1 BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION 2 3 BENCH SESSION 4 (PUBLIC UTILITY) 5 Chicago, Illinois б Wednesday March 9, 2011 7 8 9 10 Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. in 11 the Main Hearing Room, Eighth Floor, 160 North 12 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. 13 14 PRESENT: 15 DOUGLAS P.SCOTT, Acting Chairman 16 LULA M. FORD, Commissioner 17 ERIN M. O'CONNELL-DIAZ, Commissioner 18 SHERMAN J. ELLIOTT, Commissioner 19 JOHN T. COLGAN, Acting Commissioner 20 21 SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by 22 Alisa A. Sawka, CSR License No. 084-004588

| 1 | PROCEEDINGS |
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| 2 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Good morning. |
| 3 | Pursuant to the provisions of the |
| 4 | Illinois Open Meetings Act, I now convene a regularly |
| 5 | scheduled Bench Session of the Illinois Commerce |
| 6 | Commission. With me in Chicago are Commissioners |
| 7 | Ford, O'Connell-Diaz, Elliott and Acting Commissioner |
| 8 | Colgan, and I'm Acting Chairman Scott. We have a |
| 9 | quorum. |
| 10 | Before moving into the agenda, |
| 11 | according to Section 1700.10 of the Illinois |
| 12 | Administrative Code, this is the time we allow the |
| 13 | members of the public to address the Commission. |
| 14 | Members of the public wishing to address the |
| 15 | Commission must notify the Chief Clerk's Office at |
| 16 | least 24 hours prior to the Bench Session. According |
| 17 | to the Chief Clerk's Office we have no requests to |
| 18 | speak at today's Bench Session. |
| 19 | (Whereupon, the Transportation |
| 20 | Agenda is contained in a |
| 21 | separate transcript.) |
| 22 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Turning now to the |

1 Public Utility Agenda, we will start with approval of minutes from the February 9th Bench Session. 2 Ι 3 understand amendments have been forwarded. 4 Is there a motion to amend the 5 minutes? ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved. б ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second? 7 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second. 8 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and 10 seconded. All in favor, say "aye." 11 12 (Chorus of ayes.) 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed, "nay"? 14 (No response.) 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to 16 nothing amending the minutes for February 9th. 17 Is there a motion to approve the 18 minutes as amended? 19 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved. 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second. 21 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and

1 seconded.

| 2 | All in favor, say "aye." |
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| 3 | (Chorus of ayes.) |
| 4 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed, "nay"? |
| 5 | (No response.) |
| 6 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to |
| 7 | nothing approving the minutes for February 9th as |
| 8 | amended. |
| 9 | Moving now to the Electric portion of |
| 10 | the today's agenda. Item E-1 is Docket No. 08-0136. |
| 11 | This item concerns a Petition by ComEd for an |
| 12 | extension in time for authority previously granted to |
| 13 | obtain loans, issue bonds and sell notes up to an |
| 14 | aggregate principal amount of \$700 million. ALJ |
| 15 | Haynes recommends that the Commission enter an Order |
| 16 | approving the Company's Petition and granting the |
| 17 | extension of time. |
| 18 | Is there a motion to enter the Order |
| 19 | approving the Petition? |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved. |
| 21 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second? |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second. |
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1 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and 2 seconded. All in favor, say "aye." 3 4 (Chorus of ayes.) 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed? б (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to 7 nothing. The Order is entered and the extension in 8 time for this authority is granted. 9 10 We will use this 5 to nothing vote for 11 the remainder of the Public Utility Agenda unless 12 otherwise noted. 13 Item E-2 is Docket No. 10-0157. This 14 item will be held for disposition at a future 15 Commission meeting. Item E-3 is Docket No. 10-0517. 16 This item will also be held for disposition at a future 17 Commission meeting. 18 19 Item E-4 is Docket No. 10-0740. This 20 item is Chris Hitler's complaint as to billing and/or 21 charges against ComEd. Parties have entered into a stipulation for a dismissal, and ALJ Kimbrel 22

1 recommends that the Commission enter an Order 2 dismissing the complaint. Is there any discussion? 3 4 (No response.) 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? б (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order 7 is entered and the complaint is dismissed. 8 9 Item E-5 is Docket No. 10-0742. This 10 is Martha Esparza's complaint as to billing and/or charges against ComEd. The Complainant has brought a 11 12 Petition for Interlocutory Review regarding denial of 13 a motion for substitution of the ALJ in this case. 14 ALJ Haynes recommends that the Commission deny the 15 Complainant's Petition for Interlocutory Review of that ruling. 16 17 Is there any discussion? 18 (No response.) 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 20 (No response.) 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Petition is denied. 22

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Item E-6 is Docket No. 11-0042. 1 This 2 is Ameren's Petition requesting waivers from certain technical provisions of Title 83, Chapter 285, of the 3 4 Illinois Administrative Code regarding information requirements for rate case filings. ALJ Albers 5 recommends that the Commission enter an Order б granting the requested relief. 7 Is there any discussion? 8 (No response.) 9 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 11 (No response.) 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the 13 waivers are granted. 14 Items E-7 through is E-11 can be taken 15 together. These items each concern customer 16 complaints regarding billing and/or charges against 17 ComEd. In each case the parties have apparently 18 settled their differences and brought joint motions 19 to dismiss which the ALJs recommend that it be 20 granted. 21 Is there any discussion? 22 (No response.)

1 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 2 (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the joint 3 4 motions to dismiss are granted. Item E-12 through E-16 can be taken 5 б together. These items concern Applications for Licensure of Agents, Brokers and Consultants under 7 Section 16-115C of the Public Utilities Act. 8 In each case ALJ Yoder recommends that the Commission enter 9 10 an Order granting the requested certificates. 11 Is there any discussion? 12 (No response.) 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 14 (No response.) 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the 16 Orders are entered and the certificates are granted. 17 Turning to Gas, Item G-1 concerns initiating a rulemaking proceeding for changes to 18 Title 83, Part 595, of the Administrative Code 19 20 concerning pipeline safety and the recording of 21 pipeline accidents. Staff recommends entry of an Order authorizing the submission of the First Notice 22

1 of the Proposed Amendment to Part 595. Is there any discussion? 2 (No response.) 3 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 5 (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order б is entered. 7 Items G-2 and G-3 can be taken 8 together. These items are filings by Peoples and 9 10 North Shore Gas Companies concerning tariff changes 11 surrounding their Small-Volume Transportation 12 Programs. Staff recommends that the Commission allow 13 the Companies' proposals by not suspending the 14 filings. 15 Is there any discussion? 16 (No response.) 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 18 (No response.) 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the 20 filings will not be suspended. Item G-4 is a Petition for Special 21 22 Permission by North Shore Gas to make changes in its

1 rate schedule for its Small-Volume Transportation Program and give effect to these changes on less than 2 45-day notice. Staff recommends that the Commission 3 4 allow the Company's proposal by granting special 5 permission. Is there any discussion? б (No response.) 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 8 (No response.) 9 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, special permission is granted. 11 Item G-5 is Docket No. 08-0623. This 12 13 is AmerenCILCO's reconciliation case concerning 14 revenues collected under gas adjustment charges. ALJ Albers recommends that the Commission enter an Order 15 16 approving the reconciliation. 17 Is there any discussion? (No response.) 18 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 20 (No response.) 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered. 22

| 1 | Item G-6 will be held for a later |
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| 2 | date. |
| 3 | Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz. |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: If I might ask |
| 5 | Judge Gilbert to give us a briefing on this. It's |
| 6 | kind of an extensive order, and I would personally |
| 7 | just like to spend more time with it; but I think it |
| 8 | would be good for all of us if he gave us a briefing |
| 9 | of his findings and recommendation. |
| 10 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Very well. |
| 11 | Judge. |
| 12 | JUDGE GILBERT: Each year Peoples Gas and North |
| 13 | Shore Gas have to make filings with respect to their |
| 14 | Rider EEP or Enhanced Energy I'm sorry Enhanced |
| 15 | Efficiency Programs. |
| 16 | Rider EEP is something that you |
| 17 | approved in the 2007 rate case for Peoples and North |
| 18 | Shore. And the annual filings require an explanation |
| 19 | and justification of what has happened up to a |
| 20 | certain point and an explanation and justification |
| 21 | for a surcharge or rider charge that will apply going |
| 22 | forward. |

1 The filings in a technical sense were fine and there were really no objections with respect 2 to those. There were three challenges brought by 3 4 Staff with respect to the prudency of three 5 particular energy efficiency measures that the utilities adopted. And there were several disputed б issues with respect to how to evaluate prudency; how 7 to apply it in the specific context of an Energy 8 Efficiency Program; and then there were the specific 9 10 applications of those principles to the three energy efficiency measures. 11 12 And there's several decisions made 13 during the body of the order with respect to how 14 to -- how to define and apply prudency in this case 15 and then there are the specific applications of those 16 principles to tankless water heaters, wall insulation and -- now suddenly I'm forgetting the 17 third piece, even though I've been playing with this 18 forever -- clothes washers -- I'm sorry --19 20 high-efficiency clothes washers. The result is that tankless water 21

22 heaters and high-efficiency clothes washers are

1 considered equally included in the program and that 2 wall insulation was not. And there's a disallowance 3 amounting to about 3,000-and-some with respect to 4 North Shore and about -- I think it's 15,000 with 5 respect to Peoples out of a program that spent, I 6 think, about a million and a half.

And so -- I don't know if that's a
8 satisfactory summary for you at this point.

9 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Thank you. I 10 just think since we're kind of setting the table with regard to our Energy Efficiency Programs, and it 11 12 was -- I kind of had some questions that -- I may 13 have more questions, but I think we need to get it 14 right up front and then obviously this will be used 15 as we move forward with this program.

16 So I may have more questions based 17 upon a much deeper read, but it's an extensive Order. 18 So thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: So Item G-6 then will be held for disposition at a future Commission meeting.

22 Thank you, Judge.

Item G-7 is Docket Nos. 10-0237 and 1 10-0238 consolidated. This is North Shore and 2 Peoples Gas' Petitions to initiate proceedings to 3 determine the accuracy of their Rider VBA 4 Reconciliation Statements. ALJ Gilbert recommends 5 that the Commission enter an Order approving the б Utilities' filings. 7 Is there any discussion? 8 (No response.) 9 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 11 (No response.) 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order 13 is entered. 14 Item G-8 is Docket No. 09-0621. This 15 is Ivie Clay's complaint as to service against Peoples Gas concerning alleged improperly billed 16 charges. ALJ Benn recommends that the Commission 17 18 enter an Order denying the complaint. 19 Is there any discussion? 20 (No response.) 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 22 (No response.)

is entered and the complaint is denied. 2 Item G-9 is Docket No. 10-0645. This is 3 4 Deborah Thomas-Ying's complaint as to billing and/or 5 charges against Nicor. The parties have apparently settled their differences and brought a Joint Motion б to Dismiss, which ALJ Gilbert recommends that we 7 8 grant. Is there any discussion? 9 10 (No response.) 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 12 (No response.) 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the case 14 is dismissed. 15 Items G-10 through G-12 can be taken 16 together. These items concern petitions to protect 17 against the disclosure of confidential and/or proprietary information in the Petitioners' 18 Compliance Reports. In each case, ALJ Albers 19 20 recommends entry of an Order granting the requested 21 relief for a period of two years. 22 Is there any discussion?

ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order

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1 (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 2 (No response.) 3 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders are entered and the requested relief is 5 granted for two years. б Moving now to Telecommunications. 7 Item T-1 and T-2 can be taken together. These items 8 concern filings by Frontier Communications of the 9 10 Carolinas and Frontier North to add language to the 11 Company's tariffs dealing with requests to change or relocate facilities. Staff recommends that the 12 13 Commission allow their request by not suspending the 14 filings. 15 Is there any discussion? 16 (No response.) 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 18 (No response.) 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the 20 filings will not be suspended. Item T-3 is Docket No. 09-0603. 21 This 22 is Worldwide Marketing Solutions' Application for a

1 Certificate to Provide Resold Interexchange Telecommunication Services in Illinois. ALJ Benn 2 recommends that the Commission enter an Order 3 4 dismissing the docket for want of prosecution. Is there any discussion? 5 б (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 7 8 (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the 9 10 docket is dismissed. 11 Item T-4 is Docket No. 10-0677. This 12 is Budget Call Long Distance's Application for 13 cancellation of a Certificate of Interexchange 14 Authority previously issued in Docket No. 93-0443. ALJ Baker recommends that the Commission enter on 15 16 Order granting the application for cancellation. 17 Is there any discussion? 18 (No response.) 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 20 (No response.) 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered and the certificate is cancelled. 22

Items T-5 and T-6 can be taken 1 together. These items concern Joint Petitions for 2 Amendments to Interconnection Agreements under 47 3 4 U.S.C. Section 252. In each docket ALJ Baker 5 recommends entering an Order approving the amendment of the existing agreement. б Is there any discussion? 7 8 (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 9 10 (No response.) 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the 12 Orders are entered. 13 Item T-7 has been withdrawn. 14 Items T-8 through T-21 can be taken 15 together. These items each concern potential citation proceedings against telecommunications 16 carriers for failure to file their 2009 Annual 17 18 Reports with the Commission. In each case Staff 19 recommends that the Commission enter an Order 20 initiating the citation proceeding against the 21 Company. 22 Is there any discussion?

| 1 | (No response.) |
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| 2 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? |
| 3 | (No response.) |
| 4 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the |
| 5 | Orders are entered and the citation proceedings are |
| 6 | initiated. |
| 7 | Item T-22 has been withdrawn. |
| 8 | Items T-23 through T-26 can also be |
| 9 | taken together. These items also each concern |
| 10 | potential citation proceedings against |
| 11 | telecommunications carriers for failure to file their |
| 12 | 2009 Annual Reports with the Commission. In each |
| 13 | case Staff recommends that the Commission enter an |
| 14 | Order initiating the citation proceeding against the |
| 15 | company. |
| 16 | Is there any discussion? |
| 17 | (No response.) |
| 18 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? |
| 19 | (No response.) |
| 20 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the |
| 21 | Orders are entered and the citation proceedings are |
| 22 | initiated. |

| 1 | Item T-27 is Docket No. 10-0524. This |
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| 2 | is MTI's Application For Designation as an Eligible |
| 3 | Telecommunications Carrier to Receive Federal |
| 4 | Universal Service Support. ALJ Riley recommends that |
| 5 | the Commission enter an Order granting the requested |
| 6 | designation. |
| 7 | Is there any discussion? |
| 8 | (No response.) |
| 9 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? |
| 10 | (No response.) |
| 11 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order |
| 12 | is entered. |
| 13 | Items T-28 through T-36 can be taken |
| 14 | together. These items concern Petitions to protect |
| 15 | against the disclosure of confidential and/or |
| 16 | proprietary information in Petitioners' Annual |
| 17 | Reports. In each case, the ALJ recommends entry of |
| 18 | an Order granting the requested relief for a period |
| 19 | of two years. |
| 20 | Is there any discussion? |
| 21 | (No response.) |
| 22 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? |

1 (No response.) 2 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders are entered and the requested relief is 3 4 granted for two years. We have one miscellaneous item for 5 Item M-1 is Docket No. 10-0281. This docket б todav. concerns amendments to Title 83, Part 300, of the 7 Administrative Code addressing notice to landowners 8 in eminent domain proceedings. ALJ Sainsot 9 10 recommends that the Commission enter an Order authorizing submission of the proposed amendments to 11 the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. 12 13 Is there any discussion? 14 (No response.) 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections? 16 (No response.) 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered and the proposed amendments will be sent 18 to JCAR. 19 We have a few additional items to take 20 21 care of here today. First up is Liberty Consulting 22 Group's Eighth Quarterly Report concerning the

Peoples Gas Pipeline Safety Program. Someone from
 Staff able to brief us on this report? Or not?
 MR. BURK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Darin Burk from
 Pipeline Safety is available.

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you very much. 6 MR. BURK: This update covers the eighth and 7 final quarterly update of the Liberty Consulting 8 Group. It covers the months September through 9 November 2010.

10 Liberty's verification commitment has 11 been completed. Liberty expressed concerns related 12 to nine recommendations. Of those recommendations, 13 three have been classified as verified and closed; 14 but further verification by Pipeline Safety Staff is recommended. Six of the recommendations were left 15 16 open and require Staff follow-up. Staff is 17 developing a plan to follow up on all nine recommendations, and I have a summary of that that I 18 19 will provide here. Recommendations 2-3 discusses 20 21 evaluating the cast iron replacement policies and

22 increased replacement rates in the Northern District.

1 Staff will conduct annual review of the process being 2 used to select the main segments to be replaced and will verify that a risk-based process is being used. 3 4 Recommendation 2-25 demonstrates 5 implementation of best practices. This recommendation was targeted at corrosion control б policies and practices and will be reviewed through 7 record and field inspections. Staff will also 8 schedule annual meetings to discuss best practices 9 10 that have been implemented and additional practices and equipment available to the operator. 11 12 Recommendation 3-7, reevaluate the 13 odorant sampling and documentation and convert it to 14 an electronic format. The process has been developed 15 and was scheduled to go live in 2011. Staff will be following up on that as well. 16 17 The recommendations that were left open by Liberty are Recommendations 2-19, evaluate 18 19 atmospheric corrosion inspection practices. Peoples 20 continues to struggle with adequate atmospheric corrosion control monitoring, especially in the 21 bridge and tunnel area. Staff will conduct field 22

inspections and interview the key employees to
 determine the progress.

Recommendation 2-20, test casings to 3 4 ensure electrical isolations from the carrier pipe. 5 Peoples Gas needs to complete the testing for electrical isolation of the casings from the carrier б They've encountered difficulties in completing 7 pipe. that task. Staff will conduct quarterly inspections 8 to determine the progress toward identification of 9 10 all casing locations and the corrective actions being 11 taken to isolate the piping.

Recommendation 3-17, reduce the 12 13 year-end leak backlog. The pending leak backlog has 14 grown due to the reduction of the Cast Iron 15 Replacement Program after the last two years. Peoples will focus on Class 2 leak repair and 16 17 evaluate the costs needed and feasibility of Class 3 repair based on the Replacement Program. 18 19 Staff will continue to monitor leak 20 backlog to verify that the replacement program is 21 reducing the backlog. If the backlog is increasing, Staff will discuss the need for additional resources 22

1 being assigned to leak repair.

| 2 | Recommendation 4-7, conduct |
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| 3 | inspections of contractor crews as required. The |
| 4 | lack of qualified compliance monitoring group |
| 5 | personnel has been limiting the inspections and |
| 6 | contractor audits. Peoples has had difficulty moving |
| 7 | experienced people from union positions or bargaining |
| 8 | unit positions to management. Peoples has hired and |
| 9 | are in discussions with retired training and |
| 10 | operations personnel to supplement the inspection |
| 11 | process until the qualified individuals can be hired |
| 12 | for permanent positions. |
| 13 | Recommendation 5-8, improve the |
| 14 | Quality Assessment/Quality Control Program. Again, |
| 15 | they're having difficulty recruiting qualified |
| 16 | individuals. The contractor's employees that were |
| 17 | mentioned above or before are will be used to |
| 18 | supplement the program until the positions can be |
| 19 | filled with qualified personnel. And Pipeline Safety |
| 20 | will continue to monitor that progress. |
| 21 | Recommendation 5-9, provides the means |
| 22 | for and require that general supervisors spend more |

1 time in the field on job sites with the crews. Peoples has not made significant progress toward 2 providing additional supervision in the field 3 4 operations. The implementation of the Work Assets Management Program will reduce the administrative 5 workload on supervisors and centralized scheduling б should provide administrative duty relief. 7 Those programs are still in development and have not been 8 fully implemented. Staff will conduct field 9 10 inspections to determine if supervision is present 11 during critical maintenance activities. 12 Liberty also indicated that Staff needs to continue to address Recommendations 2-5 through 2-11, although they have been closed. The recommendations discuss third-party damages within

13 14 15 the City of Chicago. Liberty identified the lack of 16 17 enforcement in the City of Chicago as a contributing factor to the damages that Peoples Gas continues to 18 19 experience on their natural gas systems. Thev 20 recommend that Peoples support the Damage Prevention 21 Act to include enforcement in the City of Chicago and 22 Peoples should continue to enhance damage prevention

1 activities, such as excavation site inspections. Staff will verify that Peoples is 2 meeting the excavation site inspection goals and 3 4 following all the requirements under 192 -- under CFR Part 192. 5 That concludes my update. б Are there any questions? 7 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Does anyone have any questions? 9 10 COMMISSIONER FORD: No. I'll save my comments. Thank you. 11 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner 13 O'Connell-Diaz. 14 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Mr. Burk, with 15 regard to these items that you have -- the nine items that you just spoke about, is there, like, a time 16 17 line or what -- are these just going to be 18 open-ended? 19 MR. BURK: A lot of it just depends on the 20 implementation of the data processing systems, also 21 the availability of the resources to accomplish the tasks. For example, the electrical isolation of 22

casings is a very specialized task and there are only
 a handful of people employed by Peoples Gas that are
 capable of doing that type of work.

So it will be an ongoing process.
They haven't really committed to any definite time
line.

7 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: I mean, if that's 8 the case then, do they have a training program so 9 that there are more people in the lineup to do that 10 work? Because what if somebody retires and...

11 MR. BURK: There are a couple of things in the works with regard to that. As a result of this 12 13 Liberty audit, Peoples Gas has started sending 14 their -- or has designated individuals to be 15 corrosion technicians. The corrosion technicians are 16 going through The National Association of Corrosion 17 Engineers Training and Certification. It's a multi-level qualification. And they are allowing the 18 19 people to go as high as they would like to in that 20 training. As they progress through that training, 21 more people will be qualified.

22 They are also in negotiations with the

1 union local to discuss a training process or program 2 that they are going to sponsor to bring more qualified individuals into the work force. The plan 3 4 is to have these people go through approximately nine 5 to eleven months of intensified training before they even become employees of Peoples Gas. That hasn't б been fully developed at this time, but that is in the 7 works as well. 8

COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: And particularly 9 10 when you say "difficulties in completing the task" on 11 several of the items, how can we spur that forward? 12 I -- 3.17, when you were talking about 13 the difficulties in achieving that goal, and that's 14 having to do with the Cast Iron Replacement 15 Program -- I mean, I think our Order was really clear 16 that we didn't want other parts of their distribution 17 systems stopping because of that rider recovery. That's separate and distinct items. 18 19 So I'm having problems understanding 20 how they're not completing those tasks that were part 21 of their normal duties and obligations separate and 22 distinct from that Cast Iron Replacement Program,

1 which they're recovering separately under a rider.

MR. BURK: Well, prior to granting of the rider 2 they had cut back their Cast Iron Replacement Program 3 4 from roughly 46 miles a year to about 17. COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: 5 Right. MR. BURK: Basically they were just keeping up б with the public improvement programs and hazardous 7 leak requirements. We anticipate that the 8 Replacement Program that the Commission has ordered 9 10 will reduce the backlog of the leaks and start to 11 relieve the problems. 12 This year they intend to retire 13 approximately 100 miles of the cast iron, which will 14 require them to install approximately 170 miles of 15 new main based on the dynamics of the system. So we 16 will continue to look at that and hope that that goes 17 down. I have discussed this issue with the 18

19 Vice President of Operations of Peoples Gas and he 20 has committed that if they don't see a reduction in 21 backlog, they will enter into discussions with the 22 Union to either bring on more personnel or allow

contractors into the city to help with the leak
 backlog.

3 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: And how long out 4 is that going to be?

5 MR. BURK: Well, this year will be the first 6 year of the replacement so we are going to look at 7 the results after this year.

8 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Then another year 9 down the pike and then we're already behind with the 10 17 miles versus the -- whatever that number you gave 11 me before. So they probably should be sitting down a 12 little sooner than the end of the year. There's a 13 problem already. So...

MR. BURK: I can have Staff meet with Peoples Gas and see where they're at after the first quarter of this year and see if their numbers are higher or lower than last year. That would give us an indicator of where they're going on the leaks.

19 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Well, I mean, I 20 think if you were talking about sitting down with the 21 Union and -- we're talking about a process that has 22 to start and it's got to start sooner rather than

1 later. And they're already behind the eight ball with regard -- before they've even started the Rider 2 3 Program. So... 4 COMMISSIONER FORD: Quarterly report I think would be an excellent indicator of service. 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Anyone else? б Thank you, Mr. Burk. 7 MR. BURK: Thank you. 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a motion to 9 10 accept the Report and have the Report posted on the 11 Commission's Web site? 12 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved. 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second? 14 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second. 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and 16 seconded. All in favor, say "aye." 17 18 (Chorus of ayes.) 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed? 20 (No response.) 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to 22 nothing. The Report is accepted and the Report will

1 be posted on the Commission's Web site.

Our last two items today are FERC 2 matters concerning pending litigation. We will go 3 4 into closed session to address them. Is there a motion to go into closed 5 б session? ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved. 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second? 8 9 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second. 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and 11 seconded. 12 All in favor, say "aye." 13 (Chorus of ayes.) 14 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed, "nay"? 15 (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to 16 17 nothing to go into closed session. 18 (Whereupon at this point Pages 19 34-52 of the proceedings are 20 contained in a separate closed 21 transcript.) 22

| 1 | CONTINUATION OF PROCEEDINGS |
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| 2 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: In closed session the |
| 3 | Commission discussed making a filing with FERC in |
| 4 | FERC Docket EL11-21-000. |
| 5 | Is there a motion to file the Comments |
| 6 | with FERC? |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved. |
| 8 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second? |
| 9 | ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second. |
| 10 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and |
| 11 | seconded. |
| 12 | All in favor, say "aye." |
| 13 | (Chorus of ayes.) |
| 14 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed, "nay"? |
| 15 | (No response.) |
| 16 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to |
| 17 | nothing and the comments will be filed with FERC. |
| 18 | The Commission also discussed making a |
| 19 | filing with FERC in FERC Docket No. ER10-1791-002. |
| 20 | It there a motion to file the comments |
| 21 | with FERC? |
| 22 | ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved. |

1 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: 2 Second. ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and 3 4 seconded. All in favor, say "aye." 5 (Chorus of ayes.) б ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed? 7 8 (No response.) ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to 9 10 nothing and the Comments will be filed with FERC. 11 One last item for today, the 12 Commission will be convening again at 1:30 p.m. today 13 for a meeting of our initiative on plug-in electric 14 vehicles. Hope to see you folks there. 15 And just want to say how glad I am to 16 be a part of the Commission and I'm really looking 17 forward to this work and to working with all of you and working on these very important issues. And we 18 19 also want to thank Acting Chairman Flores for his 20 time serving the Commission and look forward to what 21 lies ahead for us.

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So it's good to be here. Thank you.

| 1 | COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Welcome aboard. |
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| 2 | ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Welcome. |
| 3 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you. |
| 4 | Judge Dolan, are there any other |
| 5 | matters to come before the Commission today? |
| б | JUDGE DOLAN: No, Chairman. |
| 7 | ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, sir. |
| 8 | Hearing none, this meeting stands |
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