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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY SPECIAL OPEN MEETING
Wednesday, March 18, 2020
Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 1:30 P.M., at 160
North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman
- MARIA BOCANEGRA, Commissioner
- SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner
- MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner (via video conference)

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
BRAD BENJAMIN, CSR
LICENSE NO. 084-004805

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Good afternoon again.

2 Are we ready to proceed in
3 Springfield?

4 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Chairman, Mike
5 Carrigan. I -- we are ready to proceed.

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Commissioner.
7 Under Section 2.02 of the Open
8 Meetings Act, and pursuant to Section 8-505 of the
9 Public Utilities Act, I call this Emergency
10 March 18, 2020, Special Open Meeting to order.

11 Commissioners Bocanegra, Kimbrel, and
12 Oliva are with me in Chicago, and Commissioner
13 Carrigan is joining us from Springfield. We have a
14 quorum.

15 Before we proceed, I will again
16 note and indicate that, due to the emergency measures
17 implemented in response to COVID-19 pandemic, the
18 Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, we expect more
19 remote participation from the general public. And
20 due to that, I ask that Commissioners say their name
21 for the benefit of the public before speaking.

22 With that, we'll continue our meeting.

1 We have two items on the agenda: Items
2 1 and 2 are the Emergency Orders imposing moratorium
3 on in-person solicitations by the Alternative Retail
4 Electric Suppliers, or ARES, and the Alternative Gas
5 Suppliers, or AGS, during the COVID-19 public health
6 emergency.

7 The Orders note that a moratorium on
8 ARES and ARGS in-person solicitations is necessary to
9 slow the spread of the disease and to protect public
10 health. Preventing or minimizing the spread of
11 COVID-19 necessitates reducing personal contact as
12 much as possible.

13 In contrast, each ARES and AGS
14 representative engaged in in-person solicitation
15 attempts to personally contact and solicit while
16 generally in close physical proximity to the
17 customers.

18 Conducting in-person solicitations
19 during this health -- this public health emergency
20 may have a highly detrimental effect on the efforts
21 of public health officials to limit the spread of
22 COVID-19. Further, such solicitation is inessential

1 during a period of public health emergency. The
2 Orders prohibit in-person marketing activities for
3 the duration of the COVID-19 emergencies.

4 ARES and AGS have other means to
5 solicit customers, and customers wishing to begin
6 service from ARES and AGS have options to complete
7 such transactions online, by mail, or by telephone.
8 The Orders note that the ARES and the AGS are free to
9 continue marketing activities online, by mail, or by
10 telemarketing, provided that such activities are
11 conducted in a manner consistent with Section 19-115
12 of the Public Utilities Act and otherwise lawful.

13 Are there any objections to
14 considering these items together and approving the
15 Orders?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Orders
18 are approved.

19 This concludes this agenda.

20 Judge Teague Kingsley, do we have
21 other matters to come before the Commission today?

22 JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

