1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
3	BENCH SESSION
4	(PUBLIC UTILITY)
5	Wednesday, June 24, 2015
6	Chicago, Illinois
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8	Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 A.M.,
9	at 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.
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11	PRESENT:
12	BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
13	ANN MCCABE, Commissioner
14	SHERINA E. MAYE, Commissioner
	MIGUEL del VALLE, Commissioner
15	JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner
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19	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by PATRICIA WESLEY
20	CSR NO. 084-002170
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1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. Are we ready to 2 proceed in Springfield?

MR. MATRISCH: Yes, we are, Mr. Chairman. 3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings 4 Act, I call the June 24, 2015 Bench Session of the 5 6 Illinois Commerce Commission to order. 7 Commissioners McCabe, del Valle, Maye 8 and Rosales are present with me in Chicago. We have 9 a quorum. 10 We have no requests to speak and we will, therefore, move onto our Regular Open Meeting. 11 12 Moving onto our Public Utility agenda, there are edits to the Minutes of our June 3, 2015 13 Public Utility Bench Session. Are there any 14 objections to approval of the Bench Session Minutes 15 of June 3, 2015 as edited? 16 17 (No response.) 18 Hearing none, the Minutes are 19 approved.

Item E-1 involves an Order initiating a proceeding to consider a third-party evaluation of On-Bill Financing Programs for energy efficiency.

1 Is there any objections to approving 2 the proposed Order? 3 (No response.) Hearing none, the Order is approved. 4 5 Item E-2 involves ComEd's revision of б its Government Aggregation Protocols. 7 Are there any objections to not 8 suspending the filings? 9 (No response.) 10 Hearing none, the filings are not 11 suspended. 12 Our consideration of E-3 will be 13 postponed to a future meeting. 14 Item E-4 involves dismissal of a consumer complaint against ComEd. 15 16 Are there any objections to approving 17 the Order? 18 (No response.) 19 Hearing none, the Complaint is 20 Dismissed. Item E-5 involves the Illinois 21 22 Department of Transportation's Petition for Approval

to Exercise the Right of Eminent Domain of Certain
 Properties Owned by ComEd.

I believe that Commissioner McCabe has 3 some questions regarding this item. 4 5 Commissioner. 6 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Yes. Judge Hilliard, did 7 the parties submit or receive a draft Order? 8 JUDGE HILLIARD: The short answer is, yes, but I 9 would like to give you a little background in this case if I might. 10 11 The Commission's responsibility in 12 regard to these cases are only two. We have to 13 determine that the action by the Department of 14 Transportation is a public purpose and that the end 15 result will be a public entity is going to own or 16 control the property. In each case, the Department 17 of Transportation filed a verified complaint that 18 the allegations are sworn to by the attorney for the 19 department. 20 ComEd never contests any of the

21 allegations in the verified complaint; therefore, 22 they stand as admitted, and in each one of those

complaints they established the actions that the
 Commission need to take are matters of fact.

3 In this particular case, and in some of the other cases, apparently there are outstanding 4 issues as to compensation, but that really doesn't 5 б come before us and doesn't concern the Commission. 7 But when one of those cases goes to hearing, I infer 8 that what's really going on is that they haven't 9 come to terms yet on how much money is going to change hands, which is what is suppose to happen in 10 these cases. In this particular case, we had a 11 12 hearing and that was continued for ComEd to produce a witness. 13

14 On April 30th I was advised by the ComEd attorney that the matter had been settled. 15 On 16 May 1st I sent both attorneys an e-mail asking them 17 if they were going to submit a draft Order and the 18 response from the Department of Transportation he 19 was awaiting Mr. Goldstein's approval. He's the 20 attorney for ComEd, and, shortly after, 21 Mr. Goldstein came back that he approved the Order.

22 They did submit an Order, and that Order is

1 essentially what is before you.

2 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Okay. We get these kinds 3 of cases several times a year. JUDGE HILLIARD: A number of times a year. It 4 5 kind of depends on how active the Department of б Transportation is. In each case it's more or less 7 the same, and ComEd's response is always that they 8 admit the department has the ability to do what 9 they're doing. 10 However, in terms of the paperwork that needs to be done, they don't want to give the 11 12 department an affidavit saying that they protect the 13 department by claimed unknown owners; therefore, 14 there has to be an Order entered and they go to the 15 Circuit Court and file an eminent domain action and 16 the Circuit Court gives the department clear title 17 to the property. 18 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Thank you. 19 JUDGE HILLIARD: Sure. 20 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any other questions? 21 (No response.) 22 Are there any objections to approving

the proposed Order? 1 2 (No response.) Hearing none, the proposed Order is 3 approved. 4 5 Item 6 involving a billing complaint 6 filed against Energy Plus Holdings, are there any 7 objections to granting the parties' Joint Motion to 8 Dismiss? 9 (No response.) 10 Hearing none, the motion is granted and the complaint is dismissed. 11 12 Item E-7 concerns Ameren's Petition 13 for Reconciliation of Revenues Collected under its 14 Power Procurement Riders. 15 Are there any objections to approving 16 the proposed Order? 17 (No response.) 18 Hearing none, the Order is approved. 19 Item E-8 is Energy.Me's Petition for the Confidential Treatment in its Reports of 20 21 Continuing Compliance as an Alternative Retail 22 Electric Supplier ("ARES").

1	Are there any objections to approving
2	the proposed Order?
3	(No response.)
4	Hearing none, the Order is approved.
5	Items E-9 and 10 are Applications
6	Requesting Certificates of Service Authority as
7	Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers ("ARES") in
8	Illinois pursuant to the Public Utilities Act.
9	Are there any objections to
10	considering these items together and approving the
11	proposed Orders?
12	(No response.)
12 13	(No response.) Hearing none, the Orders are approved.
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13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Hearing none, the Orders are approved. Items G-1 and G-2 concern Peoples Gas/North Shore Gas Company's modification to its gas tariffs to comply with its Docket No. 06-0703 Implementation Plan. Are there any objections to considering these items together and not suspending

1 suspended.

2 Item G-3 involves a billing complaint 3 filed against Peoples Gas. Are there any objections to approving 4 the proposed Order denying the complaint? 5 6 (No response.) 7 Hearing none, the Order denying the 8 complaint is approved. The Commission will postpone its 9 consideration of Item G-4 until a future meeting. 10 11 G-5 on our agenda, Docket No. 14-0496, 12 the Wisconsin Energy and Integrys Merger. We have a number of edits to the ALJ's Proposed 13 14 Exceptions Proposed Order and Appendix A. We will 15 adopt these edits and then each Commissioner will have an opportunity to offer a statement and discuss 16 17 the Final Order and Appendix A as edited. I will make the first statement, and 18 19 then we will hear from Commissioner McCabe, 20 Commissioner del Valle, Commissioner Maye and Commissioner Rosales. 21 2.2 At the conclusion of our statements,

we will vote on the Final Order and Appendix A as 1 2 edited. I move that we adopt the edits to the 3 Post Exceptions Proposed Order and Appendix A. 4 5 Is there a second. COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded. 6 7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor, say aye. 8 (Chorus of ayes.) 9 Opposed, say nay. 10 (No response.) 11 The edits are adopted by a unanimous 12 vote. 13 Let me begin by thanking the ICC Staff, ALJs, the Commissioners' legal and policy 14 15 advisors and intervenors for their important contributions to the outcome of this case. 16 17 Mergers of this size are difficult administrative matters that involve complex issues 18 19 and consume many months of hard work. 20 I would like to especially thank the 21 Attorney General and her staff, the City of Chicago, 22 CUB, and other intervenors for their tireless

advocacy on behalf of consumers. Their role in this
 process has resulted in a stronger and better final
 Order.

4 After many, many years of significant 5 challenges, Peoples and North Shore Gas will have an б opportunity to turn the page under new management. 7 We have very high expectations for WEC. The 8 company, with the Commission's oversight, must 9 embark on a necessary turn-around of one of the largest infrastructure projects in the nation at the 10 same time balancing the safety, reliability and cost 11 12 of the system.

13 Our decision today to approve the merger is conditioned on a number of critical 14 factors, among the 47 conditions is a requirement 15 16 that the company implement all of the recommendations made by the Liberty Audit Report. 17 18 To the extent that the company and 19 Staff cannot agree on implementation of recommendations, the Commission, with the 20 involvement of intervenors, like the Attorney 21 22 General's Office, City of Chicago and CUB, will

determine how, not whether, but how, the 1 2 recommendations will be implemented. To accomplish 3 this, the company must also improve its 4 communications and relationship with the City of 5 Chicago. 6 The Order acknowledges important 7 points raised by the Attorney General and others 8 that the 2030 completion date for the AMRP is 9 unlikely to be met and certain to put undue pressure 10 on ratepayers. 11 While the Commission does not believe 12 that this is the appropriate docket for reconsideration of the 2030 time frame, the project 13 schedule and cost will be the subject of the 14 continuing Liberty audit process and transition plan 15 that we will require which Commissioner McCabe will 16 discuss in greater detail. 17 18 The Order also preserves Illinois 19 employment levels but gives the company requested 20 flexibility in terms of deployment and requires that 21 current labor agreements be honored. 22 The Order reflects our expectation

1 that additional employees above the current levels 2 will be required for the successful implementation 3 of reforms to the AMRP.

Finally, the Order provides for a
two-year rate freeze for customers which the
Commission believes strikes an appropriate balance
between stability during the transition and the
potential for rate check.

9 The role of the ICC is to ensure safe, 10 reliable and cost-effective service. Today the 11 majority of the Commissioners believe that approval 12 of the merger is the most effective way to deliver 13 this commitment to Illinois customers.

14 With that, I will yield to

15 Commissioner McCabe.

16 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 17 We make a number of edits to Pages 28 through 31 of 18 the PEPO.

While the Commission agrees that the merger docket is not the forum for requiring AMRP improvements, the Commission has serious concerns with Peoples Gas' ability to complete the Advanced

Main Replacement Program by 2030. Concerns include 1 2 project costs, schedule and effectiveness. 3 Peoples is already required, as part of the AMRP audit process, to provide (1) an 4 Implementation Plan for the Liberty Audit 5 6 recommendations; (2) an AMRP Scheduling Master Plan, 7 and (3) a Cost Plan Model. 8 In addition, in Condition No. 5, the 9 Commission requires Wisconsin Energy and Peoples Gas to provide an AMRP Transition Plan to ensure a 10 seamless transition that avoids a diminishment in 11 12 service. 13 These four Improvement Plans shall 14 include updated, detailed information regarding the appropriate size, scope, schedule and cost for the 15 16 AMRP. 17 The four Implementation Plans will be 18 submitted to the Commission within 75 days of the 19 final Order. Staff will report to the Commission on 20 the progress of these plans by September 30th, and 21 the report will be published on the ICC website. 22 The Commission is and will be paying

1 close attention to the Liberty Audit implementation
2 process.

3 Upon review of the Staff's report, if the Commission is not satisfied with the results of 4 5 the Joint Applicants' Improvement Plans, the 6 Commission will initiate an additional 7 investigation. 8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioner del Valle. 9 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 10 I would first like to acknowledge the work the Commissioners have done to move this Order 11 12 in the right direction through their edits. But, unfortunately, I do not believe the Order before us 13 14 can be rescued from its fatal flaws. 15 In fact, the Order leans so much on 16 conditioned, future commitments, and vague, 17 unenforceable phrases, that I find that imposing 18 just one condition would have put us in the same 19 place, that condition being "Peoples Gas and North Shore will not allow its new owner to violate 20 21 Section 7-204 of the PUA," and then just cross our fingers and hope for the best. 22

1 The law and the scale of this deal 2 demands that the Joint Applicants build a complete 3 record. This deal roughly doubles the size of WEC and its holdings, includes a significant premium and 4 transaction costs, establishes WEC in two states 5 б where they haven't owned companies before, and adds 7 \$1.5 billion, in debt, to their books. The group is 8 also inheriting a deeply troubled AMRP program which 9 may be the biggest main replacement program ever. 10 But instead of detailing how they would manage the large merger, the Joint Applicants 11 continued the tradition of large utility holding 12 13 companies asserting that they are above examination merely because the ICC can investigate their 14 subsidiaries. In fact, the Joint Applicants 15 conducted themselves as if there is no uncertainty 16 or risk for Illinois ratepayers in this 17 multi-billion dollar deal. 18 19 The Joint Applicants did not bring 20 substantial evidence but instead relied on vague and 21 conditioned future commitments, as well as pointing to the Commission's existing PUA authority to render 22

1 Section 7-204 of a toothless checklist.

2 They also shifted the burden of proof from themselves onto the intervening parties and the 3 Commission. According to the Joint Applicants, the 4 5 outgunned advocates and underresourced Commission б Staff must take the petitioners' incomplete record 7 of facts and, from that, prove that risk of adverse 8 impacts exists. Further, although the law requires 9 these findings now, the Order, in some cases, postpones the work to future dockets. 10 11 This Order should be protecting 12 ratepayers from adverse rate increases now. The Order should be requiring tracking protocols and a 13 longer rate freeze which would incent the AMRP and 14 operations to achieve cost savings and efficiencies 15 16 as soon as possible. Instead, the Order relies on a 17 future rate case which will involve complex cost 18 recovery methodologies that the Order doesn't even 19 attempt to analyze. The Order before us should be 20 21 protecting ratepayers against the holding company's

22 shareholders prioritizing their profit over the

health of our utilities. Instead, it uses a
 two-year commitment of capital and Moody's credit
 reports as a substitute for a long-term assurance of
 access to capital.

The Order before us should be 5 б requiring performance metrics to protect ratepayers 7 against the rate impacts and safety concerns 8 resulting from the mismanagement of a crucial 9 capital project, but, instead, we get closed-door meetings, plans submitted after the record is closed 10 and after the transition has been underway for 11 12 months, and we decline to require future involvement of the ultimate decision maker, Wisconsin Energy 13 14 Corporation.

At the very least, we should demand evidence in the record of integration planning and continuity across all business functions at both of the Illinois Gas Companies. Instead, we get only a vague Full-time Equivalents commitment, and a future transition report unnecessarily limited to just the AMRP program.

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Conditioned future commitments cannot

substitute for material evidence to make up for
 these failings. Vague and unforceable promises
 cannot substitute for material evidence.

4 I'm very disappointed with the policy implications of this Order. We should have used 5 6 this Order to ensure a fix of this troubled company 7 and troubled project. Unfortunately, we squandered 8 this opportunity by allowing Wisconsin Energy 9 Corporation to hide behind a legal fiction to avoid scrutiny of its proper responsibility and liability. 10 11 The Wisconsin Energy Corporation 12 successfully defined the terms of this docket, while bringing no evidence and daring the parties to try 13 to prove that their leadership will not further 14 diminish the already struggling company. 15 16 So, while the edits proposed do move

17 the Order in the right direction, for the reasons 18 I've stated and others, I will be voting "no" on 19 this merger and will file a dissenting opinion with 20 the Clerk's Office. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

22 Commissioner Maye.

COMMISSIONER MAYE: Good morning and thank you,
 Mr. Chairman.

3 Very short and sweet comments. I do agree with those that have been made before me by 4 Mr. Chairman and Commissioner McCabe. 5 6 We took this Order in this case very, 7 very seriously. We evaluated every page. We 8 evaluated the record and we analyzed the arguments. 9 We understand it's very controversial, but, at the end of the day, I believe that everything in the 10 record set it straight that this is what is in the 11 12 best interest for our consumers. 13 I think that I am personally looking 14 forward to the days ahead for Peoples Gas and very excited. At the same time, I have very high 15 16 expectations for the company that they will meet 17 those expectations, because we have discretion to 18 determine those expectations whether or not they 19 meet those. I am looking forward to working with 20 them and very excited, and thank you for the

21 opportunity to give some comments.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

1	Commissioner Rosales.
2	ACTING-COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Thank you,
3	Mr. Chairman. After reviewing every piece of
4	evidence presented by the parties in this case, the
5	Commission will hold the Joint Applicants to
б	conditions they have agreed to with expectations
7	that the additional resources will result in an
8	improved infrastructure for Illinois at the highest
9	level of safety, reliability and cost efficiency.
10	With that said, I vote to approve this
11	merger.
12	CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.
13	Commissioners, are there any further
14	discussion?
15	(No response.)
16	I move that we adopt the Final Order
17	and Appendix A as edited.
18	Is there a second?
19	COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.
20	CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: There is a motion and a
21	second.
22	All those in favor of adopting the

Order and Appendix A as edited which approves the 1 2 merger of Wisconsin Energy and Integrys, say aye? 3 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Aye. COMMISSIONER MAYE: Aye. 4 5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Aye. 6 Opposed, say nay. 7 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Nay. 8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The vote is 4 to 1 and the 9 Motion to Adopt the Final Order and Appendix A as 10 edited are approved. 11 Item T-1 concerns Zoom-i-Net 12 Communications' petition to withdraw authority to conduct business in the State of Illinois. 13 14 Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order? 15 16 (No response.) 17 Hearing none, the Order is approved. Item W-1 concerns Illinois-American 18 19 Water Company's petition seeking approval of the 20 reconciliation of its Qualified Infrastructure Plant Riders for 2011. 21 2.2 Are there any objections to approving

the proposed Order? 1 2 (No response.) Hearing none, the Order is approved. 3 Item W-2 concerns the Annual 4 5 Reconciliation of Charmar Water Company's purchased 6 water surcharge. 7 Are there any objections to approving 8 the proposed Order? 9 (No response.) 10 Hearing none, the Order is approved. 11 Item W-3 concerns the Annual 12 Reconciliation of Harbor Ridge Utilities' purchased water surcharge. 13 14 Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order? 15 16 (No response.) 17 Hearing none, the Order is approved. Item W-4 involves a complaint filed 18 19 against Illinois American Water Company regarding 20 alleged inaccurate billing in Washington Park. Are there any objections to approving 21 22 the proposed Order denying the complaint?

1 (No response.) 2 Hearing none, the Order denying the 3 complaint is approved. Item W-5 concerns Aqua Illinois' 4 Motion to Withdraw a Petition regarding issuance of 5 6 \$23 million in long-term indebtedness. 7 Are there any objections to granting 8 the Motion to Withdraw? 9 (No response.) Hearing none, the Motion to Withdraw 10 11 is granted. 12 Under Petitions for Rehearing, Item PR-1 concerns a request for rehearing of Virgin 13 Mobile USA's Application for Limited Designation as 14 15 an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. 16 Are there any objections to denying 17 the Application for Rehearing? 18 (No response.) 19 Hearing none, the Application for 20 Rehearing is denied. Item PR-2 involve Applications for 21 22 Rehearing filed regarding Ameren Transmission's

Illinois Rivers Project which was approved by the 1 2 Commission on May 12, 2015. 3 Is there a motion to deny the Applications for Rehearing? 4 5 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved. 6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second? 7 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Seconded. 8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion? 9 (No response.) 10 All those in favor of denying the Applications for Rehearing, say aye. 11 12 Aye. 13 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Aye. 14 COMMISSIONER Maye: Aye. 15 ACTING-COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye. 16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed, say nay. 17 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Nay. CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The motion carries 4 to 1. 18 19 Applications for Rehearing are denied. 20 The next item on the Agenda is the 21 Approval of the Procurement Administrator's 22 Recommendations on Selection of Winning Bids

pursuant to Section 1-56(1)(5) of the Illinois Power 1 2 Agency Act. 3 Is there a motion to approve the report? 4 5 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved. 6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second? 7 ACTING-COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded. 8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion? 9 (No response.) 10 All those in favor, say aye. 11 (Chorus of ayes.) 12 Opposed, say nay. 13 (No response.) 14 The ayes have it and the report is 15 approved. 16 The next item on the agenda pertains to litigation against the MISO filed with the FERC 17 by the Illinois Attorney General, Public Citizen, 18 19 Inc., and the Southwestern Electric Cooperative 20 Regarding the 2015-2016 Planning Resource Auction which is FERC Docket Nos. EL15-70, 71 and 72. 21 2.2 Is there a motion to enter into closed

session to discuss this litigation? COMMISSIONER MAYE: So moved. CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second? ACTING-COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded. CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor, say aye. (Chorus of ayes.) Opposed, say nay. (No response.) The motion carries. We will clear the rooms of all non-Staff for discussion of this pending litigation. (Whereupon, Closed Session commenced from Page 27 to Page 41)

1 We are back in open session. 2 In closed session we have been discussing FERC Docket Nos. EL15-70, 71 and 72, and 3 4 proposed comments regarding litigation. 5 Is there a motion to approve and 6 submit the comments to FERC? 7 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved. 8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second? ACTING-COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded. 9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion? 10 11 (No response.) 12 All those in favor, say aye. 13 (Chorus of ayes.) 14 Opposed say, nay. 15 (No response.) 16 The ayes have it and the comments are 17 approved. 18 Judge Kimbrel, do we have any other 19 matters to come before the Commission today? 20 JUDGE KIMBREL: No, we don't, Mr. Chairman. 21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you. 22 Commissioners, do we have any other

1 business to discuss? 2 (No response.) 3 Hearing none, we stand adjourned. Thank you. 4 5 (Whereupon, the above matter 6 was adjourned.) 7 8 9 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER 10 11 STATE OF ILLINOIS)) SS: 12 COUNTY OF COOK) 13 TITLE: BENCH SESSION (PUBLIC UTILITY) 14 I, PATRICIA WESLEY, do hereby certify 15 that I am a court reporter contracted by 16 SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, of Chicago, Illinois; 17 that I reported in shorthand the evidence taken 18 and the proceedings had on the hearing on the 19 above-entitled case on the 24th day of June 20 A.D., 2015; that the foregoing 30 pages are a 21 true and correct transcript of my shorthand 2.2 notes so taken as aforesaid, and contains all

of the proceedings directed by the Commission or other person authorized by it to conduct the said hearing to be stenographically reported. Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 1st day of July, A.D., 2015. б _____ Reporter.