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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
Thursday, July 22, 2021  
Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 11:30 at  
160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner
- MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner
- MARIA S. BOCANEGRA, Commissioner

BRIDGES COURT REPORTING  
BY: Stephen Mortensen,  
Notary Public

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Under the Open  
2 Meetings Act, I call the July 22, 2021, Regular  
3 Open Meeting to order.

4 Commissioners Bocanegra, Carrigan,  
5 and Kimbrel are with me in Chicago. We have a  
6 quorum. We have one request to speak, Mr. Alan Max  
7 Axelrod, under Section 2, Illinois Administrative  
8 Code Section 1700.10, any person desiring to  
9 address the Commission shall be allowed up to three  
10 minutes. My advisor, Tanya Rabczak will have the  
11 timer on the screen. I see it now.

12 Only one person may speak on behalf  
13 of any organizations. Please know that the  
14 Commission will not respond directly to any  
15 comments. Any person wishing to provide further  
16 comments may submit a written statement to the  
17 Commission. The written comments may be submitted  
18 by going to the ICC website, [icc.illinois.gov](http://icc.illinois.gov). Go  
19 to the e-Docket system, then look for the related  
20 docket, and in the docket click the "file a  
21 comment" link. You can also call the ICC Consumer  
22 Services Division at (800) 524-0795, and they will

1 help you submit the comment.

2 Mr. Axelrod, are you on? Second  
3 call for Mr. Axelrod?

4 Madam Clerk, I'm not able to see if  
5 there -- what names are logged in. Are you able to  
6 see if he's logged in and perhaps muted?

7 ICC CLERK: I don't believe he's on.

8 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. All right.

9 Final call for Mr. Axelrod.

10 Okay. This concludes our Public  
11 Comments, so we're going to move directly on to our  
12 agenda.

13 There are edits to the June 15,  
14 2021, Policy Session minutes and edits to the  
15 June 24, 2021, Public Utilities Regular Open  
16 Meeting minutes. Are there any objections to  
17 considering these items together and approving the  
18 minutes as edited?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
21 minutes are approved.

22 Under Electric Items, Item E-1

1 concerns a complaint against ComEd regarding an  
2 allegation that ComEd blocked the complainant's  
3 access to their online account. Complainant failed  
4 to appear at the hearings and did not file  
5 exceptions to the proposed order. Therefore, the  
6 order dismisses the proceeding without prejudice  
7 for want of prosecution.

8 Are there any objections to  
9 approving the order?

10 (No verbal response.)

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

13 Item E-2 concerns a complaint  
14 against Ameren concerning an allegation regarding  
15 damages to a parking lot. Complainant failed to  
16 appear at the hearings and did not file exceptions  
17 to the proposed order. Therefore, the order  
18 dismisses the proceeding without prejudice for want  
19 of prosecution.

20 Are there any objections to  
21 approving the order?

22 (No verbal response.)

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

3 Item E-3 concerns United States Solar  
4 Corporation's complaint against ComEd regarding the  
5 costs of interconnection of complainant's project  
6 with ComEd's electric distribution system.

7 Complainant filed a motion to withdraw their  
8 complaint stating that they did -- excuse me --  
9 stating that they decided to apply for  
10 interconnection at a different location on ComEd's  
11 system.

12 Are there any objections to  
13 granting the motion to withdraw and dismissing the  
14 docket without prejudice?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
17 motion is granted.

18 Item E-4 concerns a complaint  
19 against Frontier Utilities Northeast by a customer  
20 alleging that he had been switched to Frontier as  
21 his residential electric supplier without his  
22 knowledge or authorization. The parties filed

1 joint motion to dismiss stipulating that all  
2 matters in dispute have been resolved.

3 Are there any objections to  
4 granting the joint motion to dismiss?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
7 motion is granted.

8 Items E-5 and E-6 concerns  
9 complaints against TopSource and United American  
10 Marketing Corporation regarding the respondent's  
11 failure to file compliance recertification reports  
12 required of entities licensed to operate as agents,  
13 brokers, or consultants for the procurement or sale  
14 of retail electricity supply for third parties in  
15 Illinois. In both cases, the parties filed a joint  
16 motion to dismiss after the respondent submitted  
17 the missing reports.

18 Are there any objections to  
19 considering these items together and granting both  
20 joint motions to dismiss?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the

1 motions are granted.

2                   Item E-7 concerns Hiko Energy's  
3 petition to cancel a certificate of service  
4 authority to operate as an alternative retail  
5 electric supplier and alternative gas supplier in  
6 Illinois. Hiko does not have any customers in  
7 Illinois and Commission Staff states that  
8 cancellation will not deprive any Illinois  
9 residents of gas or electric service. The order  
10 cancels the certificate. Are there any objections  
11 to approving the order?

12                   (No verbal response.)

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

15                   Items E-8 through E-11 concern  
16 applications for authority to install distributed  
17 generation facilities in Illinois. The orders  
18 grant the licenses, finding that the applicants  
19 meet the licensing requirements.

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

1 (No verbal response.)

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

4 Item E-12 concerns Docket 21-0097,  
5 which is a Commission rule-making proceeding to  
6 amend Illinois Administrative Code 411, electric  
7 reliability to permit electric utilities to conduct  
8 their annual customer satisfaction surveys by  
9 online means, U.S. mail or e-mail as an alternative  
10 to telephone surveys. The order authorizes  
11 submission of the amendment to part 411 to the  
12 joint committee to begin the second notice period.

13 Are there any objections to  
14 approving the order?

15 (No verbal response.)

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

18 Item E-13 concerns Ameren's  
19 request to reconcile uncollectable costs under its  
20 utility consolidated billing, or UCB, and purchase  
21 of receivables, or POR, program for the 2020  
22 calendar year. Commission Staff recommends



1 approving the reconciliation. The order approves  
2 the reconciliation as set in the appendix to the  
3 order, finding that the costs during the  
4 reconciliation period were prudently incurred.

5 Are there any objections to  
6 approving the order?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
9 order is approved.

10 Item E-14 concerns Docket 21-0158,  
11 which is Ameren's petition for approval of its  
12 energy efficiency and demand response plan and  
13 associated stipulated agreement for the 2022  
14 through 2025 calendar years. The order approves  
15 the plan and associated stipulation agreement,  
16 finding that the plan meets the statutory  
17 requirements.

18 Are there any objections to  
19 approving the order?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
22 order is approved.

1                   Items E-15 and E-16 concern  
2 requests for confidential treatment for information  
3 in the petitioners' reports. The orders grant the  
4 protection finding that the information is highly  
5 proprietary and confidential.

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

9                   (No verbal response.)

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

12                   Item E-17 concerns Ameren's and  
13 Adams Electric Cooperative's joint petition to  
14 release a residential customer from Adams Electric  
15 to Ameren Illinois. The order grants the petition.

16                   Are there any objections to  
17 approving the order?

18                   (No verbal response.)

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

21                   Items E-18 through E-21 concern  
22 petitions to cancel certificates of authority to

1 install energy efficiency measures in Illinois.  
2 The orders cancel the certificates, finding that  
3 the cancellations will not deprive any Illinois  
4 customers of service.

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

8 (No verbal response.)

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

11 Items E-22 and E-23 concern  
12 petitions for certificates of authority to install  
13 energy efficiency measures in Illinois. The orders  
14 grant the certificates, finding that the petitioner  
15 meets the licensing requirements.

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

19 (No verbal response.)

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

22 Under the Gas Items, Item G-1

1 concerns Nicor's petition to determine the accuracy  
2 of the reconciliation statement under Rider 3, the  
3 variable tax cost adjustment, for a one-year cost  
4 period of 2018 and a revenue recovery period of  
5 July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. The order  
6 approves the reconciliation amount summarized in  
7 the appendix to the order.

8 Are there any objections to  
9 approving the order?

10 (No verbal response.)

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

13 Item G-2 concerns NorthStar Gas'  
14 and Peoples Gas' requests for approval of their  
15 four-year proposed energy efficiency plan covering  
16 the 2022 through 2025 calendar years. The order  
17 approves the plan and associated stipulation  
18 agreement, finding that they are reasonable and  
19 consistent in Section 8-104 of the Public Utilities  
20 Act.

21 Are there any objections to  
22 approving the order?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
3 order is approved.

4 Under the Telecommunications  
5 Items, Item T-1 concerns Lingo Great Lakes' request  
6 to cancel its certificates of local and  
7 inter-exchange authority. The petitioner no longer  
8 intends to provide service in Illinois. Staff  
9 finds that discontinuance of service will not  
10 deprive customers of any necessary  
11 telecommunication service. The order cancels the  
12 certificate and directs Lingo Great Lakes to file  
13 its 2021 annual report within 60 days of the date  
14 of the order.

15 Are there any objections to  
16 approving the order?

17 (No verbal response.)

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

20 Item T-2 concerns iBasis' request  
21 to cancel a certificate of service authority to  
22 provide prepaid calling services in Illinois.

1 Petitioner has stopped selling prepaid calling  
2 cards, no longer has any active prepaid calling  
3 cards in Illinois. Therefore, no customers are  
4 impacted by the cancellation of this certificate.  
5 The order cancels the certificate.

6 Are there any objections to  
7 approving the order?

8 (No verbal response.)

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

11 Item T-3 concerns Sprint's  
12 petition for confidential treatment of its 2020  
13 annual report. The order grants the protections,  
14 finding that the information is highly proprietary  
15 and confidential.

16 Are there any objections to  
17 approving the order?

18 (No verbal response.)

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

21 Items T-4 and T-5 concern  
22 applications for certificates of wireless authority

1 to operate as resellers of telecommunication  
2 services throughout Illinois. The orders grant the  
3 certificate, finding that the applicants meet the  
4 requirements.

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

8 (No verbal response.)

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

11 Under the Water and Sewer Items,  
12 Item W-1 concerns Docket 20-0634, which is a  
13 complaint against Illinois-American alleging that  
14 they caused a leak in the sidewalk outside the  
15 complainant's rental property and refused to repair  
16 it. The order denies the complaint, finding that  
17 the complainant failed to prove that he is not  
18 responsible for the water leak and has not provided  
19 evidence that the respondent is responsible for  
20 repairing the leak.

21 Are there any objections to  
22 approving the order?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
3 order is approved.

4 Item W-2 concerns Aqua Illinois' petition  
5 for approval of an asset purchase agreement and  
6 issuance of a certificate of public convenience and  
7 necessity to operate as a wastewater system in  
8 Kankakee County. Aqua Illinois seeks to purchase  
9 portions of the village of Bourbonnais' water  
10 system and provide sewer service in the designated  
11 service area. The order first approves Aqua  
12 Illinois' asset purchase agreement with  
13 Bourbonnais. Second, grants Aqua Illinois a  
14 certificate authorizing it to construct, operate,  
15 and maintain a wastewater system of Bourbonnais'  
16 portions of Kankakee County as described and mapped  
17 in Appendix B. Third, establishes a rate base of  
18 \$32,325,000 for the Bourbonnais assets. Fourth,  
19 approves applicable rates for the provision of  
20 sewer service in the service area, accounting  
21 entries, and applicable tariffs. And finally,  
22 directs Aqua Illinois to file the appropriate



1 reports with the Chief Clerk of the Commission.

2 Are there any objections to  
3 approving the order?

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

6 Item W-3 concerns Illinois  
7 American's application for a certificate of public  
8 convenience and necessity to expand its service  
9 territory in Cook County to provide water service  
10 for an additional customer. Additionally, Illinois  
11 American requests the Commission -- that the  
12 Commission grant a temporary emergency certificate  
13 of public convenience and necessity authorizing it  
14 to provide immediate public water service to the  
15 property, noting that not doing so could present a  
16 potential health and safety issue. The interim  
17 order approves the temporary certificate, finding  
18 that an emergency condition exists.

19 Are there any objections to  
20 approving the interim order?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the

1 interim order is approved.

2 Under Petitions for Rehearing,  
3 Item PR-1 concerns the Illinois Attorney General's  
4 application for rehearing in Docket 19-0294, which  
5 reviews the accuracy and prudence of Nicor's  
6 qualified infrastructure plan, or rider QIP,  
7 expenses, and reconciliation of the costs and  
8 revenues. The AG seeks rehearing on five elements  
9 in the decision in the final order that the  
10 Commission entered on June 10 of 2021. The  
11 administrative law judge recommends that the  
12 Commission deny the application for rehearing,  
13 noting that the issues identified by the AG had  
14 been addressed at length both in the record and in  
15 the Commission's order, and that the Commission  
16 also heard oral arguments on these issues.

17 Are there any objections to denying  
18 the application for rehearing?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
21 application is denied.

22 Moving on to Other Business, Item

1 O-1 concerns the Commission's comments in FERC  
2 Docket No. RM21-14-000, which is FERC's notice of  
3 inquiry on the participation of aggregators of  
4 retail demand response customers and markets  
5 operated by regional transmission organizations and  
6 independent service operators. The comments  
7 support reducing unnecessary barriers to  
8 competition from distributed energy resources  
9 including demand response. Are there any  
10 objections to approving the submission of the  
11 Commission's comments?

12 (No verbal response.)

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

15 Items O-2 and O-3 concern approval  
16 of batches, contracts and confirmations under the  
17 Illinois Adjustable Block Program and Illinois  
18 Solar for All Program.

19 Are there any objections to  
20 considering these items together and approving the  
21 program administrator's submissions?

22 (No verbal response.)

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
2 submissions are approved.

3 Item 0-4 concerns the Commission's  
4 response to the U.S. Department of Energy's  
5 request for information on integrating electric  
6 vehicles onto the electric grid. The Commission's  
7 response addresses the impact to the electric grid  
8 of increased penetration of the EVs, the technology  
9 hurdles of integrating EVs with the grid, and cyber  
10 security challenges of electrifying the  
11 transportation sector.

12 Are there any objections to  
13 approving the submission of the Commission's  
14 response?

15 (No verbal response.)

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

18 This concludes our Public Utilities  
19 Agenda.

20 Judge Teague-Kingsley, do we have  
21 other matters to come before the Commission today?

22 JUDGE TEAGUE-KINGSLEY: No, Madam

1 Chairwoman.

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Do the Commissioners  
3 have any business to discuss?

4 COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Chairwoman, I have  
5 news to share with everybody, if I may. I just  
6 want to share that my legal policy advisor, Jena  
7 Merl Ginsburg, is -- her last day was yesterday  
8 with the Commission, and so I'd like to share just  
9 a few remarks about my legal policy advisor.

10 Jena has, in her time with us,  
11 demonstrated exemplary character and work ethic.  
12 She has done an incredible job of advancing the  
13 visibility of the ICC and advancing the education  
14 and awareness of both the water and transportation  
15 electrification sectors. Easily approachable and  
16 with a stellar policy acumen, I'm not surprised to  
17 see her take the next logical step in her  
18 trajectory of her career. So I want to thank Jena  
19 for her time here with our office, with the ICC,  
20 and her service. I'm incredibly proud to share  
21 that Jena will be joining the regulatory affairs  
22 team with ChargePoint, helping to promote its

1 network and products and advanced transportation  
2 electrification throughout North America. She will  
3 be engaging with public utility commissions, other  
4 regulatory forums, analyzing electricity rates, and  
5 drafting comments in utility filings. So while I  
6 want to say goodbye, certainly I expect to see her  
7 in this industry in the months to come. And so  
8 best of luck to you, and thank you for your  
9 service. That's all I have.

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Jena did  
11 really great work for the Commission. We're going  
12 to miss her, we wish her the best, and we hope that  
13 she does stay in touch.

14 Are there any other comments?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I just finally want to  
17 remind customers that if you receive a  
18 disconnection notice that you can avoid being shut  
19 off from service if you act quickly. Call your  
20 utility and work out a deferred payment  
21 arrangement. The utility can also tell you whether  
22 you qualify for bill payment assistance to reduce

1 what are owed in arrearages. And, of course, the  
2 Illinois Commerce Commission stands ready to assist  
3 customers; navigate their options. The ICC has  
4 both English and Spanish speaking consumer  
5 counselors who can help file a complaint Monday  
6 through Friday, 8:30 through 5:00 -- 8:30 to 5:00.  
7 The number to call again is (800) 524-0795.  
8 There's also additional information on the ICC  
9 website, [icc.illinois.gov](http://icc.illinois.gov), under the "consumers"  
10 tab.

11 Hearing no other comments and  
12 without objection, the meeting is now adjourned.  
13 Thank you.

14 (Whereupon the above-entitled  
15 matter was adjourned.)  
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