1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
3	PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN MEETING
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7	Chicago, Illinois March 15, 2011
8	Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m.
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10	BEFORE:
11	MR. DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, Acting Chairman (telephonically)
12	MS. LULA M. FORD, Commissioner
13	MS. ERIN M. O'CONNELL-DIAZ, Commissioner
14	MR. SHERMAN J. ELLIOTT, Commissioner (via videoconference)
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16	MR. JOHN T. COLGAN, Acting Commissioner (via videoconference)
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21	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
22	Auhdikiam Carney, CSR License No. 084-004658

- 1 COMMISSIONER FORD: Is everything ready in
- 2 Springfield?
- 3 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: I believe so.
- 4 COMMISSIONER FORD: Pursuant to the provisions
- of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, I now convene a
- 6 Regular Open Meeting of the Illinois Commerce
- 7 Commission. With me in Chicago is Commissioner
- 8 O'Connell-Diaz. With us in Springfield are
- 9 Commissioner Elliott and Acting Commissioner Colgan.
- 10 I am Commissioner Ford.
- We have a quorum.
- 12 Chairman Scott is available to
- 13 participate by telephone today. Per Commission
- 14 rules, we must vote to allow Chairman Scott to
- 15 participate by phone.
- 16 I will make a motion to allow Chairman
- 17 Scott to participate by phone.
- 18 Is there a second?
- 19 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second.
- 20 COMMISSIONER FORD: Its been moved and
- 21 seconded.
- 22 All in favor say "aye."

- 1 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 2 Any opposed?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 Chairman Scott, you are now available.
- 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you very much.
- 6 COMMISSIONER FORD: The vote is 4-0 and we will
- 7 now allow Chairman Scott to participate by phone in
- 8 today's Bench session.
- 9 Before moving into the agenda,
- 10 according to Part 1700.10 of the Illinois
- 11 Administrative Code, this is the time we allow the
- members of the public to address the Commission.
- 13 Members of the public wishing to address the
- 14 Commission must notify the Chief Clerk's Office at
- 15 least 24 hours prior to the Commission meeting.
- 16 According to the Chief Clerk's Office we have no
- 17 requests to speak at today's open meeting.
- Moving into today's agenda, Item 1 is
- 19 Docket 10-0517. This is a Petition by Central
- 20 Illinois Light Company, Central Illinois Public
- 21 Service Company, and Illinois Power Company seeking
- 22 approval of certain modifications to the manner in

- 1 which it records and maintains various accounting
- 2 data. ALJ Albers recommends granting the Petition in
- 3 part and denying the Petition in part. There is some
- 4 discussion on this matter.
- 5 Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz.
- 6 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Thank you,
- 7 Commission Ford. In conjunction with Commissioner
- 8 Ford's office and my office, we have circulated among
- 9 the Commissioners some language changes for the
- 10 Order. It does not change the outcome of the Order,
- 11 however, it recognizes the fact that the company at
- 12 this point in time due to the overlap of this matter
- 13 and a rate case that was filed within the last I
- 14 think two week, two and a half weeks, that we're
- 15 cognisant of the fact that they have filed that. And
- 16 what we do in the language changes reflect that and
- 17 require the company to provide the historical planned
- investment and letting the utility information in the
- 19 Part 285 process that is ongoing at this point in
- 20 time in the rate case.
- This was Staff's original proposal and
- 22 was adopted by the ALJ and in his proposed Order to

- 1 us and we believe that that's an propriate manner in
- 2 which we will have before us those parts of the many
- 3 utilities that are now merged into the three
- 4 utilities now that are pursuant to the merger.
- 5 So I believe its been circulated among
- 6 the Commissioners and would be looked for support for
- 7 this language. I think it goes to judicial economy
- 8 for us to have everything before us as we launch onto
- 9 this other rate proceeding. Thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER FORD: Thank you.
- 11 Commission O'Connell-Diaz has moved to
- 12 amend the Order. I will second it.
- 13 Its been moved and seconded.
- 14 All in favor say "aye."
- 15 (Chorus of ayes.)
- Any opposed?
- 17 (No response.)
- John, did you want to say something?
- 19 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Just that I've
- 20 been individually in discussion with both
- 21 Commissioner Ford and Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz,
- 22 not together. We've talked about this back and forth

- 1 for a couple of weeks now and I support the language
- 2 that is being proposed here.
- 3 COMMISSIONER FORD: Thank you.
- 4 Any opposed?
- 5 (No response.)
- The vote is 4-0 amending the Order
- 7 with one abstention. The Chairman abstains.
- 8 Any further discussion?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 Is there a motion to approve the Order
- 11 as amended?
- 12 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.
- 13 COMMISSIONER FORD: Is there a second?
- 14 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second.
- 15 COMMISSIONER FORD: Its been moved and
- 16 seconded.
- 17 All in favor say "aye."
- 18 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 19 Any opposed?
- 20 Chairman are you abstaining from this?
- 21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Yes, I do. Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER FORD: The vote is 4-0 approving

- 1 the Order as amended with one abstention.
- We will be holding Items 2 and 3 --
- JUDGE HAYNES: Can I say something?
- 4 COMMISSIONER FORD: Okay.
- 5 JUDGE HAYNES: I went back and looked at my
- 6 memo and thought that perhaps I could have said more
- 7 and so I just wanted to say a couple things for the
- 8 Commissioners. The deadline that's contained in the
- 9 Order applies to the Commission's report about
- 10 energy, energy efficiency in general. It's not a
- 11 statutory deadline that applies to this docket in
- 12 particular. The parties don't think that there will
- 13 be any useful information from this docket for that
- 14 report, but if the Commission disagrees, then the
- Order shouldn't be amended and the deadline should
- 16 stay in this docket.
- 17 And I'd also say that the parties
- 18 would prefer that -- and I -- that it not be held
- 19 even though you just said you were going to hold it
- 20 because if you decide to keep this docket on that
- 21 deadline, it will be really hard to meet if it's
- 22 held.

- 1 COMMISSIONER FORD: Who was holding Items 2 and
- 2 3?
- 3 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Chairman.
- 4 COMMISSIONER FORD: Chairman, you were holding
- 5 Items 2 and 3?
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER FORD: Did you hear what the judge
- 8 just said?
- 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Yes, ma'am.
- 10 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So what's your
- 11 pleasure?
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Well, in that case we
- 13 can move forward with them.
- 14 COMMISSIONER FORD: Thank you.
- So we'll go back to Item 2 Central
- 16 Illinois Lights investigating compliance with
- 17 efficiency standard requirement of Section 8-103 of
- 18 the public utilities.
- 19 Is there a motion to approve this
- 20 Amendatory Order?
- 21 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Based upon what
- 22 the judge has just advised us that there is a very

- 1 tight time frame on this and if we don't act today on
- 2 it that we'll essentially throw a bomb into their
- 3 schedule. I think that's what Judge Haynes just told
- 4 us. I would think it would be prudent for us to act
- 5 in accordance with her recommendation on this which
- 6 is to enter the Amendatory Order which extends the
- 7 deadline for that proceeding.
- 8 COMMISSIONER FORD: Is there a second for this
- 9 motion?
- 10 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: I second.
- 11 COMMISSIONER FORD: All in favor say "aye."
- 12 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 13 Any opposed?
- 14 (No response.)
- Did you vote, Chair?
- 16 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Yes, I did. I voted
- 17 aye.
- 18 COMMISSIONER FORD: Thank you.
- 19 The vote is a 5-0 approving the Order
- 20 as amended.
- So we'll go to Item 3 Docket
- 22 No. 10-0520.

- 1 Is there a motion to approve the Order
- 2 as amended?
- 3 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So moved.
- 4 COMMISSIONER FORD: Is there a second?
- 5 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.
- 6 COMMISSIONER FORD: Its been moved and
- 7 seconded.
- 8 All in favor say "aye."
- 9 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 10 Any opposed?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 The vote is 5-0 approving the Order as
- 13 amended.
- 14 Item 4 is Docket No. 11-0080. This is
- an application by Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC
- 16 requesting a certificate of service authority to
- 17 operate as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier in
- 18 Illinois. ALJ Yoder recommends entering an Order
- 19 granting a certificate of the service authority.
- Is there a motion to approve Order?
- 21 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So moved.
- 22 COMMISSIONER FORD: Is there a second?

- 1 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.
- 2 COMMISSIONER FORD: Its been moved and
- 3 seconded.
- 4 All in favor say "aye."
- 5 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 6 Any opposed?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 The vote is 5-0 and the Order is
- 9 entered. We will use this 5-0 vote for the remainder
- of today's Regular Open Meeting unless otherwise
- 11 noted.
- 12 Item 5 is Docket 09-0436 and 09-0437
- 13 consolidated. This is a petition by North Shore Gas
- 14 Company and Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company
- initiating proceedings to determine the accuracy of
- 16 the Rider EEP reconciliation statement. ALJ Gilbert
- 17 recommends entering the Order approving the Rider EEP
- 18 filing with a minor disallowance for imprudence
- 19 associated with the preparation of the utility's
- 20 energy efficiency portfolio.
- Is there any discussion?
- 22 (No response.)

1 Any objections? Hearing none, the Order is entered. 2 Item 6 is Docket No. 11-0020. 3 4 an application by Cibolo Creek Ventures LLC for a 5 certificate of interexchange authority. ALJ Riley recommends entering an Order granting the requested 6 authority. 7 Is there any discussion? 8 (No response.) 9 10 Any objections? 11 (No response.) Hearing none, the Order is entered. 12 13 Item 7 concerns an Order by the 14 Commission on its own motion initiating a proceeding 15 to determine repayment liability and adopting the repayment schedule for the subject qualified solid 16 17 waste energy facility. Staff recommends entering the 18 Order approving the repayment schedule and initiating 19 a proceeding to determine repayment liability. 20 Is there any discussion? 21 (No response.)

Any objections?

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                    Hearing none, the Order is entered.
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                    Item 8 is Docket No. 10-0138.
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     matter concerns the second application of rehearing
     filed by Dominion Retail, Incorporated. ALJ Sainsot
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     recommends denying Dominion's second application for
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     rehearing.
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                    Is there any discussion?
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                    (No response.)
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                    Any objections?
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                    (No response.)
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                    Hearing none, the second application
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     for rehearing is denied.
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                    Judge Wallace, are there any other
     matters to come before the Commission today?
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           JUDGE WALLACE: No, that's all.
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           COMMISSIONER FORD:
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                    Hearing none, this meeting stands
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     adjourned.
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                           proceedings had.)
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