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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
SPECIAL OPEN MEETING
Friday, April 26, 2019
Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. at 160
North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairman
- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Commissioner
- SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner
- MARIA S. BOCANEGRA, Acting Commissioner
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner

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1 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning,
2 everybody.

3 Are we ready in Springfield?

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are.

5 THE COURT: Pursuant to the Open Meetings
6 Act, I call the April 26, 2019, Special Open Meeting
7 to order. Commissioners Sheahan, Oliva, Kimbrel, and
8 Bocanegra are here with me in Chicago; therefore, we
9 have a quorum.

10 We have one request to speak. As a
11 reminder, you only have three minutes. We'll let you
12 know when you have two minutes, then one minute left,
13 and when your time has expired. Let's kind of try to
14 keep track up here as well.

15 Please be aware that while the
16 Commission affords the public an opportunity to
17 comment, we will not respond directly to your
18 comments. Your comments will be made part of the
19 record and will be accorded the weight the Commission
20 deems appropriate; however, we cannot rely on them to
21 resolve disputed issues of fact in cases.

22 Our only speaker today is Vern See.

1 Mr. See, are you there?

2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Yes, he is.

3 THE COURT: You may proceed, Mr. See.

4 MR. SEE: Honorable Commissioners, my
5 concerns apply to the Illinois Rivers Project and the
6 Edgar County Landowners. Some of you remember I was
7 here in late 2017 and, not knowing the rules, was not
8 allowed to speak. Mr. Agnew offered assistance and
9 was very helpful. Since then, I have submitted the
10 proper request forms and returned in February,
11 September, and November of 2018, also, January of
12 this year.

13 On these appearances, I did not make
14 a formal request for the Commission to take a second
15 look at our case. Our case was in court. Although I
16 had little faith in the court -- they were arguing
17 the point of law, not the point -- I could not risk
18 the possibility of a satisfactory conclusion for the
19 landowners.

20 On these previous visits, the
21 bulletin board had dates posted for Independent
22 Review Board motions for rehearing of ICC decisions.

1 I now find myself in the same boat, not knowing the
2 rules. How do I submit a formal request for a
3 rehearing?

4 Since this fiasco started, laws have
5 been changed. The current Congressional Energy
6 Committee is reviewing the guidelines regarding the
7 12 percent incentive.

8 My previous visits left no doubt in
9 your mind. Ameren treated us neither fairly nor with
10 respect. Edgar County Landowners are entitled to
11 more than a three-minute window to make their point.
12 I truly believe if we are given a seat at the table,
13 an agreement between landowners, Ameren, and the ICC
14 could be quickly achieved.

15 We've been thrown in the ring with an
16 800-pound gorilla. A level playing field has never
17 been offered. I appeal to your sense of fair play.
18 Give us an opportunity.

19 Respectfully, Vern See.

20 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Item E-1 concerns IPA's
21 Petition to Reopen Docket Number 17-0838, IPA's
22 Long-Term Renewable Resource Procurement Plan and its

1 Motion For Clarification.

2 Are there any objections to granting
3 IPA's Petition for Reopening and Approving the Order
4 on Reopening which grants the Motion For
5 Clarification?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, this
8 matter is reopened, and the Order on Reopening is
9 approved.

10 Moving on to our other business
11 agenda, Item O-1 concerns the April 2019 Solicitation
12 of Bids to Sell Standard Energy Products to Ameren,
13 Com Ed, and MidAmerican.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the Procurement Administrator's Selection of Winning
16 Bids?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
19 Procurement Administrator's Selection is Approved.

20 Item O-2 concerns the Engagement of
21 an Interim Executive Director.

22 I motion to install Jim Zolnerick as

1 Interim Executive Director on a temporary basis
2 starting May 1, 2019.

3 Is there a second?

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: All those in favor of
8 installing Dr. Zolnerick as Interim Executive
9 Director, say aye.

10 (Chorus of ayes.)

11 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Those opposed, nay.

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: The ayes have it. The
14 motion is approved. Thank you.

15 At this time, I'd like to thank
16 Cholly Smith for his four years of service at the
17 Commission. We'll miss you, but thank you for all
18 your efforts.

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

21 JUDGE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Do any of the

1 Commissioners have any other business to
2 discuss?

3 COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Madam Chairman, I
4 would like to second the appreciation for Cholly. In
5 the last four and a half years, the Illinois Commerce
6 Commission has emerged as one of the preeminent
7 public utility commissions in the United States, and
8 Cholly deserves a lot of credit for that, and I
9 wanted to personally thank him for all of his time
10 and effort the last four years.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Anyone
13 else?

14 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Yes, briefly, thank
15 you.

16 I just want to echo those
17 sentiments, and I thank you and I appreciate
18 everything you have done. It's been great working
19 with you.

20 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Anyone else?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none,

1 without objection, the meeting stands adjourned.

2 Thank you.

3 (WHEREUPON, the meeting was

4 adjourned.)

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