



1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning. Are we  
2 ready to proceed in Springfield?

3 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Good morning, Madam  
4 Chair. Yes, we are.

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Great. Open the --  
6 excuse me.

7 Under the Open Meetings Act, I call  
8 the August 27th, 2021, Special Open Meeting to  
9 order. Commissioners Bocanegra and Kimbrel are  
10 with me in Chicago. Commissioner Carrigan is in  
11 the Springfield Office.

12 We have a quorum. We have no  
13 requests to speak. There is no Transportation  
14 Agenda. We only have two items on our Public  
15 Utilities Agenda.

16 Item 1 concerns Docket 20-0389,  
17 which is Ameren's investigation into an annual  
18 process and formula for the calculation of  
19 distributed generation rebates. On August 9th,  
20 2021, the Environmental Law and Policy Center vote  
21 Solar Natural Resources Defense Council and Solar  
22 Energy Industries Association Coalition for

1 Community Solar Access and the Illinois Solar  
2 Energy Association, collectively the Joint  
3 Petitioners, filed a petition for interlocutory  
4 review of the ALJ's July 19th, 2021, ruling.

5 The ALJ denied Joint Petitioners'  
6 April 30th motion for interim order. The motion  
7 requested that the Commission enter an interim  
8 order in this docket to establish an interim rebate  
9 value by August or October 2021.

10 The Joint Petitioners argued that an  
11 interim rebate is a necessary and practical way to  
12 ensure that Ameren's residential customers do not  
13 face a gap in compensation for their distributed  
14 generation.

15 Staff of the Commission filed a  
16 similar motion that was also denied by the ALJ  
17 ruling and for which staff had not sought  
18 interlocutory review.

19 Staff, Joint Petitioners and the ALJ  
20 all agree that an interim rebate is necessary  
21 because it is unlikely that this investigation will  
22 be completed before the threshold date of 5 percent

1 DER penetration when the new commission rebate rate  
2 needs to take effect.

3 The Joint Petitioners request that  
4 the Commission establish an interim rebate value of  
5 250 kW to be made available to residential  
6 customers in Ameren's service territory only in the  
7 event that Ameren reaches the 5 percent threshold.

8 Staff, however, suggested a  
9 methodology for calculating the interim rebate  
10 value and requested the Commission set an  
11 evidentiary hearing for the adoption of an interim  
12 rate to be followed by further investigation and  
13 testimony in this proceeding regarding the factors  
14 listed in 16-107.6(e) before a final rebate is  
15 established.

16 The ALJ ruling finds that the Public  
17 Utilities Act does not prohibit setting interim  
18 rates for -- excuse me -- interim rebates for  
19 residential customers, but the ALJ agreed with  
20 Ameren that Rider CGR controls until the  
21 investigation in Docket Number 20-0389 is complete.

22 The ALJ found that Rider CGR would

1 need to be amended to set interim rates. The ALJ,  
2 however, ruled that it is beyond the scope of this  
3 docket.

4 The Commission agrees with the ALJ.  
5 The Commission is, thus, denying the petition for  
6 interlocutory review.

7 Are there any objections to denying  
8 this petition for interlocutory review?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
11 petition is denied.

12 Item 2 concerns ComEd's petition for  
13 special permission to create a tariff page for its  
14 Rate Technical Charging study on less than 45 days'  
15 notice.

16 ComEd explains that Rate TCS will  
17 govern the treatment of the net revenues and  
18 learnings from the study of electric vehicle  
19 charging equipment located in urban areas with high  
20 densities of multi-unit dwellings.

21 ComEd explained that the study is  
22 supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of

1 Energy and is designed to gather information  
2 relevant to the provision of delivery charge --  
3 delivery services supporting EV charging in these  
4 geographic areas.

5 ComEd, therefore, requests a special  
6 permission to file Rate TCS on less than 45 days'  
7 notice in order to meet the timeline of the DOE  
8 grant and staff recommends that the special  
9 permission be granted.

10 ComEd specifically states that the  
11 study is not designed or intended to study utility  
12 ownership of EV charging stations or utility  
13 provision of EV charging and that ComEd does not  
14 intend to -- this to be a precedent for any such  
15 proposal.

16 The Commission is taking today's  
17 vote based on the understanding of the scope of the  
18 study and today's vote shall in no way be construed  
19 in making any decisions regarding utility ownership  
20 of EV charging stations.

21 Are there any objections to granting  
22 the special permission?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
3 permission is granted.

4 This concludes the Public Utilities  
5 Agenda.

6 Judge Leslie Haynes, do we have any  
7 other matters that come before the Commission  
8 today?

9 ALJ HAYNES: Nothing further, Madam --

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

11 ALJ HAYNES: Nothing further, Madam Chairman.

12 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

13 Do the Commissioners have any other  
14 business to discuss?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: If there are no other  
17 comments and without objection, the meeting is now  
18 adjourned. Thanks.

19 (Whereupon, the above-entitled.  
20 matter was adjourned.)

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