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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
Thursday, July 7, 2022  
Springfield, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 11:34 AM at  
527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chair (via Chicago office)
- MARIA BOCANEGRA, Commissioner (via Chicago office)
- ANN McCABE, Commissioner (via Springfield office)
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner (via Springfield office)
- MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner (via Springfield office)

BRIDGES COURT REPORTING  
BY: Jennifer Orozco,  
Notary Public

1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: We'll now move on to our Public  
2 Utilities Agenda.

3 There are edits to the June 9th, 2022,  
4 Regular Open Meeting Minutes and to the June 13th,  
5 2022, Policy Session Minutes.

6 Are there any objections to approving  
7 the minutes as edited?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the minutes are  
10 approved.

11 Under our Electric Utility Items,  
12 Items E-1 and E-2 concern initiation of proceedings for  
13 investigations into ComEd's and Ameren's Beneficial  
14 Electrification Plans under Section 45 of the Electric  
15 Vehicle Act.

16 In Staff's report dated July 1st of  
17 2022, Staff of the Integrated Distribution Planning  
18 Division recommends that the Commission open  
19 investigations into the Beneficial Electrification  
20 Plans filed by ComEd and Ameren to determine if the  
21 proposed BE Plans are cost beneficial and in the public  
22 interest and meet the applicable statutory requirements

1 of Section 45 of the Electric Vehicles Act that was  
2 enacted as part of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act,  
3 or CEJA.

4 CEJA requires that the programs  
5 indicated in the plan shall start no later than  
6 January 1st of 2023. The plan shall take into  
7 consideration recommendations from the workshops that  
8 the Commission hosted earlier.

9 The orders initiate the investigation  
10 and direct the Staff report to be filed in the docket  
11 and be made part of the proceedings.

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

14 (No verbal response.)

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

17 Item E-3 concerns Ameren's filing to  
18 revise its Rider Energy Transition Assistance Charge,  
19 or Rider ETAC. Ameren updates Rider ETAC in accordance  
20 with Public Act 102-1031, which was effective May 27th  
21 of 2022. Ameren modifies a definition of the Energy  
22 Transition Assistance Charge. The Commission Staff has

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1 reviewed this filing and recommends not suspending it.

2 Are there any objections to not  
3 suspending the filing?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the filing is not  
6 suspended.

7 Item E-4 concerns a complaint against  
8 ComEd regarding damage and loss of property and  
9 personal items due to poor electric service. The  
10 Commission finds that it cannot grant Complainant's  
11 requested relief as a matter of law as the complaint  
12 fails to state a claim for which relief can be granted.  
13 The order dismisses the complaint with prejudice.

14 Are there any objections to approving  
15 the order?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
18 approved.

19 Items E-5 and E-6 concern complaints  
20 against Ambit Illinois and CleanChoice Energy,  
21 respectively, as to billing and charges in Chicago.

22 In both dockets, the parties filed

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1 stipulations and joint motions to dismiss, noting that  
2 they resolved all of the disputes and asking the  
3 Commission to dismiss the complaints with prejudice.

4 Are there any objections to considering  
5 these together and granting both motions to dismiss?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the motions are  
8 granted.

9 Item E-7 concerns ComEd's and Ameren's  
10 individual proposals to accelerate the flow through of  
11 excess deferred income taxes or EDIT to ratepayers as  
12 directed by Section 16-108.21 of the Act. ComEd and  
13 Ameren reached an agreement with the AG and CUB on the  
14 accelerated refund schedule, and the AG subsequently  
15 filed a stipulation in the docket memorializing that  
16 agreement. The Commission has reviewed the evidence  
17 and the stipulation, and finds that both ComEd's and  
18 Ameren's proposal to accelerate amortization of their  
19 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act related unprotected  
20 property-related EDIT and their respective Riders are  
21 supported by the record and satisfy the requirements of  
22 Section 16-108.21. The order approves the approach set

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1     forth in the stipulation.

2                     Are there any objections to approving  
3     the order?

4                     (No verbal response.)

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

7                     Item E-8 concerns Amera's filing to  
8     approve amendments to its Rider CGR, or Customer  
9     Generation Rebates, and Rider CGC, or Customer  
10    Generation Charge.  The order approves the amendments,  
11    finding that the amendments to the Riders are  
12    reasonable, supported by the evidence, and not opposed.

13                    Are there any objections to approving  
14    the order?

15                    (No verbal response.)

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

18                    Items E-9 through E-12 concern  
19    applications for certification to install distributed  
20    generation facilities.  The orders approve the  
21    applications, finding that the applicants meet the  
22    requirements.

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1                   Are there any objections to considering  
2 these items together and approving the orders?

3                   (No verbal response.)

4           CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders are  
5 approved.

6                   Item E-13 concerns an application for  
7 certification to install, maintain, or repair electric  
8 vehicle charging station facilities in Illinois. The  
9 order grants the certificate, finding that the  
10 applicant meets the requirements.

11                   Are there any objections to approving  
12 the order?

13                   (No verbal response.)

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

16                   Item E-14 concerns a petition to cancel  
17 a certificate of service authority to operate as  
18 installer of utility-scale solar projects in Illinois.  
19 The order cancels the certificate, finding that the  
20 cancellation will not deprive Illinois residents of any  
21 necessary service and is not otherwise contrary to the  
22 public interest.

1                   Are there any objections to approving  
2 the order?

3                   (No verbal response.)

4           CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
5 approved.

6                   Item E-15 concerns Amera's request to  
7 incur indebtedness by undertaking the obligation to pay  
8 the principal, interest and redemption and premium on  
9 up to \$850 million principal amount of mortgage bonds  
10 and/or senior secured notes for the purpose of  
11 refunding, redeeming, and/or refinancing outstanding  
12 indebtedness. The order authorizes the proposed  
13 issuance of indebtedness, finding that the funds to be  
14 obtained from the issuance of the debt are reasonably  
15 required for the purposes described in the order.

16                   Are there any objections to approving  
17 the order?

18                   (No verbal response.)

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

21                   Items E-16 through E-28 concern  
22 applications for certification to install energy

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1 efficiency measures in Illinois. The orders grant the  
2 certificates, finding that the applicants meet the  
3 requirements.

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

6 (No verbal response.)

7 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders are  
8 approved.

9 Under our Gas Utility Items, Items G-1  
10 and G-2 concern agreed penalties against the municipal  
11 gas utility of the City of Bushnell and against North  
12 Shore Gas pursuant to part 590 of the Commission Rules.  
13 Part 590 provides minimum safety standards for  
14 transportation of gas and for gas pipeline facilities.  
15 Audits of both entities revealed violations of  
16 Part 590. Respectively, the entities have agreed to  
17 the proposed penalty. The orders approve the agreed  
18 penalty.

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

22 (No verbal response.)

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1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders are  
2 approved.

3 Item G-3 concerns a complaint against  
4 Peoples Gas regarding improper billing. The  
5 complainant has passed away and no representative was  
6 appointed for the complainant's estate. The order  
7 dismisses the complaint for want of prosecution,  
8 finding that the complainant is unable to proceed with  
9 this matter.

10 Are there any objections to approving  
11 the order?

12 (No verbal response.)

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

15 Under our Telecommunications Items,  
16 Item T-1 concerns Crown Correctional Telephone's  
17 petition to cancel its certificate of service authority  
18 to provide customer-owned pay telephone services in  
19 Illinois. Petitioner also requests the Commission to  
20 waive the 60-day notice requirement in Section 13-406  
21 of the Act, as there are no customers impacted and no  
22 customers to notify. The order cancels the certificate

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1 and waives the notice requirement.

2 Are there any objections to approving  
3 the order?

4 (No verbal response.)

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

7 Under Water and Sewer Items, Item W-1  
8 concerns Illinois American, Aqua, and Utility Services'  
9 joint petition for exemption from the meter testing  
10 frequency schedule listed in Section 600.340 of the  
11 Commission's Rules. The Water Utilities note that  
12 because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the inability to  
13 enter customers' homes, the Water Utilities have been  
14 unable to test and recondition or replace meters as  
15 originally planned. The Commission Staff has  
16 recommended that the Commission grant the requested  
17 exemptions. The order grants the joint petition  
18 for modification and exemption, granting a temporary  
19 modification through calendar year 2024.

20 Are there any objections to approving  
21 the order?

22 (No verbal response.)

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1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is  
2 approved.

3 Under Other Business, Items O-1 and O-2  
4 concern approval of batches, contracts, and  
5 confirmations under the Illinois Adjustable Block  
6 Program and the Illinois Solar for All program.

7 Are there any objections to approving  
8 the program administrator's submissions?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, these submissions  
11 are approved.

12 This concludes our agenda.

13 Judge Teague Kingsley, do we have other  
14 matters to come before the Commission today?

15 JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

16 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

17 I just want to note that since this is  
18 Commissioner Bocanegra's last meeting, I'd like to take  
19 a minute to thank her for the years of public service  
20 at the State. Commissioner Bocanegra was appointed to  
21 the Illinois Commerce Commission by Governor Pritzker  
22 on April 8th of 2019 to a four-year term, and she has

1 additional years of public service at the workers' comp  
2 commission.

3                   And Commissioner Bocanegra quickly  
4 earned a reputation for being incredibly engaged in the  
5 dockets and known for her ability to ask  
6 thought-provoking questions from the bench. On  
7 national stage, she led the conversation on national  
8 water and EV issues. And recently she organized one of  
9 the most well-attended MARC conferences here in Chicago  
10 with a wonderful mix of relevant content and multiple  
11 tours, showcasing Chicago and even incorporating some  
12 of classic Chicago cuisine into the conference.

13                   So I want to take a minute to -- thank  
14 you, Maria, for your service to the State and to the  
15 Commission and for your friendship. I'm not sure we  
16 can top the send-off that MARC allowed for, so instead,  
17 we'll just say best of wishes and we look forward to  
18 what the future holds for you.

19                   COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Thank you,  
20 Chair Zalewski. And if I may, I have a few remarks to  
21 share with everyone. So Miss Court Reporter, bear with  
22 me. This might take a moment.

1                   So today concludes my last day of  
2 service with the Illinois Commerce Commission. Of  
3 course, I want to thank Governor Pritzker and his  
4 administration and the Illinois Senate for the  
5 confirmation and, of course, entrusting me to fulfill  
6 the duties of these very important roles.

7                   As I've always said, public service is  
8 a calling, and it's a privilege. And it really has  
9 been the honor of a lifetime to work alongside  
10 incredibly talented and dedicated professionals. Never  
11 before have I been fortunate enough to be given the  
12 opportunity of a lifetime to help shape, influence, and  
13 impact regulation, law, and policy. This role has been  
14 incredibly rewarding in providing me a platform for  
15 meaningful work in areas such as workforce and supplier  
16 diversity, electrification, water, to name a few.

17                   And so I'd like to take this time to  
18 acknowledge a few folks that have helped me learn,  
19 grow, and progress throughout my nearly three and a  
20 half years here.

21                   First, I'd like to thank my fellow  
22 Commissioners, and I'll start with Commissioner Kimbrel

1 down in Springfield -- my fellow Gemini, and fellow  
2 former ALJ. It has been a pleasure working alongside  
3 with you on some of the most important and historic  
4 dockets while here. With all of your years of  
5 experience, you have been a constant source of  
6 institutional knowledge in helping me get acclimated to  
7 ICC process and procedure. I appreciated all of your  
8 thoughtful approaches to getting Commissioner offices  
9 more acquainted with our Staff, our ALJs, with whom we  
10 do not often get the benefit of interacting with on a  
11 day-to-day basis. And as fellow Chairs for some of the  
12 standing committees over at NARUC, it's also been  
13 extremely fun working alongside with you on NARUC stuff  
14 and other advisory counsils. And I also want to thank  
15 you for that time you covered for me when I overslept  
16 and missed our NARUC Board Meeting.

17                   And so while I might not miss our very  
18 long drives down to Springfield, as I prefer to drive a  
19 little bit faster than you, I will definitely  
20 miss working alongside you, and I wish you nothing but  
21 the best in the coming years.

22                   Commissioner Carrigan, who would've

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1 thought things come full circle? From my days working  
2 in workers' comp, representing the hard working men and  
3 women of our unions, we've known each other for quite  
4 some time now, and I never thought I'd have the  
5 privilege of working with you one day. Your measured  
6 and tempered approach to our dockets and work here is  
7 impressive, and your experience has taught me a lot  
8 about being a more thorough and thoughtful  
9 commissioner.

10                   Moreover, your office serves us all of  
11 an important reminder of the equally important  
12 downstate interest to be considered in effectuating  
13 Illinois' clean energy policies.

14                   Commissioner McCabe, although our time  
15 here has been relatively short, there is no doubt your  
16 reputation in this industry has always been known to  
17 me, and I know that the Commission and the people of  
18 the State of Illinois are served well by having you  
19 return. I appreciate your incredible thoughtfulness I  
20 have seen thus far in your approach to our dockets, as  
21 well as truly leveraging the opportunities you've  
22 already had here as a commissioner to help the ICC grow



1 through things like pursuing opportunities to explore  
2 technical assistance for our Staff and exploring  
3 available funding opportunities via our recent NOI. I  
4 am looking forward to seeing your leadership continue  
5 here and in other forms like NARUC.

6                   And to Chair Zalewski, since joining  
7 the agency around the same time as you, I feel like  
8 we've grown up together here. So I want to thank you  
9 for your leadership throughout these years. You've  
10 done an amazing job of leveraging opportunities to lead  
11 both here in our state and nationally through  
12 organizations like NARUC, OMS, through countless  
13 speaking engagements, and, of course, publications --  
14 all while running an entire agency.

15                   Our agency and state have faced  
16 incredibly challenging issues such as the global  
17 pandemic, our own workforce shortages, customer  
18 affordability, and, of course, navigating a course that  
19 will help take Illinois into its next clean energy  
20 transition. I know that leading can be challenging,  
21 but there is no doubt in my mind that your experience  
22 as both an engineer and a lawyer have served you well

1 and will continue to guide you and equip you to lead  
2 this agency through its next phase of dockets and  
3 implementing CEJA. So I want to thank you for your  
4 service and helping us all become better commissioners  
5 and public servants. I truly wish you nothing but the  
6 best, and I'm looking forward to following the ICC's  
7 journey in the coming years.

8 I also want to thank CUB, the AG's  
9 office, our regulated utilities, and of course, they're  
10 hardworking regulatory teams and countless other  
11 stakeholders. At one time or another, you all have  
12 worked tirelessly to advocate for your organizations  
13 through challenging dockets and novel issues. Your  
14 contributions to Illinois utility regulation are not  
15 lost on me, and I am grateful for all that each of you  
16 have taught me.

17 I also want to thank our Staff here at  
18 the ICC without which, quite frankly, I don't think  
19 that any of us up here could do our jobs. It is all of  
20 you that in that day to day out -- day in and day out  
21 that ensure that the people of Illinois are rightfully  
22 served in the best work that our agency can do from

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1 providing legislative insights to helping shape policy,  
2 handling all the amount -- all the immense amount of  
3 work on rate cases, providing field work to ensure  
4 safety and compliance, handling our human resources,  
5 our communications, litigation matters, everyone from  
6 our ALJs to our executive assistant, engineers,  
7 accountants, front desk team members, consumer  
8 divisions, transportation teams, auditing folks, and  
9 countless others -- you all make this work possible and  
10 achievable. I'm thankful for each and every one of  
11 you, and I wish all of you the best here and in your  
12 personal lives.

13                   And finally, I would like to thank our  
14 policy advisors, and in particular my past and current  
15 advisors, Jena Ginsburg, Alejandro Aixala, and Kelly  
16 Aves. Perhaps the closest professional relationships  
17 Commissioners will have during their tenure here, our  
18 advisors serve truly as the backbone, the voice, and  
19 the advocate for each of our offices and I'm grateful  
20 for the incredible amount of work that you all agree to  
21 take on in these roles, from reading and analyzing  
22 dockets, drafting revisions, filling out cumbersome

1 travel requests, writing speeches, acting as our chiefs  
2 of staff, and in many ways, counseling us and helping  
3 us on our own professional growth. Thank you, each of  
4 you for your service, and I look forward to seeing  
5 where all of you land in the coming years. So thank  
6 you for the opportunity to share these remarks, and  
7 with that, I yield my time.

8 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Commissioner. That  
9 was wonderful. Thanks for your wonderful words and  
10 kind sentiments.

11 I don't know if anyone else has  
12 anything to add before we close out the meeting.

13 COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: All right. I'll start.  
14 I'd just like to congratulate you, Commissioner, not  
15 only for what's happening in your professional life  
16 with your engagement and your pending marriage --  
17 that's extremely exciting -- but, obviously, whatever  
18 your next chapter is professionally. So I look forward  
19 to finally having that beverage with you that we  
20 haven't had. But congratulations, and it's been great  
21 working with you.

22 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: All right. Well, thank you

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1 again for those wonderful words. We're going to miss  
2 you, and we know that there are wonderful things in  
3 your future, and we look forward to hearing more about  
4 that. And please stay in touch.

5 Without any other comments and without  
6 objection, the meeting is now adjourned.

7 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded  
8 at 11:52 AM.)

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