1	BEFORE THE				
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION				
3	REGULAR OPEN MEETING				
4	PUBLIC UTILITY				
5	Wednesday, March 1, 2017				
б	Chicago, Illinois				
7 8	Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m.,				
9	at 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.				
10	PRESENT:				
11	BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman				
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13	SHERINA E. MAYE EDWARDS, Commissioner				
14	MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner				
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16	SADZI MARTHA OLIVA, Acting Commissioner				
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19	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by				
20	PATRICIA WESLEY CSR NO. 084-002170				
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CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. Are we ready to 1 2 proceed in Springfield? CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are. 3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Sounds like a yes. 4 5 Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, I 6 call the March 1, 2017 Regular Open Meeting to 7 order. 8 Commissioners del Valle, Edwards, and 9 Rosales, and Acting Commissioner Oliva are present with me Chicago. We have a quorum. 10 11 We have ten requests to speak this 12 morning. As a reminder, each speaker will have 13 three minutes. 14 I would like to ask, however, 15 especially for all of the speakers, that you adhere 16 to the three-minute rule. We will let you know when you have three minutes left, two minutes left, and 17 18 one minute left, and when your time has expired. 19 We do have a Spanish-speaking employee 20 of the Illinois Commerce Commission available to 21 translate if necessary. 22 Please beware that while the

Commission do afford the public an opportunity to 1 2 comment, we cannot respond to your comments. Your 3 comments will be made part of the record, however, we cannot rely on them to resolve disputed issues of 4 fact in contested cases. 5 6 Our first speaker is Bob Puricelli. 7 Bob, why don't you join us at the end here. Make 8 sure you hit the button so the microphone goes on. 9 MR. PURICELLI: Good morning. 10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. 11 PRESENTATION 12 ΒY 13 MR. PURICELLI: 14 My name is Robert Puricelli. I'm a resident of Chicago and a Peoples Gas customer. 15 16 I have heard stories from other speakers about the disastrous personal effects that 17 the continued rate increases have had on the lives 18 19 of Peoples Gas customers, many of whom have been cut 20 off from this essential service in spite of the 21 brutal cold. Many have had to choose between food 2.2 or heat or medicine or heat, because of the high

cost of gas service, and the primary driver of this 1 2 cost is the Peoples Gas Main Replacement Project. As cruel and inhumane as their 3 personal consequences are, they reveal only part of 4 the damage to be inflicted if the proposed plan is 5 б approved. 7 Peoples Gas is a subsidiary of WEC 8 Energy, acquired in a merger approved by this 9 Commission based, at least in part, on testimony by company officials, statements later deemed to have 10 been untrue. 11 12 The company was fined for these misstatements, but the new corporate entity driver 13 14 is based mainly on revenues generated by the Peoples Gas Main Replacement Project. 15 16 Since the merger 20 months ago, WEC 17 stock has gone up almost 40 percent, nearly doubled 18 the gain of the Dow Jones utility average, and the 19 dividend rate has also increased by 24 percent 20 further enriching shareholders. 21 The market capital WEC stock has increased by more than \$4.7 billion since the 22

merger. The CEO of WEC was paid compensation of 1 2 over \$11 million in the last fiscal year. This huge cash windfall for shareholders and insiders 3 represents not only the impoverishment of Peoples 4 5 ratepayers but also the starvation of public б institutions that serve these ratepayers. 7 Every one of these dollars would have 8 generated sales tax dollars that support schools, 9 and police, and firefighters, and clinics, and libraries, and would have been available to local 10 businesses as income to generate jobs, investment, 11 12 and organic growth. 13 The Peoples' plan as proposed would 14 perpetuate the financial policing of our community for the enrichment of out-of-state investors. 15 16 Liberty Consulting, hired by this 17 Commission to analyze Peoples' operation, said that, 18 and I quote, "Peoples does not place a high priority 19 on developing and maintaining a strong cost management culture." Why would they? For every 20 21 dollar they spend, their profit is increased. 22 I ask the Commission to reign in this

out-of-control boondoggle and to curtail the runaway 1 2 rate increases it requires and to authorize 3 additional public hearings so that people can, and I 4 quote the state Appellate Court, "inform and guide the Commission's discretion as to whether the rate 5 increases proposed by the utilities are fair, just, б 7 and reasonable." 8 I ask that these Commissioners do your 9 job, please. 10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir. 11 (Applause.) 12 Our next speaker is Ms. Yesenia 13 Maldonado. 14 MS. MALDONADO: Buendos dias. 15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. 16 YESENIA MALDONADO, 17 called as an interpreter to translate the Spanish 18 language into the English language and the English 19 language into the Spanish language as follows: 20 21 22

1	PRESENTATION			
2	ВҮ			
3	MS. MALDONADO:			
4	I have lived in Chicago for 16 years			
5	in Little Village and I am a single mother of five			
б	children. I work 40 hours and I have a minimum			
7	wage. I have worked at a hotel in Chicago and bills			
8	are extremely high. I pay bills and I don't have			
9	enough to pay for my children's food.			
10	During the summer, the bills are 200			
11	each month, and during the winter, it's a little bit			
12	more. Thank God I have my family helps me with			
13	these expenses.			
14	As someone who pays their taxes			
15	timely, the bills for light and gas keep going up.			
16	I'm kind of embarrassed to say, but, as a Hispanic			
17	person, we go to church to ask for food because of			
18	the wages that we make. Thank you.			
19	(Applause.)			
20	CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.			
21	Our next speaker is Joe Kamberos.			
22	Sir, welcome back. Three minutes.			

1	MR. KAMBEROS: Thank you.		
2	PRESENTATION		
3	BY		
4	MR. KAMBEROS:		
5	The last time I was here a few weeks		
6	ago, ICC Chairman Brian Sheahan said that the		
7	Commissioners are not able to consider public		
8	comments for making their decisions. That struck me		
9	as odd, because this is a public hearing about a		
10	decision that will impact the lives of the public.		
11	One would think that these meetings		
12	would guide and inform the ICC to act in the best		
13	interest of the public, so I did some research and		
14	found that the statement is in direct contradiction		
15	to a 2013 decision of the Illinois Appellate Court.		
16	In Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners		
17	Association versus the Illinois Commerce Commission,		
18	985 N.E.2d 695, the Illinois Attorney General's		
19	office challenged the decision of the ICC		
20	Administrative Law Judge to strike comments from		
21	public forums and websites from the association's		
22	attorney's brief.		

1 The Appellate Court ruled that public 2 comments, quote, "help to inform and guide the Commission's discretion in an effort to determine 3 whether the rate increases proposed by the utilities 4 5 are fair, just, and reasonable," end quote. б Given this legislative mandate, I ask 7 the Commissioners to not only have public 8 commentaries to guide their decisions but that they 9 also act upon the public commentaries they are 10 given. 11 I would like to recommend to the 12 Commissioners that they work for the public's best interest. You do not work for Peoples Gas, WEC 13 Group, who owns Peoples, or their shareholders, like 14 the Vanguard Group, the Black Rock Group or 15 P. J. Morgan, whose sole purpose is to maximize 16 17 profits which they can and have achieved at the 18 expense of the public. 19 It is for this reason that I ask the 20 Commission to completely deny Peoples Gas of their rate increases and to fulfill the ICC's duty of 21 keeping utilities affordable as detailed in the 22

1 Public Utilities Act of 2001.

2 Finally, I would like to comment on 3 the timing of these public hearings. These hearings are scheduled in the middle of the workweek during 4 5 normal working hours in the middle of downtown which б makes it next to impossible for real working people to provide commentary without losing a day's pay or 7 8 risking their jobs. 9 In addition, identifying the location and time of these meetings requires almost an entire 10 11 day of calling up government agencies and scouring a 12 number of government websites. It should be your goal to make these 13 14 meetings extremely accessible and have information about these meetings easily available to the public. 15 16 I can see that there is another order 17 on the agenda for additional hearings. I'm asking 18 going forward that any hearings be well announced to 19 the public on your website through whatever means 20 you can find, like mass media, with the date and 21 location clearly mapped out, and that these hearings be scheduled in the evening after people get off 22

1	work or on the weekends so that the public can fully					
2	attend and provide commentary that you will act					
3	upon. Thank you. I have to get back to work.					
4	CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir.					
5	(Applause.)					
6	Next speaker is Janie Vitlina.					
7	PRESENTATION					
8	BY					
9	MS. VITLINA:					
10	The Public Utility Act of Illinois of					
11	2001 states that public utilities will be regulated					
12	effectively to insure that rates for utility					
13	services are affordable and available for all. Just					
14	in case you didn't hear me, Members of the Board,					
15	that they are affordable and available to all.					
16	It seems that the Members of the Board					
17	have forgotten that "all" includes even the poorest					
18	of us, the lowest workers, even the ones on a fixed					
19	income, because this Board has approved rate					
20	increases for Peoples Gas while 77,000 households					
21	were being shut off in the middle of winter and					
22	Peoples Gas parent company was still paying out \$455					

million in dividends. This is not affordable and
 available to all.

3 We have families that are being disconnected from gas and heat. No more rate 4 5 increases should be granted while this is happening. б It is unacceptable that this Board so willfully and 7 blatantly ignored the very policies that it is 8 entrusted to uphold. Your appointments do not give 9 you free reign. 10 In the February 1st meeting, and 11 clearly today, Chairman Sheahan, who looks quite 12 bored I might say, said that the Board is not legally able to consider public comments when making 13 their decisions. 14 15 This is either embarrassingly ignorant 16 or intentionally deceptive, because the 2013 17 appellate ruling for the Apple Canyon case ruled 18 that public comments are to inform and guide the 19 Commission's decision as to whether rate increases 20 proposed are fair, just, and reasonable, and, 21 Members of the Board, I'm here to tell you that they are not fair, not just, and not reasonable. 22

1 Your approval comes at the expense of 2 ratepayers in Chicago and pulls out money from the local economy only to line the pockets of Peoples 3 Gas and their business shareholders, who I might add 4 control trillions of dollars in assets already. 5 6 So I am here today to officially say 7 on the record to be considered reject the rate 8 increase and roll back rates to a level that every 9 single household in Chicago can afford and where no one is being disconnected. 10 11 And, frankly, I really don't see how 12 this is even a discussion today. You are required to follow the law of the State of Illinois and 13 14 fulfill your responsibility to the people. Do your jobs. Make rates affordable. 15 16 Prioritize the lives of people in Chicago and not 17 the profits of Peoples Gas. Your responsibility is 18 to the ratepayers, not the utility companies. 19 (Applause.) 20 Thank you. CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Our next speaker is David Schweickart. 21 22 PRESENTATION

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2	MR. SCHWEICKART:		
3	So the microphone is on. Yes. I'm		
4	David Schweickart. I'm a professor at Loyola		
5	University and I was here at the February 1st		
б	meeting and I was shocked, too, by the comments at		
7	the very end that seem to say that the Commissioners		
8	are legally not able to consider public comments in		
9	making their decision, and it felt like a slap in		
10	the face.		
11	It's like, you know, we come out. You		
12	know, we make these comments. You are saying, well,		
13	too bad. We are not legally allowed to take any of		
14	this into consideration, maybe I misunderstood that,		
15	and hopefully I have.		
16	Like some other people here, I did		
17	some research on that, found this appellate		
18	decision, and so I won't repeat that, but it's clear		
19	there was the ruling that says that comments should		
20	be taken into consideration, so, you know, hopefully		
21	our comments will be.		
22	A big thing I've been thinking about		

for awhile is Peoples Gas, okay, is a for-profit 1 2 company. It's a monopoly. We don't get to choose 3 between gas companies, you know, for our rates, so, you know, we depend on you guys to keep those rates 4 5 fair, and just, and affordable, and apparently, you б know, a business that's a non-for-profit business, 7 before you declare a profit, you know, you have to 8 set aside funds, your depreciation funds, to keep 9 your capital and stock intact and keep your pipes manageable, so on and so forth. You know, that's 10 what businesses are suppose to do, then you declare 11 a profit, but it looks like Peoples hasn't been 12 doing that. 13

Okay. You have been making a profit, but the equipment has been running down dramatically and feels like, well, they don't have to do that because they can just let it run down, come to the ICC and say, look at all the problems we have. We need more money, you know, basically bail us out, okay, and that just doesn't seem right.

21 So I really -- I mean, I'd really like 22 you to reconsider this rate hike. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir. 2 (Applause.) 3 Our next speaker is Angela Leon. VANESSA GRACIA, 4 5 called as an interpreter to translate the Spanish б language into the English language and the English 7 language into the Spanish language as follows: 8 PRESENTATION 9 ΒY 10 MS. LEON: 11 Good morning. My name is Angela. I am 12 a member of Midwest Workers Association. I'm here because of my community in Humboldt Park. I'm here 13 14 to tell you why I'm uncomfortable with --15 THE INTERPRETER: Why she is not comfortable with 16 the taxes. 17 MS. LEON: It is impossible to keep paying so 18 much for the taxes, like it is to pay for the light, 19 gas, food, and all public utilities, and that's 20 affecting my family and everyone in my community and 21 anyone who is low income. 22 Even when minimum wage went up to \$10,

it's still impossible to keep paying for these 1 2 services, just like they increased the minimum wage, 3 they also increased the taxes. It's not enough that when the rich keep getting rich and the poor keeps 4 5 getting poor, and the working class poor when we can б barely afford to pay our expenses and to survive. 7 Thank you. 8 (Applause.) 9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you. Next speaker is Adrian Castro. 10 11 MR. CASTRO: Good morning, guys. 12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. 13 PRESENTATION 14 ΒY 15 MR. CASTRO: 16 Some of you guys might remember me. I'm Adrian Castro. I'm here to speak on behalf of 17 18 the Cook County Workers Benefit Council, a delegate 19 body that represents the needs and interests of 20 service workers and other low paid workers in Cook 21 County. 22 I'm here to speak regarding Docket No.

16-3076 investigating the costs and other issues
 related to the Peoples Gas System Modernization
 Program.

The Public Utilities Act of 2001's goal in utility regulation is, and I quote, "to insure the rates for utility services are affordable and, therefore, preserve the availability of such services to all."

9 While you have allowed Peoples Gas to 10 raise our rates in 2009 to accelerate replacing 11 Chicago gas mains after over a billion dollars of 12 our money has been spent on this project, the number 13 of gas leaks has not declined.

14 The project -- the cost of the project 15 itself has ballooned severalfold. We were not even 16 safer. Peoples Gas has no incentive to reduce costs 17 because the ICC regulations allowed Peoples Gas to 18 profit from ratepayers dollars spent on main 19 replacement.

In 2015 Peoples Gas parent company,
WEC Energy Group, paid out \$455 million in dividends
to shareholders, such as Vanguard Group, Black Rock,

State Street Capital, and J. P. Morgan.

2 According to the data submitted to you in briefs several months ago, in the brutal cold of 3 winter of 2013 and 2014 Peoples Gas sent out 4 disconnection notices to over a third of their 5 б heating residential customers. That's over 230,000 7 families in Chicago, and Peoples Gas actually 8 disconnected 77,000 households that same winter. If you, the ICC, allows Peoples Gas to 9 continue this Main Replacement Program in the manner 10 that they propose, once again in the System 11 12 Modernization Program, our heating gas bills will double by 2030, and that's -- it's not affordable. 13 14 On February 1st, Chairman, once again you had said that you guys aren't legally able to 15 16 consider public comments when making your decisions, and that's in contradiction to the 2013 Illinois 17 18 Appellate Court decision of Apple Canyon Lake 19 Property Owners Association versus the ICC. 20 The court ruled Commissioners are 21 legally required to consider public comments in deciding cases and public input to help inform and 22

guide the Commission's discretion in its efforts to determine whether the rates proposed by utilities are fair, just, and reasonable.

Commissioners, you know Peoples Gas 4 5 rates are not fair. They're not just, nor б reasonable, and you are in violation of the mandate, 7 per the Public Utilities Act of 2001, to insure 8 utility services are affordable and available to 9 all. The Cook County Workers Benefit 10 Council demands that you, the ICC, cease the 11 12 prioritization of the profits of very few -- of the very few over our lives and well-being. 13 14 We demand that you reverse the prioritization immediately. We demand that you 15 16 reject all profiteering rate increases, that you 17 direct Peoples Gas to replace all high-risk leaky 18 gas mains at their own expense, that you direct 19 Peoples Gas to reconnect services for all of those 20 terminated, and direct Peoples to roll back the 21 rates to a level that working people can afford. 22 Our demands have not changed, nor will

they change until you guys fulfill them. Don't 1 2 consider them, you know, act on them. That's your 3 job. Thank you. 4 (Applause.) 5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir. б Buddy Lopez. Good morning. 7 PRESENTATION 8 ΒY MR. LOPEZ: 9 10 My name is Buddy Lopez. I've had my own business on the south side of Chicago, an auto 11 12 shop, and I have been in business for 35 years. 13 I'm here today because the gas bills 14 for residents and business owners are high. I'm paying about \$700 per month to Peoples Gas. 15 That's 16 about 20, 30 percent more than I was paying five 17 years ago. 18 When this pipe replacement project 19 started between utilities, rates and property taxes 20 of the city and the state are killing my business. 21 Property taxes for my shop have gone up about a 22 thousand dollars per year. ComEd has charged around

\$400 a month, and it's hard to be an independent 1 2 business because the state and city are pushing us 3 out. You force us to make up for revenue you don't get them from big monopolies or to support them 4 5 directed by setting the rates as given the job. б I hire locally, provide work for the 7 community. I employ seven people. Every one of 8 them have families. They have responsibilities to 9 their children and they depend on my shop to be able to pay the bills. 10 11 Every dollar that Peoples are spending 12 on higher rates for Peoples Gas, that's a dollar they can put behind giving a customer to buy from 13 their local shop. 14 15 When my shop has less business, less 16 and less work, I can't give to my guys. It is not 17 the people don't need their cars repaired either, 18 and I have been seeing what people drive and I've 19 been seeing people driving their cars with loose 20 suspensions which means they can lose control of the 21 cars, especially, especially since the government doesn't pay attention to fixing the streets and 22

1 potholes.

2 As a small business owner, I have to 3 maintain my property, keep it clean and safe. I 4 have to maintain my equipment. I don't charge my customers more when I need to fix equipment or 5 б upgrade my facilities. My customers don't have that 7 kind of money. 8 Why should Peoples Gas be allowed to 9 charge us more to fix their pipes just so they can 10 pay out -- able to pay their profits to their 11 shareholders? 12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Sir, your time has expired. 13 THE AUDIENCE: Let him finish. 14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Please. 15 MR. LOPEZ: We demand the state fulfill the Public Utilities Act of 2001 and direct Peoples Gas 16 17 to do what I do, keep the cost of fixing my own 18 equipment and replace the rates -- reduce the rates 19 to the point where everybody can pay them. That is 20 the law. 21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Sir, please. 22 THE AUDIENCE: Let him speak.

1 MR. LOPEZ: So I don't see why the state should 2 when you're suppose to regulate the prices big 3 monopolies can charge. Thank you. 4 (Applause.) 5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir. 6 Our next presenter is Tanya Zato. 7 MS. ZATO: Thank you. 8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Welcome back, ma'am. 9 MS. ZATO: Thank you. 10 PRESENTATION 11 ΒY 12 MS. ZATO: 13 My name is Tanya Zato. This is my 14 third time appearing in two months, three out of my 15 five per year, so I'm here because you know better 16 the statistics of how many people are currently 17 living in Chicago without heat, but, just a regular 18 low-income worker like myself, I know more of the 19 faces to those statistics, so I'm here on behalf of 20 other unrecognizable workers -- low-income workers 21 in my neighborhood to kind of help put a face to the 22 statistics.

1 Just Monday -- just Monday a neighbor 2 a couple blocks down from where I live had a house fire, lost their seven month old and two year old, 3 and their six year old is in critical condition, 4 because they were using the stove to heat their 5 б house, because even when you do have your utilities 7 connected, it's a struggle to keep the bill low, low 8 enough to pay so you don't have to risk being shut off. 9 10 So another family on the other side of Englewood, not too far from Woodlawn, is an older 11 12 retired couple, 74 years old, been living for six years now without heat and they have to walk to a 13 warming shelter during the day, and they're 74 years 14 15 old. So walking to the bus in zero degree weather is a very serious health risk, even if it's just a 16 17 short block or two to the bus stop, and then walking 18 back, you know, to stay warm. 19 People on fixed incomes are getting a 20 3 or \$400 bill each month to maintain it. My bill -- my last bill, and I just got reconnected, was --21

22 is \$400. That's more than half my rent, so now I'm

getting a part-time job to be able to afford my
 Peoples Gas bill.

And so I'm here for the third time 3 now. I just took off work and I have to go the 4 5 whole year on --6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Ma'am --7 THE AUDIENCE: Let her speak. 8 MS. ZATO: It took me three weeks of fighting, 9 and I wasn't alone. Others fought for me. How can I fail to be here? 10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Ma'am, please, out of respect 11 12 to the other people. 13 THE AUDIENCE: Let her speak. 14 MS. ZATO: It's costing me a hundred dollars that I would have made today. 15 16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: We have other people --17 THE AUDIENCE: Keep going. 18 MS. ZATO: You have enough data to know and I 19 know that this rate increase is not going to break 20 the banks of the Peoples Gas and you know this rate 21 increase is not fair or just. You know it's not 22 what the Public Utilities Act require.

1 I stand by my demand to roll back the 2 rates and reconnect everyone. Reject these rate increases and restore service to all of the people. 3 4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, ma'am. 5 (Applause.) 6 Our next speaker is Denise King. 7 MS. KING: I'm coming. My arthritis is bothering 8 me. 9 PRESENTATION 10 ΒY 11 MS. KING: 12 Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Denise King. I'm a retired senior. I worked for 13 14 the state budget center for 34 years of UIC, better 15 known as in-services, at 65 another \$135 I have to pay Medicare for health care. I have no idea where 16 17 it's coming from. 18 My pension check goes up only 19 3 percent, but taxes go up 5 percent or more a year. 20 Property taxes went up 23 percent since 2008, water taxes skyrocketing. 21 22 My landlord is scrambling to cover all

of the bills from the money he gets from me, and 1 2 this body wants to give another rate increase to 3 Peoples Gas and their shareholders, and my apartment is cold and I have to figure out where to go to keep 4 5 warm, but my income says stay home. You can't б afford to pay the gas for your car. I understand 7 why, because you can't afford utility bills. 8 Commissioners, I don't understand it, and I don't have the internet or cable because I 9 can't afford it. I'm on my children's phone plan 10 because I can't afford the bill. I can't afford to 11 pay without a struggle. 12 13 I would love to go to the beauty 14 saloon to get my hair done, get my nails done, but I would love to go, and you see how I walk. 15 The 16 dentist, the eye doctor, even store-bought glasses, 17 not a prescription. I'd like to go somewhere, but 18 I'm not alone. 19 My church where I worship God they 20 have the same financial problems. We can't even die 21 because we've got to pay the bill. I have to ask myself what do people do? 22

1 So here I am 63 in my golden years and 2 going back on the internet looking for a part-time job and it's hard to find at my age, even harder 3 because I have chronic debilitating arthritis, 4 which, by the way, is worse when it's cold because, 5 б Commission, I can't afford the bill, and this is 7 humiliating. This is a scandal, a person who worked 8 34, 35 years. I'm being robbed, but not with a gun, 9 not by a gun. I'm being robbed by laws to give wealthy corporations like Peoples Gas shareholders, 10 like J. P. Morgan, Vanguard, some of the biggest 11 12 banking companies around, overcompensating with my little check that I have to pay the rent and 13 14 utilities with. 15 Yes, that's right, the same thing. I 16 make too much money to receive assistance, yet, a 17 company, whose shareholders received \$455 million in 18 compensation last year needs my money to run their 19 operations.

Those living in the cold, crowded living quarters, can you imagine what I see daily? Can you put yourself and your family, and your

father, sister, brother, and children in our 1 situations on a cold winter's night? 2 Commissioners, I was here on 3 February 1st and you said that you didn't need to 4 listen to the decision of Apple Canyon versus ICC. 5 б So I'm here asking you on behalf of 7 the rest of us on a fixed income to think about our 8 comments. You are required to do so by law, the 9 Public Utility Act of 2001, and make rates affordable for everyone. Thank you. 10 11 (Applause.) 12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you. 13 Moving on to our Public Utility 14 Agenda, there are no Minutes to approve. 15 Item E-1 concerns MidAmerican's Reconciliation of Revenues Collected under its 16 17 Transmission Service Provider. 18 Are there any objections to approving 19 the proposed Order? 20 (No response.) 21 Hearing none, the Order's approved. 22 Item E-2 concerns a complaint against

1 Ameren.

2 Are there any objections to granting the Joint Motion to Dismiss? 3 4 (No response.) Hearing none, the Motion is granted. 5 6 Item E-3 concerns an Application for 7 Certification to Install, Maintain or Repair 8 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Facilities. 9 Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order granting the certificate? 10 11 (No response.) 12 Hearing none, the Order is approved. 13 Item E-4 concerns Astral Energy's Application for a Certificate of Service Authority. 14 15 Are there any objections to granting the Motion to Withdraw? 16 17 (No response.) 18 Hearing none, the Motion is granted. Item E-5 concerns MidAmerican's 19 20 Petition for Confidential Treatment of Certain Information. 21 2.2 Are there any objections to approving

the proposed Order granting the petition? 1 2 (No response.) 3 Hearing none, the Order is approved. Under our Gas Agenda, Items G-1 4 through 5 concern Nicor's Reconciliation of 5 6 Revenues. 7 Are there any objections to 8 considering these items together and approving the 9 proposed Orders? 10 (No response.) 11 Hearing none, the Orders are approved. 12 Item G-6 concerns Reconciliation of Revenues for Confidential Treatment of Certain 13 14 Information. 15 Are there any objections to 16 considering the Order granting the petition? 17 (No response.) 18 Hearing none, the Order is approved. 19 Item G-7 concerns an investigation of 20 Peoples' SMP. 21 Are there any objections to approving 22 the Order directing additional hearings?

1	(No response.)				
2	Hearing none, the Order is approved.				
3	Under the Telecommunications Agenda,				
4	Items T-1 through 2 concern two Applications for				
5	Pro Forma Changes.				
6	Are there any objections to				
7	considering these items together and approving the				
8	proposed Order granting the applications?				
9	(No response.)				
10	Hearing none, the Orders are approved.				
11	Items T-3 through 5 concern Petitions				
12	for Confidential Treatment of Certain Information.				
13	Are there any objections to				
14	considering these items together and approving the				
15	proposed Orders granting the petitions?				
16	(No response.)				
17	Hearing none, the Orders are approved.				
18	Moving on to our Water and Sewer				
19	Agenda, Item W-1 concerns Illinois-American Water's				
20	Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and				
21	Necessity to certain areas in Madison County.				
22	Are there any objections to approving				

the proposed Interim Order? 1 2 (No response.) Hearing none, the Order is approved. 3 4 (No response.) 5 Under the Miscellaneous Agenda, б Item M-1 concerns Ameren's Application for a 7 Reference Manual for Energy Efficiency. 8 Are there any objections to approving 9 the proposed Order initiating the proceeding? 10 (No response.) Hearing none, the Order is approved. 11 12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other matters to bring before the Commission this 13 14 morning. 15 JUDGE KIMBREL: No, Mr. Chairman. 16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do you have any other business you would like to bring before the 17 Commission this morning? 18 19 (No response.) 20 Hearing none and without objection, 21 the meeting is adjourned. Thank you. 22

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2	matter was	adjourned.)
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