best customer service in a
17 cost-effective way. And we recently had an internal
18 audit to make sure that that was the case. And I'm
19 pleased to report the results did show that we had good
20 performance from those functions and meeting our
21 customer service obligations. So we feel very good
22 about the relationship we've had, the business in
23 Illinois; and we want to continue to be a very good
24 operator in the system. And Beth can give you much more
25 detail about how we're going to do that. And I'll be

1 glad to answer questions at the end, after Beth's
2 presentation.

3 MS. REESE: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you.

5 MS. REESE: So I would like to highlight five areas
6 of focus that we -- for today. Safety -- And we talked
7 about reliability a little bit so I won't talk anymore
8 about that, but safety and reliability, workforce
9 development, economic development, customer
10 satisfaction, and then our final area, community
11 outreach.

12 Last year, we reported on our personal safety
13 numbers. I'm glad to say that our year-over-year safety
14 numbers have improved and we are continuing to --
15 committed -- we are committed to continuing to improve
16 the positive trajectory. Our OJIs or on-the-job
17 injuries were down by approximately 10 percent. And
18 damages, which are really more of a public safety --
19 damages as a result of poor locates, are down about
20 4 percent, just to highlight two focuses and examples of
21 improvements. Our motor vehicles accidents were not
22 down as much as we would like to have. The weather
23 played a little part of that, but we continue to focus
24 on that. And safety is our number one priority, whether
25 it's personal, public, or -- personal or public or

1 pipeline.

2 For workforce development, I'm happy to say we
3 have a commitment -- one of our merger commitments is
4 about number of jobs. Our number of jobs commitment has
5 been met, and we continue to meet that. As I've shared
6 with a lot of you, as you've toured our facilities or
7 have had a chance to meet with you, workforce
8 development is an area of focus for us. One of the
9 things we did this year was take a leadership role
10 within the Illinois Energy Workforce Consortium. That's
11 part of the Center for Energy Workforce Development,
12 which is a national group that I happen to serve on the
13 board for. And then the Illinois Energy Workforce
14 Consortium is a group that's been brought together to
15 really bring energy companies and state together to talk
16 about what we're doing to address the future workforce
17 needs. And one of my executives that works with us is
18 the leader for that -- the executive leader for that.
19 That was a great thing for us to be able to do.

20 The Illinois Energy Learning Exchange, Dr.
21 David Loomis leads, is also engaged with the Illinois
22 Energy Workforce Consortium, which is great. We
23 continued our financial support of community colleges.
24 We've even expanded some more of those and took
25 partnership when we opened our marketing and outreach

1 center in Crestwood. For instance, we have partnered
2 with Moraine Valley Community College and Prairie State
3 to really talk about the jobs that we had and engage
4 with them. And we are also working with local workforce
5 development organizations and local schools. Promoting
6 STEM education is really one of our focuses. We need a
7 lot of people who can be engineers and scientists, but
8 we really need people who can do math, in general. So
9 we are really focused on the M in STEM, as much as we
10 are the S T E.

11 We also support the Hispanic American
12 Construction Industry Association; the Illinois Hires
13 Heroes Consortium we are a part of, and we also work
14 with Chicago United and the Chicago -- and Quad County
15 Urban Leagues. To try to get our name out there, we
16 partner with them on some things.

17 From an economic development perspective, we
18 want natural gas to be the fuel of choice for our
19 customers, whether it's for industrial processes, space
20 heating, cooking, water heating, vehicle fuel -- And we
21 want to help potential employers locate here in
22 Illinois. So the good news is, we've seen some growth.
23 We saw a 20 percent increase in new services this year
24 and we are anticipating another 20 percent increase in
25 2014. We are seeing an uptick in fuel switching to

1 natural gas. And thank you to the Commission for
2 approving and authorizing us to move into Lake Carroll
3 and bringing that community into our footprint. We've
4 already run some main to the common areas and will
5 continue to install approximately two-thirds of the
6 potential 900 new services this year and then the
7 remaining third in 2015. They also have a lot of
8 underdevelopment lots that we will now be able to put
9 natural gas in directly to. We've increased the usage
10 of natural gas for our commercial and industrial
11 customers by about 17 million therms.

12 And we are really seeing natural gas as an
13 alternative transportation fuel here in Illinois. There
14 is a total of 15 stations attached to our system. There
15 are four full public stations and four limited public
16 stations, one of which happens to be Rockford, one of
17 which is in Des Plaines. So we'll continue to look at
18 natural gas vehicles for our own fleet. We have not
19 very many coming into our fleet, but a few -- some in
20 Rockford, some in Des Plaines, where there are public
21 fueling stations.

22 Customer satisfaction is also something that
23 we are very focused on. We are focused on our
24 communication initiatives as well as leveraging our
25 energy efficiency program. We focused on a new

1 education and safety campaign targeted towards children.
2 We are actually focused on making all of our materials
3 bilingual so all of our meter tags have been changed to
4 bilingual and door hangers.

5 We are working and making sure that our energy
6 assistance program, specifically around winter heating,
7 is well communicated. And we are partnering with
8 organizations to make sure that customers who need us,
9 really understand what they have -- options available to
10 them.

11 Community outreach, we realize that in
12 addition to communicating with our customers, we want to
13 be working with them and we want them to see us giving
14 back to the communities where they live and work. So
15 we've given out our commitment of about \$2.2 million
16 worth of -- spend, but that was -- the commitment is to
17 spend at the same level that we did pre-merger. That's
18 about the same -- That is the same amount. And we've
19 partnered with a lot of organizations to do that, so --
20 one of which is United Way. We've been a top
21 25 contributor for the past several years and we
22 continue to do that, but through employee contributions
23 and company contributions. I happen to serve on that
24 board as well, the United Way of Metro Chicago board.
25 And two of our local boards, we have members of our

1 teams on those local boards as well.

2 We supported the Illinois Legislative Latino
3 Caucus Foundation and their scholarships that they gave
4 out. We supported the Black Caucus Foundation and their
5 golf tournament that they used to raise money for
6 scholarships -- DuPage Habitat for Humanity, the
7 Northern Illinois Food Bank -- just to name a few.
8 There's a number of organizations that we are able --
9 that we are able to support. In fact, over 200
10 organizations have really benefited from our support.

11 So I'm sorry. I went through that very
12 quickly, but I was trying to be very respectful of your
13 time and want to make sure that we leave time for
14 questions. So that is the official report I have. And
15 now we'll open up for questions.

16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Great.

17 Questions anybody?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I think I had one. You mentioned
20 the 20 percent uptick in new services. Is that due both
21 from economic development upturn and with the cost of
22 gas being what it is, maybe people -- maybe some
23 switching of services to gas from --

24 MS. REESE: It is. So we had about 400 -- a little
25 over 400 people convert from other fuels to natural gas.

1 And we really have a focused campaign on that, of trying
2 to -- We don't have very many people who are out there
3 that use other fuels for heating, but we do have some
4 and so we are focused on those. A lot of them are at
5 the end of our system so we're trying to figure out how
6 to get to those customers, but, you know, it's really a
7 lot of economic development and people building houses
8 again. And you can see it around where there are
9 communities that builders had bought that the
10 infrastructure was there, maybe the main was there, but
11 services weren't in. And they're really building. The
12 information we have from the builders is that they are
13 not doing these huge 2- to 500 home subdivisions
14 anymore. They are really doing smaller pockets where
15 they can turn them pretty quickly, but we are seeing a
16 nice uplift, both -- and on the commercial industrial
17 side, too. So that's a good thing.

18 COMMISSIONER MAYE: I have a question. I know a
19 couple months ago a few of us went to a conference at
20 IIT, I believe. And an organization called the Illinois
21 Great Energy Network presented and discussed the fact
22 that many of the utilities in the state of Illinois are
23 partnering with community colleges to focus on STEM and
24 to focus on workforce development because of the lack of
25 attrition that we're seeing -- or lack of, I guess,

1 talent acquisition in this industry. And I was curious
2 to know -- I know you mentioned two community colleges
3 you are working with. Is that through that program or
4 is that outside --

5 MS. REESE: No, it's really on our own.

6 MS. MAYE: Oh, that's awesome.

7 MS. REESE: We are trying to figure out how to
8 partner with them differently. It's interesting because
9 one of the things we are learning through the Center for
10 Energy Workforce Development is the other state energy
11 workforce consortium. So in Indiana, all of their
12 community colleges are part of one system so that is
13 really easy to partner with. Here, it is not quite as
14 easy to do that. So we are trying to figure out how to
15 work with each community college in our territory and
16 leverage what they bring to the table. So COD is the
17 largest one -- College of DuPage. It's the largest in
18 our territory. It's one of the largest -- I think it's
19 the largest in the state. In fact, it's one of the
20 largest institutions in the state. We're trying to look
21 at creative things to use them, perhaps to augment
22 training even for our own employees. So they have a
23 great welding school -- Can we leverage them? So we are
24 trying to figure out how to partner with them a little
25 differently.

1 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Got it. Okay.

2 MS. REESE: But we'll definitely follow up on that
3 as well, see if there's a way to work on that.

4 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: As a follow-up, the
5 program that you have at Dawson with community colleges
6 is not replicated at other community colleges throughout
7 the state?

8 MS. REESE: So the one at Dawson is actually
9 Peoples -- The City Colleges, Peoples has that. That is
10 not our program.

11 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: But that program, is it --
12 do you have a similar program?

13 MS. REESE: We do not, currently. So the way that
14 Peoples -- And I know very little about it. I have
15 visited with Peoples and gone out and seen it. They
16 actually use that as a full training program. And when
17 those folks come out and graduate, they are ready to be
18 hired on directly and they really don't do much training
19 at all at Peoples once they get on because they come on
20 as certified to build -- to work on their system.
21 They've worked really hard with their unions to be able
22 to bring that training in and some other things. So
23 we're trying to understand --

24 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: So it's more of a
25 union-operated program?

1 MS. REESE: It is a more union-operated program.
2 So we're trying to -- And in fact, I think that their
3 union has a foundation that helps pay for it and it's
4 very much a partnership with the union. And because
5 Peoples is centered in Chicago, they have the location
6 issue, whereas we are much broader. But it's a very
7 interesting program they have and we certainly are
8 trying to understand it and learn from and see if there
9 are pieces and parts we can replicate.

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Questions?

11 Mr. Colgan, do you have any questions?

12 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Yeah, I had a question.

13 I know that the community outreach and
14 customer satisfaction -- I just saw some -- a report
15 today that the LIHEAP program had lost as much as
16 \$155 million this year. And over the last five years,
17 nearly \$2 billion has been cut out of that program. I'm
18 wondering if you have any relations with our
19 congressional delegation to discuss that program, the
20 importance of it. I think on a day like today, you
21 know, you build our system to be able to meet peak
22 demand; and you know, the LIHEAP program is a program
23 that's important all through the year, but on a day like
24 today, it's a health and safety issue. And I have
25 concern that here in the state of Illinois, just in the

1 past year, as much as 30 percent of the people who
2 participated last year, can't participate because of
3 lack of funding. Do you have any relations with members
4 of Congress to discuss this issue?

5 MR. SOMERHALDER: Commissioner, I'll start out.
6 One of our top priorities year after year with the
7 American Gas Association has been the LIHEAP program and
8 the highest level of funding that's appropriate. As you
9 know, we've had pressure on that. You quoted some of
10 the numbers. We've seen that reduced, both with this
11 Congress and then the fact they look at the lower
12 natural gas prices. But still, even with the lower
13 natural gas prices, there are many people in need. So
14 we put that as a high priority. And so both through our
15 relationships through American Gas Association and their
16 influence in Washington on this, we put this as a high
17 priority.

18 And, Beth, specifically in Illinois --

19 MS. REESE: We do. So we've partnered with the
20 intake organizations here in Illinois to make sure that
21 we've given them some funding directly so that they have
22 resources to be able to reach out to customers.

23 We also have a share program that is
24 administered through the Salvation Army that allows
25 customers who don't quite qualify for LIHEAP, but

1 probably are that -- more working poor -- allow them
2 access to some funds. So we are very aware and focused
3 on those customers who may not be able to really afford
4 our product. And it is a health and safety issue. So
5 we are trying to do it in a very thoughtful manner.
6 And, you know, one of our municipalities has asked us to
7 provide information in their newsletter, for instance,
8 on how their constituents and citizens can access funds.
9 We're trying to help educate as much as we possibly can.

10 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Anybody else?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Well, thank you very much.

14 MS. REESE: You're welcome.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: We appreciate you coming.

16 Mr. Somerhalder, and Mr. Weaver, in the back
17 there, I appreciate you coming all the way from Atlanta.
18 Maybe we will do this in October to save you from coming
19 here in the middle of the deep freeze. But thank you
20 very much. We really appreciate it. I appreciate your
21 working with our staff, too, on the issues you mentioned
22 and many others and look forward to continuing to work
23 with you in the future.

24 MR. SOMERHALDER: Thank you.

25 MS. REESE: Thank you, Commissioners. Nice to see

1 you.

2 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Take care. Get home safe.

3 (Exit Ms. Reese and

4 Mr. Somerhalder.)

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Turning back to Item 2 on the
6 agenda. Docket No. 13-0105. It's Ameren's petition
7 for approval of it's Peak Time Rebate Programs.

8 ALJ Von Qualen recommends entry of an Interim Order
9 approving the program.

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a motion to enter the
13 Order?

14 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner McCabe.

16 Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Second by Commissioner del Valle.

19 All in favor, say aye.

20 (Ayes heard.)

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and
24 the Order is entered. We will use this five to nothing
25 vote for the remainder of today's agenda unless

1 otherwise noted.

2 Item 3 is Docket No. 11-0580. This is Donald
3 Davis' complaint against ComEd as to service in
4 Machesney Park. Petitioner has filed an Interlocutory
5 Appeal of the ALJ's denial of ComEd's Motion to Stay the
6 proceeding and Staff's Motion for Reconsideration. This
7 item will be held for disposition at a future Commission
8 proceeding.

9 Items 4 through 7 can be taken together.
10 These items are complaints against ComEd as to billing
11 and/or charges and services. In each case, the parties
12 have apparently settled their differences and have filed
13 a Stipulation and Joint Motion to Dismiss, which the ALJ
14 in each case recommends we grant.

15 Is there any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Are there any objections?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the motions are
20 granted and the complaints are dismissed.

21 Items 8 through 15 can be taken together.
22 These items are Applications for Licensure of Agents,
23 Brokers, and Consultants under Section 16-115C of the
24 Public Utilities Act. In each case, ALJ Kimbrel
25 recommends entry of an Order granting the certificates.

1 Is there any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders are
6 entered.

7 Item 16 is Docket No. 10-0684. These are
8 reconciliation proceedings concerning revenues collected
9 under Ameren gas adjustment charges with actual costs
10 prudently incurred. ALJ Albers recommends entry of an
11 Order approving reconciliation.

12 Is there any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
17 entered.

18 Item 17 is Docket No. 13-0522. This is
19 Plymouth Rock Energy's Motion to Withdraw its
20 Application for Certificate of Service Authority under
21 Section 19-110 of the Public Utilities Act. ALJ
22 Jorgenson recommends we grant the motion and dismiss the
23 proceeding.

24 Is there any discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Are there any objections to
2 granting the motion?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion is
5 granted and the proceeding is dismissed.

6 Item 18 is Docket No. 13-0534. This is
7 Peoples Gas' Petition for approval of the tariff
8 pursuant to Section 9-220.3 of the Public Utilities Act.
9 ALJ Teague Kingsley recommends entry of an Order
10 granting the Petition.

11 Is there any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
16 entered.

17 Item 19 is Docket No. 13-0636. This is
18 Liberty Utilities Verified Petition pursuant to
19 Section 285.140 for waiver of Part 285 Provisions. ALJ
20 Riley recommends entry of an Order granting the
21 Petition.

22 Is there any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
2 entered.

3 Item 20 is Docket No. 13-0480. This is USCOC
4 of Central Illinois' Petition to partially relinquish
5 its designation as an eligible telecommunications
6 carrier under 47 USC Section 214(e)(2). ALJ Riley
7 recommends entry of an Order granting the Petition.

8 Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
13 entered.

14 Item 21 is Docket No. 13-0631. This is Oneida
15 Network Services' Petition for Emergency Relief to
16 protect highly proprietary information and obtain a
17 report from disclosure for not less than two years.
18 ALJ Von Qualen recommends entry of an Order granting the
19 Petition.

20 Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
25 entered.

1 Items 22 through 24 can be taken together.
2 These items are Joint Petitions for approval of a
3 negotiated interconnection agreement or an amendment to
4 an agreement pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(e). In each
5 case, ALJ Baker recommends entry of an Order approving
6 the agreement.

7 Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders are
12 entered.

13 Item 25 is Docket No. 13-0576. This is AT&T
14 and TDS Metrocom's Joint Petition for approval of a
15 16th Amendment to their interconnection agreement dated
16 October 15th, 2013 pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.
17 ALJ Baker recommends entry of an Order approving the
18 amendment.

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
24 entered.

25 We have one item of other business to consider

1 today, which is a FERC matter concerning pending
2 litigation. So we'll go into closed session to address
3 that.

4 Is there a motion to go into closed session?

5 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner McCabe.

7 Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Second by Commissioner Maye.

10 All in favor, say aye.

11 (Ayes heard.)

12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and
15 the Commission will now go into closed session.

16 Please let me know when the room is ready in
17 Springfield.

18 (Exit Commissioner del Valle and
19 unidentified members.)

20 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: We're ready here.

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: We're just waiting for
22 Commissioner del Valle. We'll be ready in a moment.

23 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Okay.

24 (A short break was had.)

25 (Enter Commissioner del Valle.)

1 (Whereupon proceedings were held in
2 closed session and bound under
3 separate cover.)

4 (Whereupon the following proceedings
5 were held in open session.)

6 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: I think we're all set here.

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: In closed session, the Commission
8 discussed FERC Docket No. EL 14-12-000 on the comments
9 on the complaint of Association of Business Advocating
10 Tariff Equity, et. al. versus MISO, et. al.

11 Is there a motion to file the comments with
12 FERC?

13 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

14 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner McCabe,
16 seconded by Commission Colgan.

17 All in favor, say aye.

18 (Ayes heard.)

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and
22 the filing will be made with FERC.

23 Judge Wallace, any other matters to come
24 before the Commission today?

25 JUDGE WALLACE: No, there's not, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, sir.

Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned.

Happy New Year, everybody, and stay warm.

(Meeting adjourned.)

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2 COUNTY OF COOK) SS.

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4 Julie McCarron, being first duly sworn, on
5 oath says that she is a Certified Shorthand Reporter and
6 Registered Professional Reporter doing business in the
7 City of Chicago, County of Cook and the State of
8 Illinois;

9 That she reported in shorthand the proceedings
10 had at the foregoing Meeting;

11 And that the foregoing is a true and correct
12 transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid
13 and contains all the proceedings had at the said
14 Meeting.

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JULIE MCCARRON, CSR, RPR

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21 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
22 before me this 14th day of
23 January, A.D., 2014.

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