



1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Under the Open Meetings  
2 Act, I call the April 7, 2022, Regular Open Meeting to  
3 order. Commissioners Bocanegra, Carrigan, Kimbrel, and  
4 McCabe are with me in Chicago. We have a quorum.

5 We have no requests to speak.

6 We're going to move on to our Public  
7 Utilities Agenda.

8 There are edits to the March 17, 2022,  
9 Regular Open Meeting minutes. Are there any objections  
10 to approving the minutes as edited?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the minutes  
13 are approved.

14 Under Electric Items.

15 Item E-1 concerns a presentation by the  
16 Commission Staff on the beneficial electrification  
17 Workshops Staff Report to the Commission. Staff  
18 conducted a robust series of workshops on beneficial  
19 electrification between November of 2021 and -- to  
20 February of 2022, as required by Public Act 102-0662,  
21 which updated the Illinois Electric Vehicles Act.

22 The purpose of the beneficial

1 electrification workshops was to solicit input on the  
2 design of beneficial electrification programs that  
3 Ameren and ComEd will offer pursuant to the EV Act  
4 beginning in 2023.

5           Staff made a number of recommendations  
6 to the Commission based on the workshops. Regarding  
7 these recommendations in the Staff report, CEJA directs  
8 that, quote, The report shall be used by the Commission  
9 to inform and evaluate the cost-effectiveness and  
10 achievement of goals within the submitted Beneficial  
11 Electrification Plans, end quote.

12           Jennifer Morris, an economist at the  
13 Policy Division, will now present an overview of the  
14 report and its findings and Staff's recommendations as  
15 well as -- also agreed to take questions.

16           So, Jennifer, if you're ready, you may  
17 proceed.

18           MS. MORRIS: Good morning, Chairman and  
19 Commissioners.

20           As Chairman Zalewski noted, I'm with  
21 the Illinois Commerce Commission's Policy Division, and  
22 I will be introducing the workshop report today.

1                   For the sake of brevity throughout my  
2 discussion, when I say "BE," that refers to beneficial  
3 electrification.

4                   So how does the ICC Beneficial  
5 Electrification Workshops Staff Report fit in with the  
6 broader BE process? Well, Section 45(c) of the  
7 Electric Vehicle Act requires the Commission to  
8 initiate BE workshops to solicit input on the design of  
9 BE programs that Ameren Illinois and ComEd will begin  
10 offering in 2023.

11                   Between November 2021 and February of  
12 2022, ten BE workshops were held, including two evening  
13 workshops. The workshop report is required to include,  
14 per the statute, but is not limited to, recommendations  
15 for transportation electrification investment or  
16 incentives in specific areas, among other requirements.

17                   Section 45(d) of the EV Act requires  
18 Ameren Illinois and ComEd to file BE Plans with the  
19 Commission by July 1, 2022, and those plans shall take  
20 into consideration recommendations from the workshop  
21 report.

22                   Now I will provide an overview of the

1 structure of the Staff report. In the first section,  
2 it provides an overview of the workshops in general,  
3 including the facilitator and an overview of the  
4 requirements for the Staff report and an overview of  
5 the environmental justice and eligible communities  
6 focus of that statute.

7 Section II of the report provides  
8 background from ICC initiatives related to electric  
9 vehicles, including the two recent Notice of Inquiries  
10 the Commission initiated over the past several years.

11 Section III describes the workshop  
12 process overall, including the plans, the goals, and a  
13 summary of all the workshops, including identifying who  
14 submitted comments following each workshop.

15 Section IV of the report contains an  
16 overview of the stakeholder ideas process, where we  
17 requested ideas from a variety of stakeholders.

18 Section V of the report contains Staff  
19 recommendations related to those submitted stakeholder  
20 ideas, and it also identifies comments received related  
21 to that recommended ideas and some excerpts from the  
22 various ideas.

1                   Section VI contains open issues, and it  
2 outlines the key open issues and provides Staff  
3 recommendations or interpretations related to some of  
4 those issues.

5                   Section VII of the report identifies  
6 process improvements. Many of these were excerpted  
7 feedback from the participants, that they directly  
8 provided, and it includes one Staff recommendation.

9                   Appendix A to the report lists all the  
10 organizations who were involved during the workshops.

11                   Appendix B contains all the stakeholder  
12 ideas that were submitted. There are 60 of them in  
13 total.

14                   Appendix C provides all of the written  
15 stakeholder feedback that was received throughout the  
16 process.

17                   And Appendix D excerpts the stakeholder  
18 feedback on the specific open issues.

19                   Now I will go over some of the key  
20 issues considered when developing the Staff  
21 recommendations related to stakeholder proposals. Does  
22 the proposal fit into one of the five focus areas for

1 recommendations for transportation electrification  
2 investment or incentives that are required to be  
3 included in the report per the requirements in Section  
4 45(c) of the Electric Vehicle Act? These focus areas  
5 primarily relate to charging infrastructure; for  
6 example, for government, private fleets, and school  
7 buses serving environmental justice and eligible  
8 communities.

9 We considered whether the proposal  
10 supports the BE Plan design objectives that are  
11 established by Section 45(b), (1) through (8). And  
12 further, will the proposal help achieve the specific  
13 investment targets outlined within those subsections?

14 Examples include: Will they support a  
15 40 percent investment of make-ready infrastructure  
16 incentives to facilitate the rapid deployment of  
17 charging equipment in or serving environmental justice,  
18 low-income, and eligible communities; will it help  
19 support at least a five percent investment target in  
20 electrifying medium-duty and heavy-duty school bus and  
21 diesel public transportation vehicles located in or  
22 serving environmental justice, low-income, and eligible

1 communities?

2 We also considered that the proposal  
3 helps satisfy one of the minimum BE Plan-filing  
4 requirements that are set forth in Section 45(b),  
5 Subsections (i) through (x). Some of those include the  
6 development implementation of beneficial  
7 electrification programs, which included optimized  
8 charging programs and programs that will help maximize  
9 renewable energy use and integration into the grid.

10 We considered whether the proposal  
11 aligns with the beneficial electrification programs'  
12 definition set forth in Section 45(b) of the EV Act.  
13 Examples of programs included in that definition are  
14 low-income programs that provide access to electric  
15 vehicles for communities where car ownership or new car  
16 ownership is not common; or incentives to provide -- to  
17 encourage the development of electrification and  
18 renewable energy generation in close proximity in order  
19 to help reduce grid congestion.

20 We considered whether the proposal  
21 addresses barriers to electric vehicle adoption, which  
22 includes the cost of ownership, availability of



1 charging stations, and something we heard a lot  
2 throughout the workshop was a significant need for  
3 education and technical assistance.

4 We also considered whether the proposal  
5 would help achieve the goals and benefits outlined in  
6 the Electric Vehicle Act. For example, the Act  
7 specifies that Illinois should try to increase adoption  
8 of electric vehicles in the State to one million  
9 electric vehicles by 2030.

10 Some other items we considered is  
11 whether the proposal was for an area with -- where  
12 utility intervention is necessary. Is there a  
13 competitive market functioning in the area? Is there  
14 already adequate other state or federal funding  
15 intending to address the area? Also, is the proposal  
16 reasonable? We considered the requested funding  
17 amounts where those were available in the proposals and  
18 also whether the proposal was for something that the  
19 utility should really be responsible for.

20 We also considered stakeholder and  
21 utility feedback related to the proposals, but this is  
22 not to say that there is consensus on any of the

1 recommendations.

2           Also, a couple of the Staff  
3 recommendations directed the utilities to work  
4 collaboratively with other parties before their BE Plan  
5 filings; for example, related to one of the outstanding  
6 issues related to cost-effectiveness calculations and  
7 also a ComEd nonresidential tariff. The intent of  
8 these recommendations is to help narrow down some of  
9 the contested issues in the BE Plan dockets that will  
10 be filed later this year.

11           Finally, I'd like to note that, with  
12 Staff recommendations in the Open Issues Section of the  
13 report, are informed by preliminary review of the legal  
14 issues by OGC. Although Staff recommendations on open  
15 issues was not a requirement to include in the report,  
16 some of the open issues are foundational to the  
17 development of the BE Plans; for example, the budget  
18 cap, interpreting investment targets, and the BE Plans  
19 that go beyond the electric vehicles. And so Staff  
20 thought it would make it useful to the utilities when  
21 developing their BE Plan if they at least knew Staff's  
22 preliminary position on those key foundational issues,

1 recognizing the positions may be amended or developed  
2 in the future.

3 Are there any questions related to the  
4 report?

5 COMMISSIONER MCCABE: I commend Staff, in  
6 particular Jennifer, as well as workshop facilitator  
7 Celia Johnson, for delivering such a comprehensive  
8 report. And thank you to over 200 workshop  
9 participants. Together, on an accelerated timeline,  
10 you developed thoughtful, useful, innovative  
11 recommendations that reflect input from many community  
12 members and experts over the four months. The BE  
13 workshops adhered to CEJA and prioritize the  
14 environmental justice, under-resourced customers, and  
15 eligible communities. The impressive breadth of ideas  
16 and recommendations includes a BE stakeholder advisory  
17 group that draws on the successful energy efficiency  
18 SAG model, a gap analysis, an EV road map, integrating  
19 renewables into charging stations, school bus  
20 incentives, and more.

21 I have three questions. First, did  
22 workshop participants consider any residential

1 make-ready incentives not connected to time-of-use  
2 programs that would further CEJA's goals of adopting  
3 one million EVs by 2030?

4 MS. MORRIS: Yes. And thank you for your kind  
5 remarks.

6 The Advanced Energy Economy proposed  
7 residential make-ready incentives, though they noted  
8 that there were relatively few states that offer such  
9 programs. Given the current price premium for electric  
10 vehicles, one of the concerns at this early stage is  
11 that many residential customers purchasing electric  
12 vehicles are comparatively affluent and, therefore, may  
13 not need the limited BE Plan funds for make-ready work  
14 in order for them to purchase an electric vehicle and  
15 install a charging station.

16 Therefore, Staff proposed only an  
17 incentive be offered in cases where the residential  
18 customer was willing to be incentivized to charge  
19 during times beneficial to the grid, which aligned with  
20 many of the other goals in the EV Act about ensuring EV  
21 charging occurs at times beneficial to the grid. Staff  
22 thought this was a reasonable compromise.

1                   As far as programs to further CEJA's  
2 goals of adopting one million electric vehicles by  
3 2030, Staff indicated a willingness to consider  
4 incentives for car salespeople to drive EV adoption.  
5 And Staff had various other recommendations related to  
6 charging infrastructure that would help eliminate range  
7 anxiety and support EV adoption.

8                   Staff also indicated support for the  
9 utilities to include an electric vehicle incentive for  
10 low-income residential customers living in  
11 environmental justice and eligible communities. Staff  
12 anticipates incentives to be an issue in the upcoming  
13 BE Plan dockets.

14                   COMMISSIONER MCCABE: Thank you.

15                   In meeting CEJA's January 1, 2023,  
16 deadline to begin BE offerings, was there discussion on  
17 what types of activities might begin at the start of  
18 2023 and those that will require more time?

19                   MS. MORRIS: Yes, although there was not  
20 consensus on this question.

21                   A full discussion can be found in the  
22 Open Issues Section of the report, Section VI(B-4), and

1 in Appendix D, section 4. Some workshop participants  
2 thought that only educational-type programs could begin  
3 by that date, while others thought that school and  
4 transit bus electrification could be rolled out by  
5 then. Interpretation of this section will definitely  
6 be an issue in the upcoming BE Plan dockets.

7 COMMISSIONER MCCABE: The workshop report  
8 discusses the many benefits that third-party products  
9 and services for electrifying transportation can have  
10 to help shift load, complement development of renewable  
11 resources, and incentivize off-peak charging. In the  
12 discussion of third-party and community ownership of  
13 charging infrastructure, for example, did workshop  
14 participants discuss the data that would be needed by  
15 third-parties and communities to offer services to  
16 customers?

17 MS. MORRIS: No. The discussion around data  
18 primarily concerned the data access limitations raised  
19 by the Illinois Competitive Energy Association, which  
20 asserts are constrained by the customer information  
21 sharing provisions, found in Section 16-122 of the  
22 Illinois Public Utilities Act.

1 COMMISSIONER MCCABE: Thanks.

2 MS. MORRIS: You're welcome.

3 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Does anyone else have a  
4 question?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. I can go ahead.

7 I just want to reiterate everything  
8 that Commissioner McCabe has said just commending Staff  
9 for all their hard work, particularly Jennifer and Jim  
10 Zolnierek, who is sitting next to you. These ten  
11 multi-hour workshops was a very heavy lift. So we do  
12 appreciate your work. Also I want to thank Celia  
13 Johnson, who did a great job both of facilitating and  
14 coauthoring. She -- we appreciate her help. And then  
15 echoing again, stakeholder engagement is such an  
16 important aspect to CEJA's implementation. So I want  
17 to thank everyone who participated.

18 I have two questions, and they are  
19 mostly about process. This is obviously a report -- a  
20 new type of report under new legislation. So I'm  
21 trying to get an understanding of the report and how it  
22 was created. So, Jennifer, if you could just explain

1 the process that the Staff -- came up with the  
2 recommendations. For example, was it based on a  
3 consensus for recommendations included in the report,  
4 or were there other considerations?

5 MS. MORRIS: We considered all the factors I  
6 discussed earlier in terms of developing the  
7 recommendations. None of the Staff recommendations in  
8 the report should be interpreted as consensus from the  
9 stakeholders or as Staff's final position on an issue,  
10 as additional evidence or data may come to light that  
11 will cause Staff to reconsider one or more  
12 recommendations.

13 We did request feedback from  
14 stakeholders at every workshop meeting, including  
15 emails in between meetings, in terms of providing  
16 support or opposition to the stakeholder proposals that  
17 were presented. However, stakeholders were generally  
18 reticent about expressing either support or opposition  
19 to specific stakeholder proposals. In the cases where  
20 we did receive feedback on a proposal, we did  
21 incorporate those positions in the Staff report,  
22 consistent with our understanding of them, so a



1 reviewer has adequate context for Staff's  
2 recommendation and whether there was support or  
3 opposition from other parties.

4 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. Thanks for  
5 clarifying. That's helpful.

6 And so I have one last question. There  
7 were a lot of really great recommendations in here,  
8 ways to meet our EV targets quickly and equitably. And  
9 obviously there is a limit to the amount of money that  
10 utilities can rebate for programs. So was there any  
11 consensus about -- amongst the participants about how  
12 to prioritize funding and which projects to prioritize  
13 implementing? You kind of touched on this in your last  
14 response, but I specifically wanted to know if there  
15 was anything to add on the prioritization of all these  
16 really great ideas with the caps on the amount of money  
17 that is available.

18 MS. MORRIS: So, in general, there is not  
19 consensus from everyone. However, many of the  
20 participants did recognize the importance of giving  
21 priority and efforts to low-income, environmental  
22 justice, and eligible communities. And the Staff

1 recommendations in the report are intended to reflect  
2 this priority, but Staff anticipates this will be an  
3 issue in the BE Plan dockets as well.

4 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Those are all  
5 my questions.

6 COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Thank you, Jennifer and  
7 Jim. This morning -- and I won't repeat everything,  
8 but I'll echo everything my colleagues have already  
9 said. I'll keep it short. I only have just one  
10 question I wanted to ask.

11 It's regarding -- let me try and find  
12 my question here -- regarding the EV batteries  
13 themselves. So regarding the recommendations for  
14 government and private fleets, does Staff include or  
15 consider the EV batteries themselves as part of the  
16 realm of possibilities for DER and DG co-located  
17 incentive programs?

18 MS. MORRIS: Staff has not specifically  
19 considered that the EV batteries themselves would be  
20 part of the co-located incentive programs but has  
21 considered stationary storage would be. We anticipate  
22 this might be an issue in the upcoming BE Plan dockets.

1           COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Okay. That's all I  
2 have. Thank you very much.

3           CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Any further questions?

4                           (No verbal response.)

5           CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. Jennifer, thank you  
6 for being here, and Jim as well. We appreciate you  
7 being available to answer these questions. Thanks.

8           MS. MORRIS: Yeah. Thank you.

9           CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. Then we will go  
10 ahead and proceed with our agenda.

11                           Item E-2 concerns Ameren's proposed  
12 revision to its Rider CEAC, which provides for  
13 full-cost recovery of purchases of Zero Emission  
14 Credits under the Public Utilities Act. The filing  
15 removes language pertaining to exempt customers and  
16 adds the new term "opt-out customers" to reflect  
17 changes made pursuant to Public Act 102-0662.

18                           Staff reviewed the filing and  
19 recommends not suspending it. Are there any objections  
20 to not suspending the filing?

21                           (No verbal response.)

22           CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the filing is

1 not suspended.

2 Item E-3 concerns proposed changes by  
3 MidAmerican to its Rate Street Lighting, or Rate SL,  
4 and Rate Street Lighting Delivery Only Service, or  
5 Rate SLR, tariff. MidAmerican's current tariff  
6 provides service only to customer-owned LED lighting  
7 service for lights up to 249.9 watts. To serve  
8 customers with higher wattage lights, MidAmerican  
9 proposes to add eight new customer-owned LED lighting  
10 rates to accommodate lights of greater than 249.9  
11 watts, but less than 489.9 watts.

12 Staff recommends the Commission does  
13 not suspend the filing. Are there any objections to  
14 not suspending the filing?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the filing is  
17 not suspended.

18 Item E-4 concerns proposed changes by  
19 MidAmerican to its Rider Illinois Power Agency  
20 Purchased Power Renewable Energy Resources Recovery  
21 Adjustment, or Rider PRE. MidAmerican makes changes to  
22 its Rider PRE to align with the requirements of

1 Public Act 102-0662, which changed the way a  
2 participating utility may recover the costs associated  
3 with the IPA's procurement of renewable energy credits.

4 Staff recommends the Commission does  
5 not suspend the filing. Are there any objections to  
6 not suspending the filing?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the filing is  
9 not suspended.

10 Item E-5 concerns an order on reopening  
11 related to a settlement agreement for a citation for  
12 failure to comply with Part 412 of Commission Rules  
13 against Great American Power, or GAP. On March 16 of  
14 2022, the parties filed a joint motion for approval of  
15 settlement modification agreement, requesting the  
16 Commission modify certain timing provisions of the  
17 settlement agreement due to the unexpected death of a  
18 member of GAP's parent company, who was also a primary  
19 planned source of funding for GAP's \$200,000 total  
20 refund amount under the settlement.

21 GAP requests that the timelines in the  
22 settlement agreement for payment of the refund be

1 extended by approximately four months. The Attorney  
2 General's Office, Staff, and CUB agree to the modified  
3 timeline. The ALJ, therefore, recommends approving the  
4 order on reopening the docket, finding that the  
5 proposed settlement modification agreement is fair and  
6 equitable to all customers and parties.

7 Are there any objections to approving  
8 the order on reopening?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
11 approved.

12 Items E-6 and E-7 concern citations  
13 against alternative retail electric suppliers for  
14 failure to comply with annual and quarterly filing  
15 requirements. The orders assess the proposed  
16 penalties, which total \$25,750, and which shall be paid  
17 to the Public Utility Fund.

18 Are there any objections to considering  
19 these items together and approving the orders?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders  
22 are approved.

1 THE COURT: Excuse me, Madam Chairman.

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Yes, ma'am?

3 THE COURT: For Item E-5, will the Commission  
4 also officially reopen the docket -- do a vote on  
5 reopening it?

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear  
7 you.

8 THE COURT: I'm sorry. I was wondering if the  
9 Commission will officially reopen the docket for  
10 18-773, Item E-5. The order reopening was approved,  
11 but I think we need to officially reopen the docket.

12 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: So it's -- the call for  
13 vote was in order to approve the reopening, and then  
14 you would like me to call to reopen the docket?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay.

17 THE COURT: We wanted to officially reopen it  
18 first and then take the order on reopening.

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. So let me go back to  
20 E-5. I'm going to call a vote to see if there's any  
21 objections to reopening the docket?

22 (No verbal response.)

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the docket is  
2 reopened. And then if there's any objections to  
3 approving the order on reopening?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
6 approved.

7 Is that accurate, Judge?

8 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you so much.

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Thanks for  
10 correcting me.

11 Item E-8 concerns an application for  
12 authority to install distributed generation facilities  
13 in Illinois. The order grants the certificate, finding  
14 that the applicant meets the requirements.

15 Are there any objections to approving  
16 the order?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
19 approved.

20 Items E-9 through E-11 concern requests  
21 for confidential treatment of Petitioners' reports.  
22 The orders grant the protection, finding that the --



1 excuse me -- finding that the information is highly  
2 proprietary and confidential.

3 Are there any objections to considering  
4 these items together and approving the orders?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders  
7 are approved.

8 Item E-12 concerns a petition to cancel  
9 a certificate to install energy efficiency measures in  
10 Illinois. The order cancels the certificate.

11 Are there any objections to approving  
12 the order?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
15 approved.

16 Items E-13 through E-15 concern  
17 applications for certification to install energy  
18 efficiency measures in Illinois. The orders grant the  
19 certificates, finding that the applicants meet the  
20 requirements.

21 Are there any objections to considering  
22 these items together and approving the orders?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders  
3 are approved.

4 Moving on to Gas Items.

5 Item G-1 through G-3 concern initiating  
6 a proceeding for annual reconciliation of Ameren's,  
7 Nicor's, and People's Gas -- Rider GER, Rider 30, and  
8 Riders EOA, respectively -- to recover the costs of the  
9 energy efficiency programs. The proceedings would  
10 cover revenues collected during calendar year 2021.  
11 The orders initiate the annual reconciliations.

12 Are there any objections to considering  
13 these items together and approving the orders?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders  
16 are approved.

17 Item G-4 concerns a complaint against  
18 Peoples Gas regarding alleged improper billing  
19 following disconnection of service. The parties filed  
20 a stipulation and joint motion to dismiss, stipulating  
21 that all matters in dispute have been resolved and  
22 requesting that the Commission dismiss the complaint

1 with prejudice.

2 Are there objections to granting the  
3 motion to dismiss?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the motion to  
6 dismiss is granted.

7 Item G-5 concerns a petition to cancel  
8 a certificate of service authority to operate as an  
9 alternative gas supplier in Illinois. The petitioner  
10 has no customers in Illinois and no pending formal or  
11 informal customer complaints. The order cancels the  
12 certificate.

13 Are there any objections to approving  
14 the order?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
17 approved.

18 Under our Telecommunications Items.

19 Items T-1 through T-3 concern  
20 proceedings initiated by the Commission against  
21 Respondents for failure to maintain the required  
22 managerial resources and abilities. Respondents failed

1 to appear to show cause why the Commission should not  
2 revoke their license or to take other action.  
3 Commission Staff recommends that the Respondents'  
4 certificates of service authority be revoked. The  
5 orders revoke the certificates.

6 Are there any objections to considering  
7 these items together and approving the orders?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders  
10 are approved.

11 Items T-4 and T-5 concern requests for  
12 confidential treatment of the Petitioners' reports.  
13 The orders grant the protection, finding that the  
14 information is highly proprietary and confidential.

15 Are there any objections to considering  
16 these items together and approving the orders?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the others  
19 are approved.

20 Moving on to our Water and Sewer Items.

21 Item W-1 concerns Illinois-American's  
22 application for a certificate of public convenience and

1 necessity for the construction, operation, and  
2 maintenance of public utility water systems in the  
3 Village of Hardin and its environs in Calhoun County.

4 IAWC also seeks an approval of the  
5 purchase of the assets of Hardin's water and wastewater  
6 systems. The orders -- excuse me -- the order grants  
7 the certificates, approves the proposed purchase of  
8 assets, and establishes the rule making -- the  
9 ratemaking rate base.

10 Are there any objections to approving  
11 the order?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
14 approved.

15 Under our Miscellaneous Items.

16 Item M-1 concerns a Commission  
17 proceeding under Section 2-202(i-5) of the Public  
18 Utilities Act. As part of the Future Energy Jobs Act,  
19 Public Act 99-0906, the general assembly amended  
20 Section 2-202 of the Public Utilities Act to add a new  
21 Section, i-5, that provides that the Commission may  
22 assess electric and gas utilities for any deficit the

1 Commission experiences between expected deposits to the  
2 Public Utilities Fund and expected Commission  
3 expenditures for the current fiscal year.

4 The order adopts Staff's assessment  
5 proposal allocating supplemental assessments amongst  
6 the various regulated industries based on Staff's  
7 review of the Commission's docketed proceedings during  
8 the 2016 through 2020 period and estimation of agency  
9 resources required to conduct such proceedings.

10 In addition to the assessments under  
11 the Future Energy Jobs Act, Staff's proposal also  
12 includes supplemental assessments for new activities  
13 and personnel necessary to implement new requirements  
14 of Public Act 102-0662, the Climate and Equitable Jobs  
15 Act, allocating those to ComEd and Ameren.

16 Are there any objections to approving  
17 the order?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
20 approved.

21 Under Other Business.

22 Item 0-1 concerns May 22 solicitation

1 of bids to sell indexed renewable energy credits to  
2 Ameren, ComEd, and MidAmerican.

3 Are there any objections to approving  
4 the procurement administrators benchmark methodology?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
7 methodology is approved.

8 Item 0-2 concerns authorization of the  
9 Commission's executive director to sign a one-year  
10 contract with The Brattle Group, Inc., to provide  
11 technical and policy assistance to the Commission in  
12 developing a renewable energy access plan as required  
13 by CEJA and Section 8-512 of the Public Utilities Act.

14 As required by the Act, Staff conducted  
15 competitive solicitations resulting in The Brattle  
16 Group receiving the highest score under the Policy  
17 Division's bid-scoring system. Staff recommends the  
18 Commission grant the executive director authority to  
19 enter into a contract with The Brattle Group.

20 Are there any objections to granting  
21 the executive director the authority to enter into a  
22 one-year contract with The Brattle Group?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the authority  
3 is granted.

4 Items 0-3 and 0-4 concern approval of  
5 batches, contracts, and confirmations under the  
6 Illinois Adjustable Block Program and Illinois Solar  
7 for All program.

8 Are there any objections to considering  
9 these items together and to approving the program  
10 administrator's submissions?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
13 submissions are approved.

14 This concludes our Public Utilities  
15 Agenda.

16 Judge Teague Kingsley, do we have other  
17 matters to come before the Commission?

18 THE COURT: No, Madam Chairman.

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Do the  
20 Commissioners have any other business to discuss?

21 COMMISSIONER MCCABE: I would like to introduce  
22 my two advisors, now that they are both on board.



1                   On March 1, Nick Hromalik joined my  
2 office. He has two years with the British Consulate as  
3 a climate and energy advisor, which included working on  
4 COP26 which was in Glasgow. Previous to that he was  
5 with Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance as a policy  
6 manager for two years. He also supported a California  
7 assemblyman who became a House Representative in both  
8 California and D.C. for about six years. He has a  
9 master's in public policy from the University of  
10 Chicago, Harris School, and a B.A. in poli-sci in  
11 American politics from University of California,  
12 San Diego.

13                   Last Friday, April 1, Nick Dreher  
14 joined the office. He had been the policy director at  
15 the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, MEEA, dealing  
16 with about 13 states. He was at MEEA for seven years.  
17 He oversaw policy and advocacy, worked on elements of  
18 CEJA, and was the lead for DEI strategic planning.  
19 Previously he worked with the California Coastal  
20 Commission for about five years. He has a law degree  
21 from Vermont Law School in environmental law and  
22 policy, and a B.A. in rhetoric from the University of

1 California in Berkeley.

2 Thank you and welcome.

3 MR. HROMALIK: Thank you.

4 MR. DREHER: Thank you.

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Welcome to both Nicks.

6 We're appreciative to have your expertise on our Staff.

7 COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: Hi, Madam Chair. I would  
8 like to welcome Andrea Jakubas to the Commission. She  
9 was a former intern with your office. I have jokes,  
10 but I'll move on from that.

11 She joins Maya Nevels in my office.  
12 Andrea's first day was Friday. She passed the bar, so  
13 congratulations Andrea. And Andrea also has  
14 superpowers, having been a librarian in a former life.  
15 So welcome to the Commission, Andrea.

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Welcome back, Andrea.  
17 We're glad -- welcome back, Andrea. We're really glad  
18 to have you. I can speak to your expertise as well so  
19 we're grateful to have you back too.

20 If there's nothing else, I just want to  
21 remind about UDAP. Customers at risk of service  
22 disconnection should know about the Utility

1 Disconnection Avoidance Program, or UDAP. The program  
2 was created by Governor J.B. Pritzker and allocates  
3 \$80 million to help households in crisis.

4 So through the UDAP program, eligible  
5 customers that are LIHEAP or PIPP recipients and are at  
6 risk of disconnection may receive a one-time credit  
7 between \$250 up to \$5,000 for each eligible utility  
8 account in order to pay arrearages and to avoid  
9 disconnection.

10 Now, following Governor Pritzker's  
11 initial UDAP executive order in April of 2021, more  
12 than \$110 million has been used to help over 121,000  
13 residential accounts to avoid service disconnection  
14 last year.

15 However, to be eligible for UDAP,  
16 households need to have received LIHEAP benefits  
17 between September 1 of 2021, through May 31 of 2022.  
18 Therefore, it is very important that households at risk  
19 of disconnection ensure they apply to the LIHEAP  
20 Program by May 31 to ensure they're eligible for this  
21 UDAP funding. Eligible Illinoisans can enroll in the  
22 LIHEAP program by calling 1-877-411-9276.

1 I also want to remind customers that if  
2 you receive a disconnection notice, you can avoid being  
3 shut off from service if you act quickly, call your  
4 utility, and work out a deferred payment arrangement.  
5 The utility can also tell you whether you qualify for  
6 bill payment assistance to reduce what you owe in  
7 arrearages.

8 So that's all I have. And if there are  
9 no other comments, the meeting will now be adjourned.  
10 Thanks.

11 (WHEREUPON the above-entitled matter  
12 was adjourned.)  
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