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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
SPECIAL OPEN MEETING
PUBLIC UTILITY
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
Chicago, Illinois

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 A.M.,
at 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

- PRESENT:
- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
 - SADZI MARTHA OLIVA, Acting Commissioner
 - SHERINA E. MAYE EDWARDS, Commissioner
 - MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
 - JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
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1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. Are we ready
2 to proceed in Springfield?

3 CHIEF CLERK: We are, except that we don't have
4 a video connection because Peter is not in the
5 office.

6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. Pursuant to the Open
7 Meetings Act, I call the August 15, 2017 Special
8 Open Meeting to order.

9 Commissioners del Valle, Edwards,
10 Rosales, and Acting Commissioner Oliva are with us
11 in Chicago. We have a quorum.

12 We have six requests to speak this
13 morning. As a reminder, each speaker will have
14 three minutes. We will let you know when you have
15 two minutes left, one minute left, and when your
16 time has expired.

17 Please beware that while the
18 Commission affords the public an opportunity to
19 comment, we will not respond directly to your
20 comments, nor can we rely on them to resolve
21 disputed issues of fact in the contested cases.

22 Our first public commenter is Cindy

1 Shepherd.

2 Have a seat please here, make sure
3 that you turn the microphone on.

4 MS. SHEPHERD: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The floor is yours.

6 PRESENTATION

7 BY

8 MS. SHEPHERD:

9 Thank you for the opportunity to
10 address you today. My name is Cindy Shepherd and
11 I'm the Central Illinois Outreach Director for Faith
12 in Place, an Illinois non-profit whose mission is to
13 enable leaders of diverse faith traditions to be
14 leaders in earth care and to build healthier
15 communities, and I am here to ask that you reject
16 Ameren's request to scale back their energy
17 efficiency targets for the Future Energy Jobs Act.

18 In Central and Southern Illinois in
19 Ameren territory, Faith in Place works with over
20 80 congregations and faith groups often helping
21 these houses of worship and their members maximize
22 energy efficiency.

1 Our Level I energy audit points out
2 where inefficiency in heating, and cooling, and
3 outdated lights can be modified in order to protect
4 the environment from dangerous fossil fuels and also
5 to redirect donor dollars towards the original
6 mission of these organizations.

7 The money that is saved through energy
8 efficiency is used, for example, to bolster youth
9 programs or community outreach to finance gardens or
10 food pantries in one case.

11 Our audit reports reference the
12 incentives available through utility programs, and
13 it's my experience that these incentives do
14 encourage houses of worship and their members to
15 make energy efficiency changes.

16 In part, because people of faith know
17 that energy efficiency protects our common air and
18 climate and helps our faith partners do our best
19 work, we advocated for the Future Energy Jobs Act.

20 We knew that energy efficiency was
21 good for our faith partners and had every reason to
22 believe that it would be an effective vehicle for

1 job creation, especially important to low-income
2 families in our faith communities.

3 Already we know that almost
4 90,000 jobs are tied to energy efficiency in
5 Illinois, and when the Future Energy Jobs Act is
6 fully implemented, that number should rise
7 significantly.

8 Ameren was part of the negotiation of
9 the energy efficiency portion of the law. They had
10 a seat at the table and they agreed to a certain
11 target for energy savings through efficiency
12 measures.

13 So we are not happy that now after the
14 bill has been passed and signed into law, Ameren is
15 doubling back to try to significantly reduce their
16 commitment to energy savings, even more disturbing
17 that they are attempting to portray this downwardly
18 revised plan as one fashioned to benefit low-income
19 customers.

20 At Faith in Place we believe this is a
21 cynical attempt to disguise corporate profit taking
22 as though it's the sacred obligation to love our

1 neighbor.

2 Our faith partners serve low-income
3 families and we want to see them benefit, but we
4 want to see them benefit from the jobs that energy
5 efficiency programs create and those jobs are not
6 going to be in Ameren's territory if they're allowed
7 to scale back their energy targets.

8 So we ask that you please reject
9 Ameren's request to lower their energy efficiency
10 targets. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

12 Our next speaker is Joyce Blumenshine.
13 Good morning.

14 PRESENTATION

15 BY

16 MS. BLUMENSHINE:

17 Thank you to all the Commission
18 members. My name is Joyce Blumenshine. I'm from
19 Peoria, Illinois. I live at 2419 East Reservoir in
20 Peoria. I have been an Ameren customer for over 30
21 years and I urgently request the Commission deny
22 Ameren's request.

1 I think there's real harm if Ameren's
2 request is approved because it really hits all of us
3 ratepayers and it takes away energy efficiency
4 advantages that we sorely, sorely need in our state
5 and in Peoria.

6 My home was built in 1950 and my
7 husband and I took advantage of Ameren's program.
8 We had an energy audit. We made significant
9 improvements year by year to cut our energy.
10 Now I'm very pleased we did that and with Ameren's
11 programs and incentives, it really helped.

12 Now what they want to do is spend a
13 lot more money to do barely a little bit more than
14 they have been doing for years and, in this day and
15 age, I, as a citizen and a ratepayer, think that's
16 unacceptable.

17 Peoria needs improved energy
18 efficiency. Most of our housing stock is 51 years
19 or older. The median housing age in Peoria is
20 51 years. Our homes from 1939 on back equal about
21 22 percent of our entire housing stock. We have an
22 old city with old houses that desperately need

1 energy efficiency and the support that the Future
2 Energy Jobs bill positions will supply.

3 Ameren agreed to these only about
4 seven months ago. What we haven't seen IS anything
5 that's changed significantly, other than they want
6 more profits for their stockholders, and this
7 proposal is a flagrant, flagrant insult to the
8 public and the people that believed and all the hard
9 work we did for the Future Energy Jobs bill.

10 I'm a volunteer citizen activist for
11 environmental causes. We have 30 air pur- --
12 (phonetic) three-old coal-fired power plants that
13 are upwind of us bringing polluted air over Peoria.

14 More energy efficiency means cleaning
15 up our air and it means helping our city through new
16 jobs, through local jobs that are what energy
17 efficiency brings and helping people who need
18 concrete improvements in the ability to maintain
19 their household budget and cut costs are essential.

20 Thank you for your time today. I
21 really hope that you will deny this request.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

1 Our next speaker is Tracy Fox.

2 PRESENTATION

3 BY

4 MS. FOX:

5 Thank you for the opportunity to
6 comment on Docket 17-0311. My name is Tracy Fox. I
7 live in Chillicothe, Illinois, which is just north
8 of Peoria on the Illinois river. I'm a citizen,
9 activist and I've been working to bring climate
10 justice to Central Illinois for a number of years.

11 I've followed this case with a great
12 deal of interest, because I'm very excited about the
13 possibilities of the Future Energy Jobs bill.

14 I have several friends who already
15 have made a switch from unsatisfying employment to
16 entrepreneurial opportunities in commercial sales in
17 the energy efficiency area and they're very
18 enthusiastic because energy efficiency is really
19 important.

20 It not only can bring important energy
21 savings but it can also change peoples' lives
22 because it makes their homes healthier and more

1 comfortable, and for a low-income family that may be
2 a more life-changing effect than wind or solar
3 power.

4 But I want to talk today about the
5 specifics of the proposal, because I'm disturbed at
6 the lack of proof that Ameren has provided. They
7 want to reduce savings by 27 percent and remain
8 eligible for \$36 million in benefits for exceeding
9 targets, but they have proven no proof whatsoever
10 that their only option is to reduce the amount of
11 energy savings.

12 When I looked at their initial
13 numbers, the cost per savings kilowatt-hour is very
14 high per -- it cost them a lot more to save a
15 kilowatt of electricity than it seems to cost anyone
16 else in the industry, and, as I've looked through
17 some of the analysis, I haven't found any what-if
18 tables. I haven't found any tables that talk about
19 if we invested in these, you know, more yielding
20 types of energy efficiencies versus how they
21 could balance it out. Instead, there's really just
22 one proposal and they don't want you to be involved

1 in the decision-making whatsoever, but when you
2 compare their cost to saving per kilowatt-hour, it's
3 high compared to what ComEd is doing. It's very
4 high compared to what they're currently doing in
5 programs this year right now. There doesn't seem to
6 be a good explanation for that. Also, they have not
7 demonstrated that they have exhausted all the
8 possibilities with geographic issues.

9 They talk a lot about how the
10 geographical issues are being -- in downstate
11 Illinois are going to cause them to raise costs,
12 but, in fact, they don't examine any of the factors
13 which would make it cheaper to operate in downstate
14 Illinois, including lower cost of labor that we
15 enjoy, including the lower cost of putting up
16 billboards, buying newspaper ads, using the media
17 for the behavior modifications that they want it
18 based on, and the fact that Ameren is a dual-fuel
19 company working in both the electric and gas sectors
20 as opposed to ComEd.

21 They don't account for why they have
22 such high levels of overhead, why they need to max

1 out our R and D spending, and then they don't even
2 project any benefits from the R and D spending, and
3 it just seems like there's no analysis.

4 So I ask you to give us parity with
5 ComEd to make them meet the targets that were agreed
6 to in the legislature and don't insulate them from
7 risk. They're eligible for the bonuses; therefore,
8 they should take the full savings they committed to.
9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Ms. Fox.

11 Our next speaker is Thomas Anderson.

12 PRESENTATION

13 BY

14 MR. ANDERSON:

15 I'm Tom Anderson, Professor Emeritus
16 at the University of Illinois Champaign Urbana. I
17 live in Urbana and I want to make two points to this
18 Commission.

19 The first has to do with Ameren's work
20 in my community. I have lived in Champaign
21 Urbana for 50 years and have been impressed with
22 Ameren's contribution to it.

1 For example, last fall I had a solar
2 collector installed at my house, in doing so
3 required Ameren's participation and it had to be
4 inspected by them, another meter had to be
5 connected, and special accounting had to be
6 incorporated into my billing. All Ameren's
7 personnel were extremely punctual, knowledgeable,
8 and completed the task within a reasonable time
9 frame.

10 To participate with Ameren as a team
11 to help cut energy use and reduce the fossil fuel
12 consumption with the unfortunate comments has been a
13 pleasure.

14 Now the second point. With the above
15 being said, I was surprised and disappointed to
16 learn that Ameren is planning to renege on its
17 commitment to help customers improve the energy
18 efficiency of their homes, not only will Ameren's
19 failure to follow through on its commitment affect
20 the energy efficiency but it will be a double whammy
21 for folks of limited means in Central and Southern
22 Illinois in that not only will their homes not be as

1 efficient as they could be, thus higher bills, but
2 the Future Energy Jobs Act promised Ameren customers
3 jobs as well.

4 Many of those promised new jobs are
5 rightfully going to be created where our local
6 utility invests in energy efficiency. In this case,
7 those investments will likely go to Northern
8 Illinois, including Chicago and its suburbs, where
9 ComEd is poised to meet or possibly exceed its
10 nation-leading energy efficiency goals.

11 Surely people in my area deserve the
12 same access to quality jobs as do people in other
13 areas of the state.

14 On behalf of the people of Central and
15 Southern Illinois, especially the low-income
16 families in this region, I urge the Illinois
17 Commerce Commission to reject Ameren's filing and to
18 insure that it meets the energy saving goals as
19 outlined in the Future Energy Jobs Act. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir.

21 Our next speaker is Michael Crosby.

22 MR. CROSBY: Good morning.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning.

2 PRESENTATION

3 BY

4 MR. CROSBY:

5 I am grateful for the chance to be
6 here. Thank you. My name is Michael Crosby. I
7 come from Champaign, Illinois, and I'm an Ameren
8 customer there and I'm also here as the lead pastor
9 of the First Mennonite Church, which is a
10 medium-sized Protestant congregation in Urbana, and
11 my church is also a customer of Ameren.

12 I'm here to ask that you deny Ameren's
13 request to lower its previously-agreed energy
14 efficiency goals.

15 A few years ago my congregation
16 gathered to consider the merits of installing
17 portable solar panels under the roof of our church
18 building, and we spent considerable time discussing
19 the costs of such a project.

20 Some way into our conversation an
21 older man in the church stood up to speak and he
22 said this is vitally important because this is the

1 right thing to do. He offered us a moral
2 imperative.

3 We would eventually install a
4 10-kilowatt system that not only generate power for
5 Ameren but also save utility costs for the church,
6 savings that get invested back into our community
7 for housing projects and rental assistance,
8 insurance assistance, and other aid for our
9 neighbors.

10 It's the right thing to hold ourselves
11 and all of our energy providers like Ameren to high
12 standards for innovation. It's the right thing to
13 promote job creation in sectors that employ people
14 across the whole socio-economic spectrum. It's the
15 right thing to generate savings that benefit
16 low-income communities who too often pay high shares
17 of corporate profits.

18 In my work I routinely hear from
19 community members who struggle to keep financially
20 afloat and more often than not utility costs are key
21 to that struggle. They live constantly under the
22 threat of having their power turned off.

1 So an 80-year-old woman who runs a
2 small air conditioner to take the edge off of a
3 95-degree day and, in an ironic twist of faith, her
4 monthly bill runs far higher than mine, since I have
5 the savings that I can use to invest in an efficient
6 air system. Savings to her would go straight into
7 her community and into my community. Building the
8 future energy economy creates jobs and cleaner air
9 for her children.

10 It's the right thing to hold Ameren
11 accountable for its promises to help clean our air,
12 to generate jobs, and to lower energy bills.

13 Members in my congregation with the
14 most resources to offer are eager to invest in our
15 energy future. With Ameren's help through grants
16 and subsidies in lower energy bills, our investments
17 go even farther accelerating our collective journey
18 towards a cleaner, healthier, economic and
19 environmental future. It's the right thing to care
20 for the earth by caring for each person on it.

21 Please deny Ameren's request to
22 disregard this responsibility that we all share.

1 Thank you for listening.

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

3 Our final speaker is Robert Hudson.

4 PRESENTATION

5 BY

6 MR. HUDSON:

7 Good morning. My name is Robert
8 Hudson. I speak as an Ameren customer living in
9 Champaign, a member of Faith in Place, and I'm
10 associate professor of environmental science at the
11 University of Illinois.

12 I wish to express my strong opposition
13 to Ameren Illinois' request to lower its energy
14 efficiency goals under the Future Energy Jobs Act.

15 When my family moved to Champaign in
16 1996, we purchased a modest 1960 vintage house. It
17 was just different enough from the typical ranch
18 house to appeal to this Californian.

19 Little did I know that the insides of
20 the single-pane windows would become covered with
21 ice during the winter season or that above the cedar
22 planks of its cathedral ceilings lay a mere half

1 inch of insulation; needless to say, our house was
2 uncomfortable and an energy hog.

3 As an environmental science professor,
4 I set out to solve the problem. We invested in 25
5 to 30-double-pane windows and an efficient HVAC
6 system. We replaced the water heater and major
7 appliances. We added cellular blinds, switched to
8 fluorescent and then LED lighting and bought Smart
9 Power strips. I packed walls with no insulation and
10 got eight inches of foam insulation installed under
11 our new roof.

12 While the house still isn't as
13 efficient as I wish, I do derive some satisfaction
14 from having reduced our energy consumption to below
15 that of the average home in our area. So what's my
16 point?

17 Well, as committed as I am to energy
18 efficiency, I know it's not enough. My cost benefit
19 analysis heavily weighted environmental benefits
20 which most Central Illinoisans can't afford to do.
21 That's why I believe energy efficiency programs run
22 by the utilities are so important.

1 I applaud Ameren's efforts to assist
2 people with low and modest means but making
3 improvements to home energy efficiency, but we need
4 every house to undergo an energy audit and every
5 remodeling project to help improve a building's
6 energy efficiency.

7 This is where Ameren can and must do
8 more, but how can Ameren even begin to do what is
9 needed if it is allowed to reduce its goal by
10 26 percent.

11 Please help insure that Central
12 Illinois is prepared for the future and doesn't
13 become an energy and economic backwater. Keep the
14 cumulative persistent annual savings goals under
15 PJA (phonetic).

16 Last April, I went to Springfield to
17 lobby for this act. I was motivated by the
18 knowledge that if we don't act to reduce greenhouse
19 gas emissions, future generations will be deprived
20 of the very climate that has allowed human
21 civilization to flourish these past 12,000 years.

22 If large changes in climate are

1 allowed to occur, scientists tell us that we risk
2 civilizational collapse. Even if humankind adopts
3 to those changes, we will exile our grandchildren
4 from the earth we have known and love.

5 They will ask us where are the polar
6 bears and why didn't you listen when scientists
7 warned you to stop committing greenhouse gases.
8 That future won't be like the past by escrow when
9 people return to their homeland after a few
10 centuries of exile. It will take money efforts to
11 return to its current climate if we don't heed these
12 warnings.

13 The good news is that we have the
14 technology to prevent climate change from becoming
15 catastrophic. Think of U.S. mobilization for World
16 War II after Pearl Harbor. Every industry, every
17 institution, every business, and every person needs
18 to pull together to make this happen.

19 We need personal worship but we also
20 need to make our whole economy virtuous, and I ask
21 Ameren to play its part.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir. Thanks to all

1 of our speakers for traveling to this meeting to
2 share your views.

3 That concludes our public comment
4 section.

5 Moving on to our Public Utilities
6 agenda, there are edits to the Minutes of our
7 July 12th Open Meeting and Policy Session and
8 July 26, 2017 Regular Open Meeting.

9 Are there any objections to approving
10 the Minutes?

11 (No response.)

12 Hearing none, the Minutes are
13 approved.

14 Moving on to our Electricity agenda,
15 Item E-1 concerns MidAmerican's filing and modifying
16 its Qualifying Facility, Cogeneration and Small
17 Power Production Facilities Tariff.

18 Are there any objections to not
19 suspending the filing?

20 (No response.)

21 Hearing none, the filing is not
22 suspended.

1 Item E-2 concerns MidAmerican's filing
2 to add a new section to its tariff titled
3 "Alternative Compliance Payments."

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

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, the filing is not
8 suspended.

9 Item E-3 concerns the Commission's
10 investigation into ComEd's compliance with energy
11 efficiency standard requirements.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the proposed Order approving the energy savings?

14 (No response.)

15 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

16 Item E-4 concerns K & F Electric's
17 Application for Certification as an Installer of
18 Distributed Generation Facilities.

19 Are there any objections to approving
20 the proposed Order granting the certificate?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

1 Item E-5 concerns Spark Energy's
2 Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

3 There are substantive edits to the
4 Order that resulted in denying the certificate.

5 Is there a motion to approve the edits
6 to the proposed Order?

7 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Seconded.

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a discussion?

11 Commissioner del Valle.

12 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: No.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: No discussion.

14 All those in favor of approving the
15 edits to the proposed Order denying the certificate,
16 say aye.

17 (Chorus of ayes.)

18 Opposed, say nay.

19 (No response.)

20 The ayes have it and the edits are
21 approved.

22 Is there any objection to approving

1 the Order as edited denying the certificate?

2 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: We can do it by unanimous
4 consent unless there's an objection.

5 (No response.)

6 Hearing no objection, the Order as
7 edited is approved.

8 Items E-6 through 8 concern
9 applications for various certificates.

10 Are there any objections to
11 considering these items together and approving the
12 proposed Orders granting the certificates?

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

15 Item E-9 concerns ENCOA's petition for
16 confidential treatment of certain proprietary
17 information.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the proposed Order granting the petition?

20 (No response.)

21 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

22 Item E-10 concerns ComEd's petition

1 for approval of its energy efficiency formula rate
2 tariff changes -- or charges. Pardon me.

3 Are there any objections to approving
4 the proposed Order granting the petition?

5 (No response.)

6 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

7 Item E-11 concerns Ameren's petition
8 for approval of its Energy Efficiency Demand Response
9 Investment Rider.

10 Is there a motion to approve the
11 proposed Order granting the petition?

12 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Seconded.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

16 Commissioner del Valle.

17 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 The General Assembly has once again
19 required Commission approval of tariffs affecting
20 millions of dollars and all Illinois ratepayers on
21 an expedited schedule. This caused the Commission
22 to require continued discussions at SAG because the

1 exact effect of the proposals on rates remains
2 unknown.

3 Even so, the record in the Order
4 before us shows Ameren should have used ComEd's
5 methodology for the calculation of their weighted
6 average of energy efficiency measure lives. This is
7 because I agree with staff on three important
8 points: First, I agree there is a reasonable basis
9 for using different methodologies.

10 Second, I agree this calculation
11 should closer align with the benefits associated
12 with that measure.

13 And, third, I agree that under the AIC
14 method "the unamortized amount would be included in
15 rate base for a longer period." Thus, ratepayers
16 will be paying more and Ameren will be earning a
17 larger profit per dollar spent on energy efficiency.

18 I will be voting no.

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

20 I certainly agree with the concern of
21 our consistent methodologies and the Commission
22 should in the future I think seek to have consistent

1 methodologies, although, I will vote in favor of
2 this.

3 Any other discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 All those in favor of approving the
6 proposed Order granting the petition, say aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Aye.

11 Opposed, say nay.

12 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Nay.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The vote is 4 to 1 and the
14 ayes have it and the Order is granted.

15 Item E-12 concern ComEd's petition for
16 an expedited declaratory ruling.

17 Are there any objections to approving
18 the proposed Order granting the declaratory ruling?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

21 Item E-13 concerns a consumer
22 complaint against Energy Plus Holdings.

1 Are there any objections to granting
2 the Joint Motion to Dismiss?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the motion is granted.

5 Moving on to our Gas agenda, Items G-1
6 and 2 concern North Shore and Peoples Gas updates to
7 tariff references.

8 Are there any objections to
9 considering these items together and not suspending
10 the filings?

11 (No response.)

12 Hearing none, the filings are not
13 suspended.

14 Item G-3 concern Ameren's petition for
15 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

16 Are there any objections to approving
17 the proposed Order granting the proposed Order on
18 the metering?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

21 Item G-4 concerns a consumer complaint
22 against Peoples Gas.

1 Are there any objections to granting
2 the Joint Motion to Dismiss?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the motion is granted.

5 Item G-5 concerns South Bay Energy's
6 Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

7 Are there any objections to approving
8 the proposed Order granting the certificate?

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

11 Item G-6 concerns Consumer Gas
12 Company's authority to incur indebtedness.

13 Are there any objections to approving
14 the proposed Order approving the request?

15 (No response.)

16 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

17 Moving on to our Telecommunications
18 agenda, Item T-1 concerns US Connect's application
19 for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
20 Carrier.

21 Are there any objections to approving
22 the proposed Order granting -- dismissing the

1 docket?

2 (No response.)

3 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

4 Item T-2 concerns Co-Mo Connect's
5 application for authorization to provide video
6 service. This item is informational only and no
7 Commission action is required.

8 Item T-3 concerns Met Tel's petition
9 for confidential treatment of certain proprietary
10 information.

11 Are there any objections to approving
12 the proposed Order granting the petition?

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

15 Item T-4 concerns Budget Mobile's
16 petition to cancel the certificate and withdraw its
17 tariff.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the proposed Order granting the petition?

20 (No response.)

21 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

22 Under other business we have two

1 items. Our first is the discussion of FERC Docket
2 EL 17-75-000 concerning the Commission's comments on
3 Advanced Energy Economy's petition for declaratory
4 Order regarding the participation of energy
5 efficiency resources in wholesale electricity
6 markets.

7 This item involves potential
8 litigation and we will, therefore, move into closed
9 session for a discussion.

10 Is there a motion to move into closed
11 session?

12 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Seconded.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor, say aye.

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 Opposed, say nay.

18 (No response.)

19 The ayes have it and we will invite
20 our public guests to exit the room as we move into
21 closed session.

22 Is there a motion to move into closed

1 session?

2 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

4 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Seconded.

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor, say aye.

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 Opposed, say nay.

8 (No response.)

9 The ayes have it and we will invite
10 our public guests to exit the room as we move into
11 closed session.

12 (Whereupon, closed session
13 commenced on Page 34 to
14 Page 38.)

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1 (Whereupon, open session
2 commenced as follows:)

3 Is there a motion to approve the
4 Commission's comments in FERC Docket No.
5 EL 17-75-000?

6 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All in favor, say aye.

10 (Chorus of ayes.)

11 Opposed, say nay.

12 (No response.)

13 The ayes have it and the comments are
14 approved.

15 The second item in other business
16 concerns the IPA's August 2017 Solicitation of Bids
17 to Sell Renewable Energy Credits.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the Procurement Administrator's Benchmark
20 Methodology?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the methodology is

1 approved.

2 Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other
3 matters to bring before the Commission this morning?

4 JUDGE KIMBREL: No, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do any of you
6 have any other business you would like to discuss
7 this morning?

8 Mr. Rosales, I believe you have an
9 introduction.

10 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: I do. Thank you,
11 Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce our intern,
12 Esteban Perez, who is a senior at DePaul University.
13 Esteban has previously worked for World Business
14 Chicago, DePaul University, and Northern Trust. He
15 is co-chair of Work Mencil, a Latino policy group
16 based in Pilsen. A native Chicagoan, Esteban
17 resides in Bridgeport. Welcome, Esteban.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Welcome.

20 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Welcome aboard.

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I'd also like to add a thank
22 you and an introduction, and the thank you is to

1 Meagan and Wei Chen Lin's, who I think most of you
2 know, year has expired, and so they're going to move
3 on to some other roles but still stay within the
4 family of the Commission. I am grateful for their
5 assistance in the last year. They really did a
6 terrific job and worked hard.

7 It's also my pleasure to introduce
8 Lauren Parker and Yu Ji Zhang, my two new assistants
9 for this year. Guys stand up.

10 (Applause.)

11 Lauren is an undergrad at the UIC and
12 has a law degree from Loyola University. Yu Ji is
13 from Canada and did his undergrad there and is a
14 graduate of the law school at the University of
15 Chicago, so we have a good representation from the
16 UIC.

17 My mom has a masters from the
18 UIC. So, again, keeping it in the DePaul and the
19 UIC family, Welcome aboard. That's it.

20 Do we have any other announcements or
21 introductions?

22 (No response.)

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No? All right. Then without
objection, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above matter
was adjourned.)