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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
Thursday, August 11, 2022  
Chicago, Illinois  
Met pursuant to notice at 11:30 AM at 160 North  
LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:  
CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman (via Chicago office)  
ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner (via Chicago office)  
MICHAEL CARRIGAN, Commissioner (via videoconference)  
ANN MCCABE, Commissioner (via Chicago office)

BRIDGES COURT REPORTING  
BY: Quinn Dean  
Electronic Reporter

1           CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Calling the August 11, 2022,  
2 Regular Open Meeting to order. And for the record, I  
3 do have Commissioners Kimbrel and McCabe sitting next  
4 to me, and if there is a need for them to speak, what  
5 I'll do is I'll turn my camera towards them so that --  
6 for the benefit of the public.

7                       So to repeat that, Commissioner  
8 Carrigan is seeking to participate remotely.  
9 Commissioner Carrigan, just again testing that you can  
10 hear us and we can hear you.

11           COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Yes, I can hear you. And  
12 thank you and the Commissioners for this accommodation.

13           CHAIR ZALEWSKI: All right. Are there any  
14 objections to allowing Commissioner Carrigan to  
15 participate remotely?

16                       (No verbal response.)

17                       Hearing none, Commissioner Carrigan is  
18 granted permission to participate remotely. So now we  
19 have four as part of the quorum.

20                       All right. Moving onto our public  
21 comment period -- and I want to, again, express my  
22 gratitude for the patience of our public commenters.

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1 Thank you for hanging on with us.

2 We have three requests to speak. So  
3 under 2, Illinois Administrative Code Section 1700.10,  
4 person desiring to address the Commission shall be  
5 allowed up to three minutes. Only one person may speak  
6 on behalf of any organization. Please note that the  
7 Commission will not respond directly to any comments.

8 Any person wishing to provide any  
9 further comments may submit a written statement to the  
10 Commission, and the written comments may be submitted  
11 by going onto the ICC website at Illinois -- excuse me --  
12 [icc.illinos.gov](http://icc.illinos.gov). Go to the e-Docket system, then look  
13 up for the relevant docket and click "file a comment"  
14 link. You can call the ICC consumer services division  
15 at 800-524-0795 if you need assistance with filing a  
16 comment.

17 All right. So going in the order of  
18 the requests to speak, we'll hear from the following  
19 people: First, Lauralyn Clawson; second, Jay Scott  
20 Readey; and third, Laurell Sims. So we're going to go  
21 ahead and start with Lauralyn Clawson.

22 Lauralyn Clawson, are you on?

1 MS. CLAWSON: I'm here. Thank you.

2 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Great. We can hear you loud and  
3 clear. Before you begin, please state and spell your  
4 name for the benefit of the court reporter, and then  
5 I'm going to time the three minutes on my phone. I'll  
6 note when you have about 30 seconds left. So once you have  
7 stated and spelled your name, I will start the clock.

8 You may proceed.

9 MS. CLAWSON: Great. Thank you. Lauralyn  
10 Clawson, L-A-U-R-A-L-Y-N C-L-A-W-S-O-N.

11 Thank you for your time today. My name  
12 is Lauralyn Clawson, and I'm director of operations for  
13 Urban Growers Collective, and I'm here today to share  
14 my support for the Peoples Gas Green Era  
15 interconnection. Urban Growers Collective is a black  
16 and women-led non-profit farm in Chicago working to  
17 build a more just and equitable local food system, and  
18 we have been a partner to Green Era since the  
19 beginning.

20 The Green Era Renewable Energy and  
21 Urban Farm Campus is being constructed to build upon  
22 UGC's impactful work and long history of supporting and

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1 operating urban farms throughout Chicago. Currently we  
2 operate eight farms on 11 acres of land predominantly  
3 located on Chicago's South Side.

4 We also support countless other  
5 projects and organizations and provide hands-on job  
6 training to youth and beginning BIPOC farmers. Over  
7 the past two weeks alone, I've had the privilege and  
8 great joy to welcome over 100 teens who are  
9 participating in our six-week summer youth program to  
10 the Green Era campus. Teens were given a tour of the  
11 facility and invited to vision around what  
12 transformations can happen in their community when a  
13 project like this comes to fruition. And they all just  
14 lit up.

15 They imagined a place where community  
16 could safely gather for recreation and connection to  
17 nature with increase access to fresh, healthy,  
18 affordable food and improved air quality. They  
19 imagined a community-based hub for clean renewable  
20 conflict-free green energy that provided opportunities  
21 for community wealth building through cooperative  
22 business incubation. And most importantly, they saw

1 space that was designed for them to learn, study, and  
2 return to as they move into college and their careers.

3           So in addition to these educational  
4 community benefits of the campus itself, we're all  
5 really excited about the closed loop system design of  
6 the anaerobic digester that will divert millions of  
7 pounds of food waste from our landfills to create not  
8 only renewable energy but also nutrient-rich compost.  
9 This will be a tremendous resource for our city and our  
10 environment.

11           Finished compost is essential to our  
12 work at Urban Growers Collective. It allows us to grow  
13 thousands of pounds of food a year distributed  
14 primarily in food desert communities through our Fresh  
15 Moves Mobile Market. Compost is foundation for our  
16 steam and workforce development programs that prepare  
17 the local workforce for renewable energy and urban  
18 agriculture employment opportunities. And compost  
19 allows us to support our community partners to  
20 transform underutilized or contaminated spaces  
21 throughout our city into thriving beautiful  
22 food-producing farms and gardens.

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1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: 30 seconds left please. Thank  
2 you.

3 MS. CLAWSON: Thank you.

4 So Commissioners, as I did with the  
5 teens earlier this week, I invite you to imagine what  
6 can happen when a project like this becomes reality, and  
7 people can safely learn, work, eat, and play within  
8 their community. And we hope that you can envision the  
9 tremendous economic, environmental, health and  
10 educational benefits that Green Era will have for local  
11 residents, community, youth, and our city. We're all  
12 very excited and proud of this project, and we look  
13 forward to the Commission's approval of the Peoples Gas  
14 Green Era interconnection so that together we can make  
15 it a reality. Thank you for your time.

16 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Ms. Clawson. We  
17 appreciate it.

18 Next is Mr. Jay Scott Readey. Are you  
19 on?

20 MR. READEY: I am. Hello. It's Readey, like  
21 "ready to go." Rhymes with "steady."

22 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Got it. Thanks for clarifying.

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1 All right. Mr. Readey, go ahead and  
2 please state and spell your name again for the purpose  
3 of the court reporter, and then after which, I'll start  
4 the clock for three minutes.

5 MR. READEY: Thank you. Yes. It's Jay Scott  
6 Readey, J-A-Y S-C-O-T-T, and Readey is spelled  
7 R-E-A-D-E-Y. It does look like Readey, but it rhymes  
8 with "steady."

9 Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioners  
10 and the Commission for hearing me. I run a small  
11 non-profit called NeighborScapes on the South Side of  
12 Chicago. We do job training and housing for teenagers  
13 and young adults, and have been a community partner  
14 with the Green Era project for the last several years.  
15 I'm here to urge your approval of the interconnection  
16 with Peoples Gas, and I appreciate the opportunity to  
17 speak.

18 NeighborScapes is funded by R3 funds  
19 from the State of Illinois, which use cannabis fees to  
20 fund restorative work in communities hit the hardest by  
21 the war on drugs. We work with a job training program,  
22 SHIFT, for young people whose lives face numerous

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1 complications and difficulties. I'm also chair of the  
2 board for Centers For New Horizons, which is a much  
3 larger South Side organization that's been around for  
4 50 years and works on the Healthy Chicago Equity Zones  
5 Program.

6                   Between the two organizations, I  
7 represent hundreds of young people who are working to  
8 put their lives on stronger paths, and the Green Era  
9 campus is an incredible beacon of opportunity for young  
10 people such as ours. We're excited about the jobs that  
11 come out of the urban farming network, the jobs  
12 involved with the campus and the anaerobic digester  
13 itself, the urban farming and the food access that goes  
14 with that. So we're very much in support of the Green  
15 Era project.

16                   And I just want to note that the  
17 project is now fully constructed, but we can't begin to  
18 deliver the many community benefits that have been  
19 agreed to, like jobs and food access, until we receive  
20 the ICC's approval. So I'm here to testify that we're  
21 very excited about the Green Era project and very much  
22 want to urge the Commissioner's approval of the project

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1 proposal. Thanks.

2 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Readey.

3 MR. READEY: Thank you.

4 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Finally we have Ms. Laurell  
5 Sims. Ms. Sims, are you on?

6 MS. SIMS: I am. It's Laurell, L-A-U-R-E-L-L,  
7 and the last name is Sims, S-I-M-S.

8 I would just like to thank the Illinois  
9 Commerce Commission for allowing me to speak,  
10 particularly on behalf of the Fresh Moves Mobile Market  
11 program, which is a program of Urban Growers  
12 Collective, which is a bus that's been retrofitted to  
13 provide food access to hundreds of thousands of folks  
14 on the South and West side of Chicago, but also as a  
15 South Side resident and a person who's worked on the  
16 South Side of Chicago for the last 17 years to speak.

17 Everyone deserves a healthy,  
18 sustainable and thriving environment to live in. The  
19 communities of color are disproportionately affected by  
20 climate change, unemployment, and negative health  
21 outcomes. Because racism is structural, our response  
22 to it must be as well. That's why we've created a

1 comprehensive solution that combines great technology,  
2 urban farming, job creation, youth education, and  
3 community green space to revive Chicago's highest need  
4 communities.

5           Located on Chicago's Auburn Gresham  
6 neighborhood, the Green Era campus is a nine-acre plot  
7 of land transformed from a contaminated brownfield  
8 that was left deserted for over decades into a vibrant  
9 renewable energy facility and green oasis. The reason  
10 Green Era is critical is that food waste is the number  
11 one item filling up landfills and generating gas that  
12 is harmful to the environment. Chicago alone produces  
13 55 million pounds of food waste every month.

14           Using innovative anaerobic digestion  
15 technology, the renewable energy facility on the Green  
16 Era campus at Auburn Gresham breaks down food waste and  
17 transforms it into clean, renewable energy and  
18 nutrient-dense compost, offsetting 42,000 tons of carbon  
19 dioxide per year. That compost is critical for  
20 building a regional food system.

21           Chicago is in the midst of a hunger  
22 crisis which became even more glaring through the

1 pandemic, particularly in black and brown communities,  
2 with more than half a million Cook County residents  
3 experiencing food insecurity this last year. The Green  
4 Era campus will allow Urban Growers Collective,  
5 particularly the Fresh Moves Mobile Market, to expand  
6 from 11 acres of food production to 18 acres, almost  
7 doubling our impact to provide healthy produce to South  
8 Side residents.

9           Last year alone we donated over 344,000  
10 pounds of produce to residents on the South Side of  
11 Chicago. Through this project, we looked forward to  
12 feeding more families and providing life-changing  
13 opportunities to folks on the South Side, and we can't  
14 do that without your support.

15           As Jay mentioned, we're almost 90  
16 percent complete on the project, and a vote from you  
17 all will mean that folks all over the South Side will  
18 be able to have access to healthy, fresh produce.

19 They'll be able to have a cleaner environment --

20           CHAIR ZALEWSKI: 20 seconds, Ms. Sims. Sorry.

21           MS. SIMS: -- and a really beautiful environment  
22 to be able to live and work in.

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1                   So we really -- we appreciate your  
2 support for this project. Thanks so much.

3           CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Ms. Sims.

4                   Okay. This concludes -- let me stop my  
5 clock.

6                   This concludes our public comment  
7 period, so we're going to go ahead and move on with our  
8 agenda for the day. Thank you again for the public  
9 commenters. Feel free to sign off.

10                   We'll now move on to our Public Utility  
11 Agenda. There are edits to the July 7th, and July  
12 21st, 2022 Regular Open Meeting minutes and July 14th,  
13 2022, Special Open Meeting minutes.

14                   Are there any objections to approving  
15 the minutes as edited?

16                   (No verbal response.)

17                   Hearing none, the minutes are approved.

18                   Under our electric utilities items,  
19 Item E-1 concerns MidAmerican's filing to modify its  
20 rate qualifying facilities or QF cogeneration and small  
21 power production facilities, revising the rates per  
22 kilowatt hour by increasing summer rates and lowering

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1 winter rates. Staff reviewed the proposed changes and  
2 find them reasonable and recommend not suspending the  
3 filing.

4 Are there any objections to not  
5 suspending the filing?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Hearing none, the filing is not  
8 suspended.

9 Item E-2 concerns an order on rehearing  
10 in Docket 21-0812, which is ComEd's proposed creation  
11 of a rider solar paired with storage rebate or Rider  
12 SPWS. The Rider provides for rebates to cover the  
13 costs of interconnecting qualifying systems needed to  
14 participate in the PJM frequency regulation market.

15 The order on rehearing adopts Staff's  
16 recommendation to order ComEd to calculate incremental  
17 interconnection costs by first, calculating what  
18 interconnection costs would be for an emergency storage  
19 system, assuming it would not participate in the PJM  
20 frequency regulation market; second, calculating what  
21 the interconnection costs would be for the same system,  
22 assuming it intends to fully participate in the PJM

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1 frequency regulation market; and third, subtracting the  
2 non-frequency regulation costs from their frequency --  
3 excuse me -- the non-frequency regulation costs from  
4 their frequency regulation costs.

5           Staff also recommends that the  
6 Commission require ComEd to provide a good faith  
7 estimate of costs that will be eligible for the rebate  
8 under the Rider SPWS after the customer applies for the  
9 tariff.

10           The order adopts the Staff's proposal,  
11 finding that it will allow for the most accurate  
12 identification of incremental interconnection costs.  
13 The order does not adopt ComEd's bright line approach,  
14 which excludes ordinary interconnection costs and also  
15 does not agree with ComEd's interpretation of the ALJ's  
16 proposed orders definition, including the definition of  
17 the quote, "interconnection facilities," end quote, in  
18 a way to allow ComEd to avoid paying rebates to the  
19 participating customers.

20           The order also rejects Magid Glove's  
21 proposal that all interconnection costs be rebated,  
22 finding that it is outside the scope of this rehearing

1 and has already been rejected by the Commission.

2 Are there any objections to approving  
3 the order?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Hearing none, the order is approved.

6 Item E-3 concerns ComEd's petition for  
7 approval of revisions to Rider DG rebate, renewable  
8 energy distributed generation rebate. The proposed  
9 revisions are designed to implement certain provisions  
10 of Section 16-107.6 of the Public Utilities Act, as  
11 recently amended by Public Act 102-0662, relating to  
12 rebate offerings to distributed energy resource  
13 facilities.

14 The only contested issue remaining in  
15 the docket is whether the Commission should direct  
16 ComEd to adopt IGS Solar's proposed program, which  
17 would permit resource 2B customers receiving service  
18 from an alternative retail electric supplier, or ARES,  
19 to qualify for a rebate under ComEd's Rider DG rebate.

20 The order finds that Section 16-103(e)  
21 of the act clearly prohibits the Commission from  
22 requiring an electric utility to offer any tariff to

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1 service other than the services required by Section  
2 16-103. The order notes that ComEd has committed that  
3 if ComEd proposes and the Commission approves a new  
4 quote, "peak time rebate program, hourly pricing  
5 program, or time of use rate program," end quote, that  
6 is available to ComEd retail customers on a non-pilot  
7 basis and not subject to a sunset provision, ComEd will  
8 seek to amend Rider DG rebate to allow storage rebate  
9 recipients to take service on such a program.

10 The order finds that any such program  
11 must be offered by ComEd, and not an ARES, to meet the  
12 statutory definition. At the same time, the order  
13 encourages ComEd to work with stakeholders to develop  
14 additional programs that meet the statutory  
15 requirements.

16 Are there any objections to approving  
17 the order?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Hearing none, the order is approved.

20 Item E-4 concerns an application for  
21 certification to install, maintain and repair electric  
22 vehicle charging station facilities. The order grants

1 the certificate, finding that the Applicant meets the  
2 certification requirements.

3 Are there any objections to approving  
4 the order?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Hearing none, the order is approved.

7 Item E-5 concerns a petition to cancel  
8 a certificate of authority to install energy efficiency  
9 measures in Illinois. The order cancels the  
10 certificate, finding that the cancellation will not  
11 deprive any Illinois customers of service.

12 Are there any objections to approving  
13 the order?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Hearing none, the order is approved.

16 Items E-6 through E-7 -- excuse me --  
17 E-6 through E-11 concern applications for authority to  
18 install energy efficiency measures. The orders grant  
19 the certificates finding that the applicants meet the  
20 requirements.

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

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1 (No verbal response.)

2 Hearing none, the orders are approved.

3 Under our gas utilities items, Item G-1  
4 concerns Nicor's filing to revise its Rider 38 volume  
5 balancing adjust, Rider VBA. Nicor's Rider VBA is  
6 aimed to recover variable distribution revenues due to  
7 variances in volumes of gas service used by residential  
8 customers. The VBA rate represents a charge to  
9 customers when custom volumes decline and a credit when  
10 customer volumes increase, as compared to the volumes  
11 relied upon in most recent rates proceedings.

12 With this filing, Nicor revises rider  
13 VBA's section on the annual rate period. Nicor  
14 clarifies that while the annual VBA rate period begins  
15 October 1st and ends June 30th of each year, for  
16 purposes of an annual reconciliation, revenues  
17 collected will be reported for the 12-month period of  
18 September through August.

19 Staff has reviewed the filing and  
20 recommends not suspending it.

21 Are there any objections to not  
22 suspending the filing?

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1 (No verbal response.)

2 Hearing none, the filing is not  
3 suspended.

4 Item G-2 concerns Consumer Gas  
5 Company's request to reconcile revenues under its  
6 purchase gas adjustment, or PGA, charges for the 2021  
7 calendar year. The order approves the reconciliation  
8 as set in the appendix to the order, finding that the  
9 costs during the reconciliation period were prudently  
10 incurred.

11 Are there any objections to approving  
12 the order?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Hearing none, the order is approved.

15 Item G-3 concerns Nicor Gas' motion to  
16 withdraw a petition to record regulatory asset for  
17 recovery of credit card processing fees. At a hearing  
18 on June 15th of 2022, Nicor Gas orally moved to  
19 withdraw its petition and requested that the docket be  
20 dismissed without prejudice. Staff and the AG do not  
21 object to Nicor's request.

22 Are there any objections to granting

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1 the motion to withdraw?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 Hearing none, the motion is granted.

4 Item G-4 concerns a complaint against  
5 Peoples Gas as to overcharging for services in Chicago.

6 The complainant failed to appear at the hearings.

7 Respondent made a motion to dismiss the proceeding for  
8 want of prosecution. The order dismisses the complaint  
9 without prejudice. Are there any objections to  
10 approving the order?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Hearing none, the order is approved.

13 Item G-5 concerns a complaint against  
14 Nicor as to billing for gas services in Homewood.

15 Complainant submitted a motion to dismiss due to the  
16 settlement with Respondent.

17 Are there any objections to granting  
18 the motion to dismiss?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Hearing none, the motion is granted.

21 Moving into our telecommunications  
22 items, Item T-1 concerns an order authorizing a second

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1 notice for the proposed amendments to 83 Illinois  
2 Administrative Code 730.

3 Part 730 provides standards of service  
4 for local exchange telecommunications carriers. The  
5 rulemaking would make two amendments. It would update  
6 the version of the national electrical safety code, and  
7 second, the rulemaking would delete an unnecessary  
8 provision from Section 730.550(a)(4) requiring the  
9 reporting of telecommunications outages that result in  
10 the physical staffing of 911 call boxes.

11 Requirements for the physical staffing  
12 of 911 call boxes formally found in Part 725 have been  
13 repealed, and therefore the reference to physical  
14 staffing in Section 730.550(a)(4) may now be removed.  
15 Part 730 will continue to require the reporting of  
16 telecommunications outages that affect 911 services.

17 Are there any objections to approving  
18 the order?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Hearing none, the order is approved.

21 Item T-2 concerns a request by Delta  
22 Communications to relinquish its eligible

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1 telecommunications carrier or ECT designation. The  
2 order finds that there is no harm to Illinois consumers  
3 from the requested relinquishment as it will not result  
4 in any Illinois customer experiencing a discontinuance  
5 of service. The order grants the request.

6 Are there any objections to approving  
7 the order.

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Hearing none, the order is approved.

10 Item T-3 concerns an application from  
11 Cox Wireless for a certificate of wireless authority to  
12 operate as a reseller of telecommunications services  
13 throughout Illinois. The order grants the certificate,  
14 finding that the Applicant meets the requirements.

15 Are there any objections to approving  
16 the order?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Hearing none, the order is approved.

19 Item T-4 concerns an application for  
20 certificate to provide resold interexchange and  
21 facilities-based local telecommunication services. The  
22 order grants the certificates finding that the

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1 Applicant meets the requirements.

2 Are there any objections to approving  
3 the order?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Hearing none, the order is approved.

6 Items T-5 through T-7 concern petitions  
7 by telecommunication service providers to cancel their  
8 certificates of service authority and local and  
9 interexchange authority in Illinois. The orders cancel  
10 the certificates, finding that the cancellations will  
11 not deprive any Illinois customers of necessary  
12 telecommunication service and are not otherwise  
13 contrary to the public interest.

14 Are the objections to considering these  
15 items together and approving the orders?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Hearing none, the orders are approved.

18 Item T-8 concerns a request for  
19 proprietary treatment of information in the  
20 Petitioner's annual reports. The order grants the  
21 protections, finding that the information is highly  
22 proprietary and confidential.

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1                   Are there any objections to approving  
2 the order?

3                   (No verbal response.)

4                   Hearing none, the order is approved.

5                   Under other business, Item O-1 concerns  
6 authorization for the Commission's executive director  
7 to execute a contract for the Liberty Consulting Group  
8 to conduct a management audit of ComEd as required by  
9 Section 4-604(g) of the Public Utilities Act.

10                  Since I've recused myself from the  
11 docket related to the ComEd investigation, I'm going to  
12 pass the floor to Commissioner Kimbrel.

13                  COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

14                  As Madam Chair -- she already stated  
15 Item O-1 which concerns authorization for the  
16 Commission's executive director to execute a contract  
17 for the Liberty Consulting Group to conduct a  
18 management audit of ComEd.

19                  Are there any objections to authorizing  
20 the executive director to execute the contract?

21                  (No verbal response.)

22                  Hearing none, the authorization is

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1 granted, the vote is 3-0.

2 Madam Chair, I leave the floor.

3 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Thanks, Commissioner Kimbrel.

4 I'll just note that 3-0 with one abstention.

5 Item O-2 concerns Commission's comments  
6 in the FERC Docket RM21-17-000, building for the future  
7 through electric regional transmission planning and  
8 cost allocation and generator interconnection.

9 Are there any objections to approving  
10 submission of Commission comments?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Hearing none, the submission of  
13 comments is approved.

14 Item O-3 concerns authorization for the  
15 Commission's executive director to execute a renewal  
16 contract for the Liberty Consulting Group to review the  
17 costs incurred by Peoples Gas under its system  
18 modernization program.

19 Are there any objections to authorizing  
20 the executive director to execute the contract?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Hearing none, the authorization is

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1 granted.

2 Item 0-4 concerns approval of batches,  
3 contracts, and confirmations under the Illinois Solar  
4 For All program.

5 Are there any objections to approving  
6 program administrators submissions?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Hearing none, the submissions are  
9 approved.

10 This concludes our agenda. Judge  
11 Teague Kingsley, do we have other matters to come  
12 before the Commission today?

13 JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chair.

14 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Do the Commissioners have any  
15 other business to discuss?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 I have two brief comments. First,  
18 Governor Pritzker has proclaimed today, August 11th, as  
19 811 day in Illinois, to remind and encourage every  
20 excavator and homeowner to call 811 before digging.

21 If someone calls 811 before digging,  
22 they have a greater chance of avoiding an incident,

1 injury, harm to the -- excuse me -- incident, injury, or  
2 harm to the environment or even death. Illinois law  
3 requires all homeowners and professional excavators to  
4 call JULIE at 811 before digging to have the  
5 underground utility lines marked at no cost  
6 regarding -- regardless of whether you are planting a  
7 sapling or excavating a significant construction  
8 project.

9                   The other announcement I have is I'm  
10 pleased to welcome a new intern to our office, Ryan  
11 Bronstein. Ryan is a rising third-year law student  
12 from the University Of Chicago Law School. He studied  
13 economics in his undergrad at Duke University, and he  
14 went straight through to law school. We are very  
15 excited to have him here and have plenty of work for  
16 him to do.

17                   So, if there are no other comments and  
18 if there are no objections, the meeting will now be  
19 adjourned.

20                   (WHEREUPON, the above-entitled matter  
21 was adjourned at 12:12 PM.)

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