



1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Under the Open  
2 Meetings Act, I call the September 16, 2021,  
3 Special Open Meeting to order. Commissioners  
4 Bocanegra and Kimbrel are with me in Chicago, and  
5 Commissioner Carrigan is in Springfield, so we have  
6 a quorum.

7 We have no requests to speak.

8 No Transportation Agenda.

9 Only one item on our Public  
10 Utilities Agenda. Item 1 is the approval of the  
11 September 2021 solicitation of bids to sell  
12 standard energy products to Ameren, ComEd and  
13 MidAmerican. Are there any objections to proving  
14 the procurement administrator's recommendation on  
15 selection on the winning bids?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the  
18 recommendations are approved.

19 This concludes our Public  
20 Utilities Agenda.

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

1 THE COURT: No, Madam Chairman.

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Great. Any other  
3 business by Commissioners?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I just have one  
6 announcement. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to  
7 shine a spotlight on the importance of individuals  
8 and families to have access to voice and broadband  
9 services for work, school, and emergency services.  
10 The ICC recognizes September 20th through 24th as  
11 National Telephone Discount Lifeline Awareness Week  
12 to raise awareness about the Federal Lifeline  
13 Program and the recently created Emergency  
14 Broadband Benefit. Through these programs,  
15 eligible low-income customers may receive a monthly  
16 discount for voice and broadband services.

17 The Lifeline Program offers  
18 low-income consumers who participate in certain  
19 public assistance and veterans' pension programs,  
20 or who qualify based on income, to receive a  
21 discount of up to \$9.25 per month off their monthly  
22 bill for phone, broadband, or bundled phone and

1 broadband service. In addition, the Emergency  
2 Broadband Benefit, or EBB, provides eligible  
3 households up to \$50 per month discount for  
4 broadband services. There is also help available  
5 through the Link-Up Illinois program to offset  
6 the cost of installing a broadband connection for  
7 wireline subscribers. Lifeline participants must  
8 recertify each year. To learn more, we encourage  
9 you to visit [linkupillinois.org](http://linkupillinois.org) or  
10 [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit).

11 That's all I have for  
12 announcements.

13 Without further comment and  
14 objection, the meeting is now adjourned. Thank  
15 you.

16 (Whereupon, the above-entitled  
17 matter was adjourned.)  
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