1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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4	BENCH SESSION
5	(TRANSPORTATION)
6	Chicago, Illinois
7	Wednesday March 9, 2011
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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.
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14	PRESENT:
15	DOUGLAS 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
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22	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by Alisa A. Sawka, CSR

- 1 License No. 084-004588
- 2 PROCEEDINGS
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Good morning.
- 4 Pursuant to the provisions of the
- 5 Illinois Open Meetings Act, I now convene a regularly
- 6 scheduled Bench Session of the Illinois Commerce
- 7 Commission. With me in Chicago are Commissioners
- 8 Ford, O'Connell-Diaz, Elliott and Acting Commissioner
- 9 Colgan, and I'm Acting Chairman Scott. We have a
- 10 quorum.
- 11 Before moving into the agenda,
- 12 according to Section 1700.10 of the Illinois
- 13 Administrative Code, this is the time we allow the
- 14 members of the public to address the Commission.
- 15 Members of the public wishing to address the
- 16 Commission must notify the Chief Clerk's Office at
- 17 least 24 hours prior to the Bench Session. According
- 18 to the Chief Clerk's Office we have no requests to
- 19 speak at today's Bench Session.
- 20 Starting with Transportation Agenda we
- 21 will begin approval of minutes from the January 20th
- 22 Bench Session.

- 1 Is there a motion to approve the
- 2 minutes?
- 3 COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved.
- 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?
- 5 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and
- 7 seconded.
- 8 All in favor, say "aye."
- 9 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed, "nay"?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to
- 13 nothing approving the minutes of January 20th.
- 14 We also have approval of the minutes
- 15 from the February 9th Bench Session.
- Is there a motion to approve?
- 17 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So moved.
- 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved.
- 19 Is there a second?
- 20 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.
- 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and
- 22 seconded.

- 1 All in favor, say "aye."
- 2 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed, "nay"?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to
- 6 nothing approving the minutes for February 9th.
- 7 Moving to Railroads. Items RR-1
- 8 through RR-9 can be taken together. These items
- 9 concern stipulated agreements regarding public safety
- 10 improvements at highway rail grade crossings across
- 11 Illinois. In each case Staff recommends entry of an
- 12 Order authorizing the project.
- 13 Is there a motion to enter the Orders?
- 14 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.
- 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?
- 16 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second.
- 17 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.
- 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and
- 19 seconded.
- 20 All in favor say "aye."
- 21 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed, "nay"?

- 1 (No response.)
- 2 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to
- 3 nothing and the Orders are entered.
- 4 We will use this 5 to nothing vote for
- 5 the remainder of the Transportation Agenda unless
- 6 otherwise noted.
- 7 Item RR-10 is Docket No. T10-0153.
- 8 This item concerns a Petition seeking authority for
- 9 the construction of a highway rail grade crossing in
- 10 Jefferson County. ALJ Dugan recommends the
- 11 Commission enter an Order authorizing the
- 12 construction.
- 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
- 18 is entered.
- 19 Item RR-11 is Docket No. T10-0164.
- 20 This item concerns a citation issued by the
- 21 Commission in November requiring repairs by BNSF at a
- 22 highway rail grade crossing. As such repairs have

- 1 now apparently been made by the company, ALJ Dugan
- 2 recommends that the Commission enter an Order
- 3 dismissing the citation.
- 4 Is there any discussion?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order
- 9 is entered and the citation is dismissed. Items
- 10 RR-12 through RR-14 can be taken together. These
- 11 items concern Petitions for construction projects and
- 12 grade crossings across Illinois. In each case ALJ
- 13 Kirkland-Montague recommends that the Commission
- 14 enter an Order granting the Petition and authorizing
- 15 the project.
- 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.
- 22 Items RR-15 and RR-16 can be taken

- 1 together. These items are Petitions by the Illinois
- 2 Department of Transportation seeking approval for the
- 3 taking of properties in Cook and Kane County via
- 4 eminent domain. In each case, ALJ Kirkland-Montaque
- 5 recommends that the Commission enter an Order
- 6 granting the Petition approving the exercise of
- 7 eminent domain.
- 8 Is there any discussion?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
- 13 Orders are entered.
- 14 Item RR-17 is Docket No. T09-0113.
- 15 This item concerns a Petition for improvements of a
- 16 highway rail crossing in Lake County. ALJ
- 17 Kirkland-Montague recommends that the Commission
- 18 enter a Supplemental Order granting an extension of
- 19 time and require additional project improvements.
- Is there any discussion?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

- 1 (No response.)
- 2 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
- 3 Supplemental Order is entered.
- 4 Items RR-18 and RR-19 can be taken
- 5 together. These items concern the stipulated
- 6 agreements regarding public safety improvements at
- 7 highway rail grade crossings in Cumberland and Wayne
- 8 Counties. In each case Staff recommends entry of a
- 9 Supplemental Order granting an extension of time for
- 10 the projects' completion.
- Is there any discussion?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
- 16 Supplemental Orders are entered.
- Now, on to Motor Carriers. Items MC-1
- 18 and MC-2 will be taken together. These items concern
- 19 stipulated settlement agreements concerning alleged
- 20 violations of the Illinois Commercial Transportation
- 21 Law. In each case our Transportation Counsel
- 22 recommends entry of an Order accepting the stipulated

- 1 settlement agreements.
- 2 Is there any discussion?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
- 7 Orders are entered and the settlement agreements are
- 8 approved.
- 9 Item MC-3 concerns an Application for
- 10 the transfer of a Household Goods Carrier Certificate
- 11 for McMahon Movers to L. Smith, LLC. ALJ
- 12 Kirkland-Montaque recommends that the Commission
- 13 enter an Order approving the application for the
- 14 transfer.
- 15 Is there any discussion?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order
- 20 is entered and the certificate transfer is approved.
- 21 Item MC-4 concerns Flynns Delivery's
- 22 Application for a Certificate for Household Goods,

- 1 Property and Mortgage Carrier Authority. ALJ Dugan
- 2 recommends that the Commission enter an Order
- 3 approving the application.
- 4 Is there any discussion?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order
- 9 is entered and the application is granted.
- 10 Items MC-5 through MC-7 will be taken
- 11 together. These items concern applications for
- 12 Operator's Employment Permits under the Illinois
- 13 Commercial Relocation of Trespassing Vehicles Law.
- 14 In each case the ALJ recommends that the Commission
- 15 enter an Order dismissing the application without
- 16 prejudice.
- 17 Is there any discussion?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 20 (No response.)
- 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
- Orders are entered and the applications are dismissed

- 1 without prejudice.
- 2 Item MC-8 is Sun Towing's application
- 3 for renewal of its Commercial Relocation Towing
- 4 License. Our Transportation Counsel recommends that
- 5 the Commission enter an Order granting the
- 6 application for renewal.
- 7 Is there any discussion?
- 8 (No response.)
- 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
- 12 renewal is granted.
- 13 Items MC-9 through MC-11 will be taken
- 14 together. These items are applications for
- 15 Commercial Relocator's Licenses. And in each case
- 16 ALJ Kirkland-Montague recommends that the Commission
- 17 enter an Order granting the application.
- 18 Is there any discussion?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the

- 1 Orders are entered and the licenses are granted.
- We have two administrative matters to
- 3 address today. The first is AM-1 and this concerns
- 4 approval of our fiscal year 2012 to 2016 5-year plan
- 5 for our Crossing Safety Improvement Program. Staff
- 6 recommends that the Commission vote to approve the
- 7 5-year plan and authorize submission of the plan to
- 8 the Governor, the leaders of the General Assembly and
- 9 the general public.
- 10 Is there any discussion?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
- 13 5-year plan is approved for submission.
- 14 Item AM-2 concerns our 2010 Annual
- 15 Report on Accidents and Incidents Involving Hazardous
- 16 Materials on Railroads in Illinois. Staff recommends
- 17 that the Commission vote to approve the Annual Report
- and authorize submission of the report to the
- 19 Governor and the Leaders of the General Assembly.
- Is there any discussion?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

Τ	(No response.)
2	ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the 2010
3	Annual Hazardous Materials Report is approved for
4	submission.
5	Mr. Matrisch, is there any further
6	business to come before the Commission today?
7	MR. STEAD: No, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Matrisch is
8	gone this week. But this is Mr. Stead and the answer
9	to your question is no.
10	ACTING CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you. Hearing
11	none, that concludes today's Transportation Agenda.
12	(Whereupon, the Public Utilities
13	Agenda is contained in a
14	separate transcript.)
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