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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

REGULAR OPEN MEETING
(PUBLIC UTILITY)

Chicago, Illinois
Tuesday May 24, 2011

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. in
the Main Hearing Room, Eighth Floor, 160 North
LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:

- DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, Chairman
- LULA M. FORD, Commissioner
- ERIN M. O'CONNELL-DIAZ, Commissioner
- SHERMAN J. ELLIOTT, Commissioner
- JOHN T. COLGAN, Acting Commissioner

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1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Pursuant to the Illinois Open
2 Meetings Act, I now convene a regular open meeting of
3 the Illinois Commerce Commission. With me in Chicago
4 are Commissioner Ford, Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz,
5 Commissioner Elliott and Acting Commissioner Colgan.
6 I'm Chairman Scott. We have a quorum.

7 Before moving into the agenda,
8 according to Part 1700.10 of Title 2 of the
9 Administrative Code, this is the time that all
10 members to address the Commission. Members of the
11 public wishing to address the Commission must notify
12 the Chief Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to
13 the Commission meeting. According to the Chief
14 Clerk's Office we have eight valid requests to speak
15 at today's regular open meeting.

16 Before we get started, I'd just like
17 to give a reminder that each person speaking today
18 has a time limit of 3 minutes with which to make
19 their presentation.

20 With that, we will take the valid
21 requests we received in alphabetical order beginning
22 with Filene Crawford.

1 Miss Crawford, are you here?

2 Going once? Going twice?

3 Thomas Haerle. Is Thomas Haerle here?

4 If you'd like to go up to the
5 microphone there and press it to turn it on -- or get
6 some help with that. And you'll have 3 minutes to
7 speak, sir.

8 MR. THOMAS HAERLE: Good morning,
9 Commissioners.

10 Can you hear me okay?

11 THE COMMISSIONERS: Yes.

12 MR. THOMAS HAERLE: Good morning and thank you
13 very much for giving me the opportunity to speak to
14 you this morning.

15 My name is Brother Thomas Haerle.
16 I've been a religious brother with the Claretian
17 Missionaries for more than 25 years. I'm currently
18 serving at Holy Cross Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
19 in Back of the Yards on the South Side of Chicago.

20 In my past year serving this community
21 I've become personally aware of the struggle for
22 survival of many of the low income workers living in

1 our parish. Many people are without work. But even
2 for those who are working, the current electric rates
3 are simply unaffordable.

4 I know dozens of families within
5 blocks of our church who struggle to put food on
6 their table. As over 300 families in any given week
7 come to Casa Catalina, which is -- provides
8 assistance for those in the neighborhood who need
9 food, it is easy to understand that increases in
10 their electric bills put more of a burden on these
11 already struggling families.

12 I'm here to speak to you today,
13 members of the ICC, because you are in a position to
14 prevent another needless burden to the families in my
15 community. You have the duty, the obligation, under
16 the Public Utilities Act of 2001 to ensure utility
17 service is affordable and available to all --
18 electric to all. Electric service is not affordable
19 to the lowest paid workers in our city right now.
20 And any rate increase for ComEd will only get -- only
21 put a greater burden on the families in the area I
22 serve.

1 I ask you, members of the ICC, to do
2 your duty today and reject the entire rate increase
3 for ComEd.

4 The Company's profits may suffer, but
5 many people in Chicago are already suffering to
6 supply ComEd's hefty profits. And your obligation is
7 to all the people of Illinois -- even to the poorest
8 among us -- not only to the shareholders of ComEd.

9 I hope you see the importance of
10 rejecting the rate increase for ComEd. I want to
11 appeal to your human side and urge you to recognize
12 that many people in our city are suffering and you
13 have the power to stop yet more suffering of the
14 worst off among us. I ask you to fulfill your duty
15 to your fellow citizens of Illinois, your fellow
16 human beings and reject any rate increase for ComEd.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you.

19 Next up is Gregory Harrison.

20 Mr. Harrison, are you here?

21 MR. GREGORY HARRISON: I'm here.

22 Good morning everyone.

1 THE COMMISSIONERS: Good morning.

2 MR. GREGORY HARRISON: My name is Gregory
3 Harrison and I am a lifelong Chicagoan. I'm here
4 today to speak on behalf of the Cook County Workers
5 Benefit Council, a delegate body that represents the
6 needs and interests of service workers and other low
7 paid workers in Cook County. We demand that you, the
8 ICC, deny any rate increase to ComEd. State law
9 clearly defines this is your duty. The Illinois
10 General Assembly's Public Utilities Act of 2001
11 states that the ICC is the state agency to regulate
12 utilities and that, I quote, the goals and objectives
13 of such regulation shall be to ensure the rates for
14 utility services are affordable and therefore
15 preserve the availability of such services to all
16 citizens.

17 Electricity is not affordable and
18 available to all of us in our city right now. CBS
19 News reported that over 67,000 households in the
20 Chicago area had no electricity as of October 2009.
21 Even when we manage to keep the lights on, sky-high
22 utility rates for ComEd hit low income working

1 families the hardest. As much -- as more and more of
2 us are trying to support our families on jobs that
3 pay minimum wages or not much more when we have work
4 at all. We are forced to cut back on food, short our
5 landlords on rent and sometimes go without the
6 necessary medications.

7 Each rate hike means we have -- we all
8 have less money to spend in our communities and local
9 businesses have fewer customers. Chicago area has --
10 Chicago area businesses are already suffering from
11 the effects of high unemployment and more of us
12 working for low wages cannot afford to have \$326
13 million taken out of our pockets.

14 This rate increase request is clearly
15 a profit grab. ComEd increased profits by 24 percent
16 in 2009 after you, the ICC, approved a \$275 million
17 rate increase for ComEd. You know, John W. Rowe, CEO
18 of ComEd's parent company, Exelon, well, you know, he
19 received compensation of nearly \$6 million. And that
20 was in 2010.

21 For you, the ICC to grant this rate
22 increase would be a clear dereliction of duty. The

1 Cook County Workers Benefit Council calls on you to
2 fulfill the mandate of the Public Utilities Act of
3 2001 to ensure utility service is affordable and
4 available to all.

5 We demand -- and this is our -- our
6 demands are: We demand that the ICC direct ComEd to
7 suspend shutoffs and reconnect service without charge
8 to households whose income is 300 percent or less
9 than the Federal Poverty Line, whose service was
10 terminated due to nonpayment of arrears.

11 We demand that the ICC direct ComEd to
12 work out reasonable payment plans for customers
13 unable to pay their bills in full at time of receipt.

14 We demand that the ICC direct ComEd to
15 cease all future shutoffs for those whose incomes are
16 300 percent or lower than the Federal Poverty Level.

17 And, again, we demand the State of
18 Illinois through the ICC fulfill the mandate of the
19 Public Utilities Act of 2001, that utilities will be
20 affordable and available to all and reject ComEd's
21 \$326 million rate increase request.

22 ICC, kindly do your duty.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, Mr. Harrison.

3 Up next is David Ingram.

4 Mr. Ingram.

5 MR. DAVID INGRAM: I have a petition for you.

6 I would like to thank the ladies and
7 gentlemen of the ICC for giving me this opportunity
8 to speak to you this morning. My name is David
9 Ingram, and I'm writing as a concerned citizen and
10 esteemed member of Loyola University's faculty to
11 protect the proposed rate hike that has been
12 requested by ComEd.

13 My job over the last 30 years has been
14 to teach ethics to college students and to instill in
15 them a sense for social justice. I've written eight
16 books on this subject, including the ever popular,
17 Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Ethics, now
18 in its second edition. I often illustrate my books
19 with egregious examples of social injustice drawn
20 from my experience as a citizen of this fair state,
21 whose favorite son, Abraham Lincoln, was arguably one
22 of the greatest fighters for social justice this

1 country has ever seen. So I'm hoping that you will
2 do the right thing and avoid dishonorable mention in
3 my book.

4 There are many ethical reasons to
5 oppose this rate hike. ComEd has enjoyed substantial
6 increases in profits in recent years. After the ICC
7 approved a \$274 million rate increase in 2008, over
8 \$100 million less than what ComEd is requesting now
9 despite three years of recession, the number of
10 Chicago households, by some estimate as many as
11 67,000, saw their service disconnected and the number
12 of households without service increased dramatically.

13 Coming as it does in the midst of one
14 of the worst recessions this country has ever
15 experienced, ComEd's extravagant request for yet
16 another rate increase will impose additional
17 hardships on the most vulnerable Illinois residents,
18 the unemployed and the underemployed.

19 Daily one reads about persons who have
20 died from lack of adequate heating or air
21 conditioning simply because their gas and electricity
22 has been disconnected due to delinquency in their

1 bill payments. With a rate increase this scenario
2 will be multiplied as poor people make the most
3 difficult choice of their lives, to feed and clothe
4 their families or provide them with basic
5 electricity.

6 Members of the ICC, you are entrusted
7 with ensuring that all consumers have secure access
8 to basic public utilities. That is why they are
9 public utilities and not private utilities whose
10 functioning is regulated by government for the sake
11 of its citizens and not simply for the sake of
12 profits.

13 ComEd has enjoyed enormous
14 profitability in recent years and is not at risk
15 financially. By contrast, hundreds of thousands of
16 Illinois residents are faced with impending life
17 crisis should this rate increase be approved.

18 Ethically our first duty should be to
19 those who are worst off among us. Do no harm and
20 distribute social burdens in a way that does not
21 worsen the living conditions of the worst off, are
22 moral injunctions that are universally recognized in

1 principle even though today they are violated with
2 impunity as lobbyists for the rich and powerful seek
3 to expand their client's privileges at the expense of
4 the common good.

5 I, therefore, implore you to follow
6 your conscience in this matter by voting against
7 ComEd's request for yet another rate increase.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, Mr. Ingram.

10 Next is Carl Narington.

11 Mr. Narington, is that you, sir?

12 MR. CARL NARINGTON: Good morning.

13 COMMISSIONERS: Good morning.

14 MR. CARL NARINGTON: My name is Carl Narington.
15 I'm a resident of the West Side of Chicago, lifelong,
16 62 years now.

17 This increase -- rate increase is very
18 detrimental to all of us. You know, because I fell
19 down on -- my health failed me a little. And so I
20 kind of got behind. So they put me on a program and
21 it was, like, I was to pay so much per month. Well,
22 once after I fell behind and I couldn't pay it on

1 that specific date, they cut me off the program and
2 then shot my bill up high; but I couldn't afford
3 that. So they put me right back where I started
4 from.

5 So with this increase, where do we go
6 from there? It's going to send me up even higher.
7 So I beg that you see our plight as that we do not
8 need this increase. Do not need it.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you Mr. Narington.

11 Next we have Dwilda Reed.

12 Ms. Reed.

13 I apologize if you mispronounce any
14 your names.

15 MS. DWILDA REED: Good morning.

16 COMMISSIONERS: Good morning.

17 MS. DWILDA REED: Hello. My name is Dwilda
18 Reed. This here is a rate increase -- rate
19 increase going -- CEDA helps me to pay my electric
20 bill. If your rate go up, I will not be able to pay
21 my electric bill. I am having trouble with paying my
22 bill. There are many people in my community that

1 having problem paying their electric bill. ICC, you
2 said the utility shall be affordable, but they're
3 not.

4 So, please, do not make the rate go
5 up.

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you.

7 Next we have Ada Steenken.

8 Miss Steenken.

9 MS. ADA STEENKEN: Good morning, Commissioners.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Good morning.

11 MS. ADA STEENKEN: My name is Ada Steenken. I
12 am a lifelong resident of Illinois. I retired from
13 Loyola University of Chicago as an executive
14 secretary three years ago. I'm here today to speak
15 to you as a resident of Illinois about your duty to
16 uphold your mandate to the people of Illinois.

17 I understand the job of the Illinois
18 Commerce Commission is to strike a fair balance
19 between the interests of utility companies and
20 consumers. So let's talk about fair. According to
21 yesterday's edition of Crain's Chicago Business, John
22 Rowe, the CEO of ComEd's parent company Exelon,

1 earned over \$9 million in compensation last year.
2 Meanwhile, over 60,000 low income families here in
3 the Chicago area live in third-world conditions
4 because ComEd disconnected their electric service
5 when they couldn't afford their bills. That is not
6 fair in my book.

7 According to the May 16 edition of
8 Crain's last year Exelon made over \$2.5 billion in
9 profit, nearly 14 percent of the revenue they
10 received from ratepayers. For most working and
11 retired people in Chicago, paying increasing utility
12 bills take a greater and greater percentage of our
13 income. And each month after paying for utilities on
14 top of paying for food, rent, transportation and
15 maybe even medical care for thousands of us, there's
16 nothing left of the money we worked to earn. This is
17 not fair.

18 You, the appointed members of the
19 Illinois Commerce Commission, have the power to
20 decide what is fair when it comes to utility rates in
21 Illinois. I call on you to make a determination of
22 fairness that is in the interest of the majority of

1 those affected, the ratepayers, and that does not
2 cause increased suffering for those who are already
3 suffering the most, only to line the pockets of those
4 who are already doing quite well at our expense.

5 ComEd does not need a rate increase.
6 ComEd does not deserve a rate increase. Moreover,
7 given the billions in profits enjoyed by Exelon,
8 there is no justification for a rate increase. There
9 is one clear course of action for you, members of the
10 ICC, that is in accord with your mandate and the
11 Public Utilities Act of 2001, reject the entire ComEd
12 rate increase.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, Miss Steenken.

15 Sarah Stevens.

16 MS. SARAH STEVENS: Good morning,
17 Commissioners.

18 COMMISSIONERS: Good morning.

19 MS. SARAH STEVENS: My name is a Sarah Stevens,
20 and I'm a Loyola student.

21 I am strongly against this rate
22 increase of \$326 million because personally I have

1 seen how these unaffordable rates have affected the
2 community where I go to school in and where I live
3 in. Just south of the city near Hyde Park I have
4 been to neighborhoods where living conditions are
5 unacceptable. I met a mother of six children who
6 lives in a small apartment and because medical,
7 electrical and rent bills are so high she was unable
8 to pay for her gas bill. And so right before this
9 winter started they disconnected her gas bill. And
10 so they had to go throughout the entire winter
11 without any heat. And in an effort to keep
12 themselves warm, they bought space heaters to fill up
13 their home. But, of course, not only did this
14 increase their electric bill but this also posed a
15 huge fire hazard for their congested household with
16 six kids.

17 I mean, do you think that is okay for
18 people living in one of the most developed countries
19 in the entire world to be living like this? It's
20 not. But, you know, this happens every day to so
21 many people because unaffordable rate increases are
22 constantly being approved.

1 And another woman I know, she was
2 actually unable to pay her electric bill because --
3 to keep her air conditioning going and throughout the
4 hot summer months she ended up developing a medical
5 condition which required her to live in a
6 well-ventilated area and due to these unaffordable
7 rates her home become overheated and she eventually
8 suffocated and died.

9 So, you know, according to you, ICC,
10 you are accountable by law to ensure affordable and
11 available rates to all the people. And that is your
12 duty and it is our right. As a resident of this
13 state, rights should not be measured by ability to
14 pay.

15 By approving this rate increase, you,
16 the ICC, are guaranteeing profits for a minority at
17 the expense of the vast majority and even
18 jeopardizing people's livelihoods. In addition to
19 this formal petition for a rate increase to the ICC
20 right now, ComEd is requesting \$2.6 billion for a
21 Smart Grid that they want us, the consumers, to pay
22 for at a time when we can't even pay our current

1 bills. So this is a moment where you can stand and
2 take a stand against this and stop this and put the
3 people above the profits.

4 So I'm requesting that you, ICC Board
5 Members, deny this rate increase. And it is not
6 right for the residents of our state to go without
7 basic needs just so that companies like ComEd can
8 continuously get more profits.

9 So thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, Miss Stevens.

11 Any last chance for Filene Crawford?

12 And that concludes the public
13 participation portion of today's regular open
14 meeting, and I'd like to thank each member of the
15 public for their time --

16 MS. APRIL KNIGHTEN: Excuse me. I have
17 something to say.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I'm sorry. The --

19 MS. APRIL KNIGHTEN: I submitted my application
20 on time.

21 CHORUS OF VOICES: Let her speak. Let her
22 speak.

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The applications that we got
2 prior to 24 hours before the --

3 A VOICE: She ain't here. Two people ain't
4 here. Let her speak.

5 CHORUS OF VOICES: Let her speak.

6 MS. APRIL KNIGHTEN: You gave ComEd 11 months,
7 you can give me 3 minutes.

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Sorry. The Commission -- the
9 Commission has rules and all eight people --

10 MS. APRIL KNIGHTEN: I followed those rules.

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: -- that put their applications
12 in on time --

13 MS. APRIL KNIGHTEN: Which I did.

14 CHORUS OF VOICES: Let her speak.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: That concludes the public
16 participation portion of today's regular open meeting
17 and I appreciate this -- I know the other
18 Commissioners do -- the members of the public who put
19 their time and effort associated with their
20 participation today, and I appreciate -- as I know
21 the others do -- for sharing your thoughts with us.

22 We now move into the agenda for

1 today's meeting. The first item today is Docket
2 No. 10-0467. This is ComEd's proposed general
3 increase in electric rates. We have some different
4 revisions --

5 MS. APRIL KNIGHTEN: Excuse me. Here's my
6 application on time. I will be speaking.

7 Thank you.

8 Good morning, everyone. My name
9 is April Knighten. On behalf of myself, my family,
10 my neighbors and fellow UIC students, I do not
11 approve this rate increase for ComEd.

12 I have seen the damaging effects of
13 poverty. And I have seen how a difference of 5 or
14 \$10 has pushed one to the brink of survival. Is this
15 what we have come to in the great U.S. of A., where
16 our people are subject to live in third world
17 conditions?

18 Need I remind you that in 21st Century
19 Chicago a young family perished, the children reduced
20 to having to study by candle light because their
21 electricity was cut off? How many more of us must
22 die before you realize the rate -- this impact that

1 the rate increase will have upon us? Do your duty,
2 ICC.

3 This \$326 million is \$326 million that
4 will be ripped from the grasp of community members
5 that will no longer be spent supporting local
6 groceries, local florists, local printers and
7 providing jobs for people like me. We cannot afford
8 to lose these businesses. They are the backbone of
9 our community. When these businesses close, they
10 remove jobs, destabilizing our communities for fewer
11 generations. Do your duty, ICC.

12 I plan to teach in Chicago schools. I
13 don't want to have to choose between repaying my
14 student loans and paying my light bill. I don't want
15 to give homework to kids who don't have light to do
16 it. I don't want to give work to kids who have
17 parents working two jobs just to keep their utilities
18 connected. I want -- we want an illuminated populus.

19 How is that possible when our
20 government allows -- no -- encourages such reckless
21 profit mongering at the hands of corporations like
22 ComEd? Do your duty, ICC. Keep utilities affordable

1 for all of us.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The first item on today's
4 agenda for today's meeting is Docket No. 10-0467.
5 This is ComEd's proposed general increase in electric
6 rates. We have different revisions from various
7 Commissioners to consider to the Proposed Order. And
8 I will start things off with what I believe are some
9 agreed clarifying revisions to the Order that I know
10 have been circulated to everyone.

11 And I'm proposing a set of revisions
12 over which I believe there is full agreement to
13 various edits that consist of editorial changes or
14 clarifications within the Order but do not change any
15 of the Commission's conclusions or require
16 alterations in the Company's schedules. Many of
17 these were initially offered by Commissioner Elliott
18 and have been imbedded through different offices
19 including Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz and
20 Commissioner Colgan's Office in particular, and,
21 obviously, thank them for their work on these
22 particular issues.

1 Is there any discussion on these
2 particular clarifying revisions?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a -- I would move to
5 adopt these clarifying revisions.

6 Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

9 All in favor say "aye."

10 (Chorus of ayes.)

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
14 these clarifying changes are adopted.

15 Next we'll turn to Commissioner Ford.

16 Commissioner.

17 COMMISSIONER FORD: Thank you, Chairman.

18 We here at the Commission are always
19 cognizant only about allowing costs to consumers that
20 are just and reasonable. Just and reasonable costs
21 also encompasses the theory that rates to consumers
22 will be allocated based upon causation.

1 The edit that I would like to
2 introduce is regarding the straight fixed variable
3 rate designed for the residential class and its
4 increases in the percentages of fixed charges to all
5 customers within that class. My edit attempts to
6 ensure that low-use customers of that residential
7 class are only bearing the burden for fixed charges
8 they are responsible for and that they are not an
9 independent class that is desperately impacted.

10 This edit requires ComEd to produce
11 evidence in its next rate case that demonstrates
12 whether the impacts on the low subuse -- on the
13 low-use subgroups in that residential -- in the
14 residential customer class are such that it would be
15 appropriate to have a new class cost of service and
16 rate design for that identifiable group.

17 With that being said, I'd like to --
18 I'd kindly like to ask my colleagues for their
19 support on this revision.

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, Commissioner Ford.

21 Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I'd like to thank Commissioner
2 Ford and her staff for the work on these revisions.
3 I know you worked with other offices and appreciate
4 your help with those. And the provisions will have
5 my full support.

6 Is there -- would you like to move
7 those?

8 COMMISSIONER FORD: Yes. I'd like to move
9 them.

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

14 All in favor say "aye."

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
19 Commissioner Ford's proposed revisions regarding
20 ComEd's single fixed variable rate design proposal
21 are adopted.

22 Turning next to some pension

1 contribution revisions from Commissioner Colgan.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Thank you, Mr.
3 Chairman.

4 My proposed revisions are to the
5 discretionary pension contributions of 2005 and 2009.
6 The purpose of the revisions is to maintain constancy
7 in the accounting treatment of these two
8 discretionary pension contributions. As you are --
9 we all are aware in Docket 05-0597 for the 2005
10 discretionary contribution to pensions, the
11 Commission allowed ComEd to recover a debt service
12 return on the discretionary contribution through the
13 operating statement as an expense.

14 In contrast, the Proposed Order in the
15 current case allows the 2009 discretionary pension
16 contribution to be considered a rate base item. My
17 proposal results in changing the treatment of the
18 2009 contribution from a rate base asset to an
19 expense item, which reflects the ratepayer benefit
20 estimated by ComEd to make the treatment consistent
21 with the treatment allowed by the Commission for the
22 2005 pension contribution.

1 In addition, the 2005 discretionary
2 contribution payment to that payment, my proposed
3 revision provides for the cost of the debt for
4 service declining as a portion of the underlying debt
5 as it has matured -- as it is maturing and with it
6 the amount of ComEd's regulatory debt. This revision
7 comports with ComEd's own acknowledgment that the
8 contribution will not last in perpetuity and that it
9 will decrease over time.

10 The intent of these changes is to
11 maintain constancy in the Commission Orders to the
12 extent that it's practicable. In no way in these
13 proposed changes would the Commission be saying that
14 the discretionary contributions on the part of the
15 utility to its retirement plans are inappropriate.

16 In the current rate case ComEd has
17 chosen to prefund its pension plan and to seek to
18 recover not only the pension expense that is normally
19 reflected in the test year but also the cost of the
20 prefunding of its pension plan. While the additional
21 contribution will mitigate pension expenses in future
22 periods, the Commission should ensure that the

1 prefunding does not produce unreasonable costs that
2 will be passed down to ratepayers.

3 I'd like to thank all of the
4 Commissioners for working with me on this. In fact,
5 what I did was take separate proposals that had been
6 offered by you, Mr. Chairman, and, Commissioner
7 Elliott. I combined them and tweaked them a little
8 bit resulting in this compromised position.

9 So I thank all of you for your help
10 and assistance in putting this together.

11 So with that, Chairman and
12 Commissioners, I request your support for my
13 proposal.

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there any discussion on
15 these proposed revisions?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Colgan, would you
18 like to make a motion to approve them?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: I move to adopt
20 these changes.

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded
2 to adopt the revisions stated by Commissioner Colgan.

3 All in favor say "aye."

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
8 Commissioner Colgan's proposed revisions to the 2005
9 and 2009 pension contribution sections of the Order
10 are adopted.

11 Next we'll turn to Commissioner
12 Elliott, who I believe has a set of proposed
13 additions.

14 Commissioner.

15 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 Yes, I circulated -- my office
17 circulated several amendments to the Order. I won't
18 go into great detail, but they cover rate base
19 expenses, rate of return and rate design areas. And
20 along with those amendments I circulated rationale in
21 support of those, and I would offer those amendments
22 and move that they be accepted.

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there any discussion on
2 these proposed changes?

3 Would you like to make a motion to
4 include those?

5 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved.

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And I would second that.

7 It's been moved and seconded.

8 All in favor say "aye."

9 (Chorus of ayes.)

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: No.

12 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: No.

13 COMMISSIONER FORD: Nay.

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I believe the vote is 2 to 3,
15 but just take a roll call to confirm.

16 Commissioner Colgan?

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: No.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Elliott?

19 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Ford?

21 COMMISSIONER FORD: No.

22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz?

1 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: No.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And Chairman Scott, I vote
3 aye.

4 So the vote is -- let the record
5 reflect the vote is 2 to 3, and Commissioner
6 Elliott's proposed revisions are not adopted.

7 Additionally, I have some further
8 substantive revisions to propose, which were
9 circulated, again. And this concern rate case
10 expense and charitable contributions section of the
11 Order and would result in the disallowance of a
12 number of costs of the rate case including the
13 attorneys' fees that were proposed here as well as
14 for charitable contributions.

15 I find this approach -- I believe the
16 revisions would call for the disallowance of recovery
17 for ratepayers for all of ComEd's charitable
18 contributions which are sought in this as well as the
19 attorneys' fees that are claimed for recovery here as
20 well. And, again, I circulated the language on the
21 proposed revisions and would respectfully request
22 your support.

1 Is there any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I would move to adopt these
4 revisions.

5 Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

8 All in favor say "aye."

9 (Chorus of ayes.)

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

11 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: No.

12 COMMISSIONER FORD: No.

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: No.

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Again, I believe the vote is 2
15 to 3. We'll take a roll call to confirm.

16 Commissioner Colgan?

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: No.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Elliott?

19 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Ford?

21 COMMISSIONER FORD: No.

22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz?

1 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: No.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And I, Chairman Scott, vote
3 aye.

4 Let the record reflect the vote is 2
5 to 3 and the Chairman's proposed revisions on the
6 rate case expense and charitable contributions are
7 not adopted.

8 I believe that's all we have for
9 revisions.

10 Is there any further discussion on the
11 order as revised?

12 JUDGE DOLAN: Chairman, we just wanted to give
13 you the update. There's 276 comments on e-Docket
14 currently. And --

15 JUDGE SAINSBOT: Consumer Services has received
16 a petition with 796 signatures from the AARP and
17 those all are opposed to the rate increase.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you.

19 Is there any further discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a motion to adopt the
22 Order, as revised, today?

1 COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

5 All in favor say "aye."

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
10 the Order, as revised, is adopted.

11 And on behalf of the Commission, I'd
12 like to thank the ALJs and the parties for their work
13 on this. I know it's been a very long 11 months and
14 we understand why it takes 11 months to do this. But
15 your hard work does not go unnoticed and it's deeply
16 appreciated by the Commission. So thank you very
17 much.

18 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman, I'd also
19 like to thank the Commissioner assistants -- Matt,
20 John -- that roped all this together as well as the
21 Staff assistants that came forth to assist us all.
22 And I think you did a great job. I appreciate your

1 help.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any further comments?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: And I'd like to
4 thank all the participants in this docket. I think
5 it was a really full docket. It was very robust
6 debate, very strong positions brought forward from
7 many directions. I know that all of us here put our
8 best efforts to it and tried to do the very best that
9 we could for the outcome that we've come to. And so
10 I thank everybody.

11 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: I would just like
12 to reiterate what my colleges have suggested and
13 thank the parties and thank the folks for coming down
14 here today.

15 This is a tough job to do. We do try
16 to balance all of the interests. We spent 11 months
17 squeezing water out of the sponge as it was presented
18 to us in the original form from the Company. I think
19 what you will see from us, in fact, following our
20 legal duty to balance the interests of the consumers
21 as well as the shareholders and follow our legal
22 obligation as the law sets forth. It is a balancing

1 act. We can't just say "no." We need to go through
2 each piece of evidence that is presented by the
3 Company in their rate request. It's our obligation.
4 It is our charge when we come into the office as
5 Commissioners.

6 I would suggest to you if you looked
7 at the Order when you see it, you'll see six and a
8 half single-spaced pages of outline. Each one of
9 those issues has been fought over by many parties
10 that have participated in this case. There's been
11 testimony, briefing, oral argument. We have looked
12 at all of the issues in a very scrutinous manner.
13 And so, you know, that is our job. That is what the
14 law tells us that we must do and we do understand
15 that it is difficult economic situations out there
16 for all of us. But, you know, the Commission is the
17 entity that must balance the interests, and I believe
18 that our Order does strike that balance.

19 And I thank my fellow Commissioners
20 for working hard on it and also for all the parties
21 that presented the various arguments for us to review
22 and to look at and to come to the conclusions that we

1 did. So I'm glad that we all got to this place and
2 worked together.

3 Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER FORD: I'm not going to do pile
5 on. Ditto.

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moving on, our second item
7 today is the consideration of ComEd's alternative
8 regulation proposal filed pursuant to Section 9-244
9 of the Public Utilities Act. ALJ Haynes recommends
10 entry of an Order denying ComEd's Petition.

11 Commissioner Elliott, I believe you
12 had some revisions here?

13 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Yes. Thank you,
14 Mr. Chairman.

15 These edits did not change the
16 ultimate conclusion to deny the petition, but I think
17 we had to strengthen our conclusions that were filed
18 in the Order. There were considerable amendments
19 offered by Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz' Office, which
20 were greatly helpful and I think helped to clarify
21 the Order even further.

22 And I would turn to Commissioner

1 O'Connell-Diaz if she has any comments with regard to
2 the language.

3 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Thank you,
4 Commissioner Elliott.

5 I'd like to thank Judge Haynes for
6 presenting us with a very, very complete Order that
7 we really didn't have a lot of work to do on. This
8 particular request, I think as we went through -- as
9 we are charged to do under the Public Utilities Act
10 as we went through this request, we found it wanting
11 in many aspects. That is not to say that the
12 Commission would not look at a proposal like this in
13 another fashion; but in this proceeding based on the
14 evidence in this record, we could not grant the
15 relief that's requested.

16 The language that I have suggested
17 there was some intimation that some part of the
18 company would not go through with projects without
19 the achievement of the relief that's requested in
20 this proceeding. And, in fact, I would suggest and
21 the language suggests that that would be violative of
22 the Public Utilities Act if there was a threat to the

1 reliability of our system.

2 So I think that thought needs to be
3 put to the side and we need to ensure that our
4 customers, our ratepayers, get that reliable service
5 absent this type of program that they had sought for
6 us to approve.

7 So that is basically what my language
8 provides for and I would thank Judge Haynes again and
9 for all the parties in participation of this case.
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Elliott, would
12 you like to --

13 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: No further discussion.

14 Mr. Chairman, I move the amendments to
15 the Order.

16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER FORD: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and second.

19 All in favor say "aye."

20 (Chorus of ayes.)

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

22 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
2 the revisions offered by Commissioner Elliott and
3 Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz are adopted.

4 Now is there a motion to enter the
5 Order, as revised?

6 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER FORD: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
12 the Order, as revised, is adopted and ComEd's
13 Alternative Regulation Petition is denied.

14 Our third item today is Docket
15 No. 10-0568. This is Ameren's Petition for approval
16 of its electric and gas energy efficiency plans and
17 this item has been on rehearing for the past few
18 months. ALJ Yoder recommends that the Commission
19 enter an Order on Rehearing adopting Staff's position
20 with respect to the spending limits, making
21 clarifying changes with respect to net-to-gross
22 ratios and the statewide technical reference manual

1 and directing a compliance filing from DCEO.

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I just wanted to say on this
5 particular level I'm sensitive to what ELPC and the
6 AG are seeking to accomplish through a broader
7 reading of the gas utility spending limits. I don't
8 believe that position is a correct reading of Section
9 8-104 of the Public Utilities Act here. Having
10 served in the legislature, I know that these
11 legislative colloquies, such as between
12 Representative Reitz and Flider in this case are not
13 happenstance and there was clearly constructive
14 intent associated with this particular exchange.

15 As a result I'll be voting for the
16 entry of this Order as decided by ALJ Yoder as well
17 as the other two Orders up for consideration today
18 which decide in favor of Staff's construction of
19 Section 8-104 spending limit.

20 I would move to enter the Order on
21 rehearing.

22 Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER FORD: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

3 All in favor say "aye."

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
8 the Order on Rehearing is entered.

9 Our fourth item today is Docket
10 No. 10-0562. This is Nicor's application for
11 approval of its Energy Efficiency Program under 8-104
12 of the Public Utilities Acc. ALJ Kimbrel recommends
13 entry of an Order approving the Company's efficiency
14 plan and deciding various contested issues within the
15 proceeding.

16 Is there any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a motion to enter the
19 Order?

20 COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

2 All in favor say "aye."

3 (Chorus of ayes.)

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
7 the Order is entered.

8 The fifth item today is Docket
9 No. 10-0564. This is Peoples and North Shore Gas's
10 Programs under 8-104 of the Public Utilities Act.
11 ALJ Hilliard recommends entry of an Order approving
12 the Company's efficiency plan and deciding on various
13 contested issues within the proceeding.

14 Is there any discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a motion to enter the
17 Order?

18 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved.

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

22 All in favor say "aye."

1 (Chorus of ayes.)

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
5 the Order is entered.

6 Items 6 and 7 can be taken together.
7 These items are Jacqueline Coleman and Gail Wrotten,
8 complaints as to billing and/or charges against
9 ComEd. In each case the parties apparently resolved
10 their differences and brought a Joint Motion to
11 Dismiss, which ALJ Gilbert recommends that we grant.

12 Is there any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a motion to grant the
15 Joint Motions to Dismiss?

16 COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved.

17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

20 All in favor say "aye."

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
3 the Joint Motions to Dismiss are granted.

4 We will use this 5 to nothing vote for
5 the remainder of the regular open meeting agenda
6 unless otherwise noted.

7 Item 8 is Docket No. 11-0145. This is
8 Blue Star's complaint against ComEd and Ameren
9 alleging a failure to file a statutorily required
10 tariff for the purchase of uncollectible accounts
11 from alternative retail electric suppliers. The
12 remaining parties in this case have apparently
13 resolved their issues and have filed a Joint Request
14 for Termination in this docket, which ALJ Gilbert
15 recommends that we grant.

16 Is there any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the docket is
21 dismissed.

22 Items 9 through 17 can be taken

1 together. These items each involve citation
2 proceedings against telecommunications providers for
3 failure to file their 2009 Annual Reports with the
4 Commission. In each case ALJ Baker recommends that
5 the Commission enter an Order canceling and revoking
6 the Respondent's Certificate to provide
7 telecommunication service due to a failure to file a
8 statutorily required report.

9 Is there any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders are
14 entered and the Certificates are canceled and
15 revoked.

16 Items 18 and 19 can be taken together.
17 These are petitions -- Stephenson County to modify
18 its 9-1-1 system by changing its backup public safety
19 answering point to the Ogle County Sheriffs Office
20 PSAP and the Ogle County 9-1-1 system and by McHenry
21 County to modify its 9-1-1 system by changing its
22 backup PSAP to the Lake in the Hills PSAP. In each

1 case ALJ Benn recommends that the Commission enter an
2 Order approving the petition and allowing the change.

3 Is there any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders are
8 entered.

9 Item 20 is Docket No. 11-0316. This
10 is the Illinois Telecommunications Access
11 Corporation's Petition for approval of its proposed
12 access line charges under Title 83 Part 755.500 of
13 the Administrative Code. ALJ Hilliard recommends
14 that the Commission enter an Order granting the
15 petition.

16 Is there any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objection?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
21 entered.

22 Item 21 is Docket No. 10-0281. This

1 item concerns proposed amendments to Title 83 Part
2 300 of the Administrative Code regarding guidelines
3 for right of way acquisitions. ALJ Sainsot
4 recommends that the Commission enter an Order
5 adopting the proposed amendments with an effective
6 date of June 1st, 2011.

7 Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
12 entered and the proposed amendments to Title 83 Part
13 300 are adopted.

14 I'm going to skip Item 22 for just a
15 moment and come back to that one at the end.

16 Item 23 is Commission
17 reconsideration of the results of the recent ComEd
18 and Ameren Renewable Energy Credit Procurement
19 Events.

20 Is there any discussion regarding the
21 REC Procurement?

22 I move to approve -- I'm sorry.

1 Commissioner Elliott.

2 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I
3 just -- I know that we're limited in what we can say
4 with regard to these matters. And I think I'd be
5 safely in the limits that we -- strict limits that
6 we've been imposed through legislation on the
7 Commission. But I, for one, am pleased to see the
8 Illinois preferences rolling off and the costs of
9 these renewable energy credits significantly going
10 down as the competitive aspects of a market for these
11 things are fully asserted. And I am just pleased as
12 punch to see that happening.

13 So I just wanted to make that
14 comment --

15 COMMISSIONER FORD: And I agree with that
16 comment, Commissioner Elliott.

17 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: I third that.

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Fourth.

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there any discussion
20 regarding the REC Procurement?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I would vote to approve the

1 REC Procurement results.

2 Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER FORD: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

6 All in favor say "aye."

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing and
11 the REC Procurement results are approved.

12 Item 22, going back to it, is a
13 resolution expressing our support and thanks for
14 Deborah Lewis-Johnson for her many years of great
15 service working here at the Commission.

16 Deborah, would you like to come
17 forward? I know you've got family members here, too.
18 Are they over at the party already?

19 MS. DEBORAH LEWIS-JOHNSON: Okay. I won't be
20 shy. I shouldn't be shy. I worked in the Consumer
21 Service Division.

22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: That's right. Let me read

1 this to you. We have a resolution in the form of a
2 plaque and then another paper copy here for you.

3 By the Commission: Resolution,
4 whereas Deborah Lewis-Johnson on June 4th, 1979,
5 began her career at the Illinois Commerce Commission
6 Consumer Services Division and continued to serve for
7 32 years. And whereas throughout Deborah
8 Lewis-Johnson's years with the Commission she has
9 been an invaluable member of the CSD, providing
10 leadership, experience, an example of professionalism
11 for others to emulate. Deborah has remained on
12 course throughout her years of service, undeterred
13 and true to her objective to represent the
14 Commission.

15 And whereas Deborah has served the
16 utility customers of Illinois well, and as in the
17 course of doing so earned the respect and friendship
18 of her colleagues at the ICC, utility representatives
19 and consumer advocates, based on her skill, diligence
20 and good-natured professional courtesy.

21 And whereas it was well known in the
22 Consumer Services Division that Deborah's positive

1 attitude, welcoming smile and patience have been
2 examples to all.

3 Now, therefore, be it resolved that
4 the Illinois Commerce Commission hereby acknowledges
5 Deborah Lewis-Johnson's 32 years of public service
6 during employment with the Illinois Commerce
7 Commission and expresses its deep appreciation for
8 her public service and dedication on the occasion of
9 your retirement.

10 Congratulations and thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: I just have one
12 question. You must have started here when you were
13 2.

14 MS. DEBORAH LEWIS-JOHNSON: Thank you so
15 kindly.

16 I just want to say this real briefly
17 because I know this has been a long -- kind of a long
18 hearing. But it's so befitting because when I
19 started in '79 Commonwealth Edison was before us
20 requesting a rate increase and it was really a lot
21 different.

22 But I just -- I've had friends, family

1 members ask me, How did you do that for 32 years,
2 listen to customers complain? Are you crazy? And I
3 would say, No, I pray every morning. And it's God.
4 When I walk into work, I'm like, God, give me
5 patience, give me wisdom, knowledge and understanding
6 of how to deal with our citizens in the state of
7 Illinois as well as the utility company reps as well
8 as coworkers. Lord, just help me, and he has done
9 that for 32 years. So I got to give God the glory
10 and praise and honor.

11 And I want to thank the dear Chairman,
12 welcome.

13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you.

14 MS. DEBORAH LEWIS-JOHNSON: And my lovely
15 friend, Erin O'Connell-Diaz. You're about the only
16 one here now that started around -- yeah, decades.

17 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Okay. I was 1.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: She still has to vote on the
19 resolution.

20 MS. DEBORAH LEWIS-JOHNSON: And I just want to
21 say this quickly about Commissioner Erin O'Connell
22 and my old friend, Ed Hurley -- Chairman Ed Hurley.

1 They were both a blessing to me throughout the years.
2 I remember going into their room -- their office and
3 sitting down, talking sometimes and they'd see me on
4 the elevator and they'd ask me, How are you doing up
5 there with the consumers? How's it going? And that
6 meant so much to me because I was probably about up
7 to here on that day. And I really appreciate -- and
8 sitting in your office, I love those horn lamps. And
9 I know those are precious so I won't ask you for
10 those. You all have been just a real great -- great
11 role model, I'll say it like that.

12 And to the Chairman and Commissioners,
13 I want to thank you all. God has blessed me down to
14 the years to work with professional, very
15 hardworking, caring people. And I appreciate that.
16 That made my job a lot easier, just not a lot of
17 drama. So I appreciate -- God for this.

18 32 years working for the citizens of
19 Illinois have been really, really interesting. I
20 will miss my coworkers and I will also miss -- there
21 are utility Staff here that I have been working with
22 for decades. Commonwealth Edison -- I see Ramona.

1 Then there's Tom Moretti. They've just been around.
2 And, you know, our persona is to be -- you know, we
3 have to balance rates and all of that. But over the
4 years when you're speaking and working with utility
5 staff, you do tend to ask each other, Well, how are
6 your children? Did they graduate? What are they
7 doing? So you do begin to, you know, develop some
8 type of rapport. And they have been -- but then they
9 know that after I ask, like, How are your children?
10 I'm going to be enforcing the ICC laws. So they know
11 that, and we just do what we have to do.

12 But I appreciate them down through the
13 years as well as just friends. I see people from --
14 I saw AG Office, a young lady for decades we've been
15 crossing each other's paths. And there are others.
16 So all of my friends here, I appreciate -- oh,
17 attorney -- the Auditor General right across from us.
18 I see Brenda and Denise. Thank you such for stopping
19 by. Just all of you all -- I know I'm missing
20 someone but we're going to party after this so I'm
21 going to shorten this up. I just appreciate God for
22 everybody here.

1 Thank you for your time and I just
2 appreciate you -- oh, Consumer Service, I love you
3 all. Stay encouraged. Okay. I don't know what
4 happened to the 32 years, but stay encouraged. Do
5 the work -- the hard work -- the balance. Consumers
6 let them know what their rights and responsibilities
7 are as well as the company, keep them in check, too.

8 My director, appreciate you, and my
9 Springfield coworkers as well. They are holding down
10 the fort. They're taking the calls so this can
11 happen. So I appreciate them. And thanks again
12 Chairman and Commissioners for allowing this to
13 happen during our work- -- our busy workday. And you
14 all have been a blessing. Keep working hard,
15 establish that balance, and God bless you all.

16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you.

17 Pretty easy to see how she did so well
18 in Consumer Services.

19 I'm going to move to adopt the
20 resolution that I just read a moment ago.

21 Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second.

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

3 All in favor say "aye."

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is 5 to nothing. The
6 resolution is adopted.

7 And, again, Deborah, thanks so much.

8 There's a reception in Deborah's honor
9 in Room N-808 after the conclusion, which will be in
10 just a couple of seconds.

11 MS. DEBORAH LEWIS-JOHNSON: Oh, oh. One last
12 thing. I want to acknowledge my husband, supportive.
13 He has heard a lot of the stories -- he has heard a
14 lot of the stories. So I thank you for your -- and
15 my two wonderful daughters Chloe, with my new
16 grandbaby girl and Brandy with my new grandbaby
17 girl -- they have been where through infancy,
18 toddler, these two girls. They're very familiar with
19 the Commission.

20 And I'm going to tell you this -- and
21 I'm really leaving -- if it wasn't for you two, I
22 don't think I would have been here 32 years. So

1 thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Judge Wallace, are there any
3 other matters to come before the Commission today?

4 JUDGE WALLACE: No, I don't think we can top
5 that anyway.

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: You're right. Thank you, sir.

7 Hearing none, this meeting stands
8 adjourned.

9 (Meeting adjourned.)

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