1 BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION 2 3 BENCH SESSION 4 5 Chicago, Illinois б Wednesday, October 7, 2009 7 8 Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. in the 9 Main Hearing Room, Eighth Floor, 160 North LaSalle 10 Street, Chicago, Illinois. 11 12 PRESENT: 13 MR. CHARLES E. BOX, Chairman 14 MS. LULA M. FORD, Commissioner 15 MS. ERIN M. O'CONNELL-DIAZ, Commissioner MR. SHERMAN J. ELLIOT, Commissioner 16 17 18 19 20 21 SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by 22 Alisa A. Sawka, CSR License No. 084-004588

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1 CHAIRMAN BOX: Pursuant of the provision of the 2 Illinois Open Meetings Act, I now convene a regularly 3 scheduled bench session of the Illinois Commerce 4 Commission. With me in Chicago are Commissioners 5 Ford, O'Connell-Diaz and Elliot. My name is Chairman 6 Box and we do have a quorum.

7 Before moving into the agenda, this is 8 the time we allow members of the public to address 9 the Commission. Members of the public wishing to 10 address the Commission must notify the Chief Clerk's 11 Office at least 24 hours prior to the bench session. 12 According to the Chief Clerk's Office, there have 13 been no requests to speak.

Beginning with the Railroad's Transportation Section we have minutes from the meeting on August 19th, 2009, September 9th, 2009, and September 10th, 2009. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

19 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: So moved.

20 CHAIRMAN BOX: Is a there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN BOX: Moved and seconded.

1	All in favor say "aye."
2	COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye.
3	COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye.
4	COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Aye.
5	CHAIRMAN BOX: Any opposed?
6	The vote is 4-0. The minutes are
7	approved.
8	Turning to the Transportation I'm
9	sorry, Items RR-1 through RR-6 will be taken
10	together. These are petitions to make improvements
11	or condemn property of various railroad crossings.
12	No Grade Crossing Protection Funds will be used. The
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13 14 15 16 17 18	Administrative Law Judges recommend entering the orders. Is there a motion to enter the order? COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So moved. CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Second.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Administrative Law Judges recommend entering the orders. Is there a motion to enter the order? COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So moved. CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Second. CHAIRMAN BOX: It's been moved and seconded.

1 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN BOX: Opposed?

The vote is 4-0. The orders are entered. We will use this roll call vote for the remainder of the transportation agenda unless otherwise noted.

Item RR-7 is Docket T09-0109. 7 This is 8 a stipulated agreement among the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, the City of Mount Vernon and the 9 10 State of Illinois for safety improvements to the 11 North Chestnut Lane grade crossing in the City of 12 Mount Vernon. \$222,330 in Grade Crossing Protection 13 Funds will be used. Staff recommends entering the 14 order.

15 Is there any discussion?

16 Any objections?

17 Hearing none, the order is entered.

18 Item RR-8 is Docket T09-0074

19 Supplemental. IDOT petitioned for approval to 20 construct two grade separations and a supplemental 21 petition for a taking of certain property. All 22 parties agreed to the supplemental petition for

1 eminent domain. Administrative Law Judge Jackson recommends entering the supplemental order. 2 Is there any discussion? 3 4 Any objections? Hearing none, the supplemental order 5 is entered. б Item RR-9 is Docket T04-0064 first 7 8 supplemental. Norfolk Southern Railway Company petitions for the reinstatement of Grade Crossing 9 10 Protection Funds for safety improvements. \$78,881.18 will be used to pay a bill received late. 11 12 Administrative Law Judge Kirkland-Montague recommends 13 entering the order which reinstates and reimburses 14 \$70,993.06. 15 Is there any discussion? 16 Any objections? 17 Hearing none, that first supplemental order is entered. 18 19 Items RR-10 through RR-12 will be 20 taken together. These are petitions for extensions 21 of time to complete safety improvement projects. 22 Staff recommends entering the second supplemental

1 orders and fifth supplemental orders granting extensions of time to complete the projects. 2 Is there any discussion? 3 4 Any objections? 5 Hearing none, the second supplemental orders and fifth supplemental order are entered. б Item RR-13 Docket T09-0037, Hennepin 7 8 Road District amended its petition for approval to relocate a highway rail and grade crossing. 9 The 10 amended petition is uncontested. Administrative Law 11 Judge Jackson recommends entering the order. 12 Is there any discussion? Any 13 objections? 14 Hearing none, the order is entered. 15 That concludes the Railroad agenda. 16 Moving to the Motor Carriers, Items 17 MC-1 through MC-5 will be taken together. These are stipulated settlement agreements concerning various 18 19 alleged violations of operating as for-hire motor carriers without Commission authority. 20 Staff 21 recommends entering the orders accepting the 22 supplemental agreements.

1	Is there any discussion?
2	Any objections?
3	Hearing none, the orders are entered.
4	Items MC-6 and MC-7 will be taken
5	together. These are petitions for both a temporary
б	certificate and a certificate of public convenience
7	and necessity to be a household goods carrier.
8	Administrative Law Judges Jackson and O'Brien
9	recommend entering the orders granting the temporary
10	certificate and the certificate.
11	Is there any discussion?
12	Any objections?
13	Hearing none, the orders are entered.
14	Item MC-8 through MC-10 and MC-12 will
15	be taken together. These are applications for
16	commercial relocators' licenses. Administrative Law
17	Judge Jackson and Kirkland-Montaque recommend
18	entering the orders granting their certificates.
19	Is there any discussion?
20	Any objections?
21	Hearing none, the orders are entered.
22	Item MC-11 is an application for an

1 operator employment permit to operate a relocation 2 towing vehicle. Applicant failed to appear for his hearing. Administrative Law Judge Kirkland-Montague 3 4 recommends dismissing the application for want of prosecution, without prejudice. 5 Is there any discussion? б Any objections? 7 Hearing none, the application is 8 dismissed without prejudice. 9 10 Items MC 13 through MC 16 will be 11 taken together. Theses are applications for renewal of commercial relocation towing licenses. Staff 12 13 recommends granting the renewals. 14 Is there any discussion? 15 Any objections? 16 Hearing none, the renewals are 17 granted. 18 We have one administrative matter on 19 today's agenda. Item AM-1 is a Transportation 20 Regulatory Fund 2009 Annual Report. Transportation 21 Bureau Chief Kelley recommends the Commission accept 22 this report.

1 Is there a motion to accept the Transportation and Regulatory Fund 2009 Annual 2 3 Report? 4 COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved. CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second? 5 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second. б CHAIRMAN BOX: All in favor say "aye." 7 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye. 8 9 COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye. 10 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Aye. CHAIRMAN BOX: Any opposed? 11 The vote is 4-0. The TRF 2009 annual 12 13 report is accepted. 14 Mrs. Kelley, anything else to come 15 before us today? MRS. KELLEY: That's all. Thank you. 16 17 CHAIRMAN BOX: Okay. Thank you. 18 (Whereupon, the meeting 19 concluded matters pertaining to 20 Transportation.) 21 22

1 (Whereupon, the meeting turned to Public Utility matters.) 2 3 CHAIRMAN BOX: Moving on to the Public 4 Utilities agenda. We have minutes to approve from the bench meetings on August 19th, August 25th and 5 September 10th, 2009. 6 7 Is there a motion to approve the 8 minutes? 9 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: So moved. 10 CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second? 11 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second. CHAIRMAN BOX: It's been moved and seconded. 12 13 All in favor say "aye." 14 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye. 15 COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye. 16 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Aye. 17 CHAIRMAN BOX: Any opposed? The vote is 4-0. The minutes are 18 19 approved. Next on the agenda is a recommendation 20 21 by Staff to release to the public minutes and 22 transcripts of 84 closed sessions.

Is there any discussion? 1 Is there a motion to release the 2 3 minutes and transcripts? COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved. 4 CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second? 5 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second. б CHAIRMAN BOX: It's been moved and seconded. 7 All in favor say "aye." 8 9 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye. 10 COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye. 11 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Aye. 12 CHAIRMAN BOX: Any opposed? 13 The vote is 4-0. The minutes and 14 transcripts are released. Item E-1 is a tariff by MidAmerican 15 Energy Company to update its Non-Residential Real 16 17 Time Pricing Rider. Staff recommends not suspend the 18 filing. 19 Is there a motion to not suspend the 20 filing? COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved. 21 22 CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Second.

CHAIRMAN BOX: All in favor say "aye." 2 COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye. 3 4 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye. 5 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Aye. б CHAIRMAN BOX: Any opposed? The vote on E-1 was 4-0. The filing 7 will not be suspended. 8 9 We will use this 4-0 roll call vote 10 for the remainder of the agenda unless otherwise 11 noted. 12 Item E-2 is Docket 08-0170. Commerce 13 Energy, Inc., moves to dismiss with prejudice its 14 petition for emergency relief. The Administrative 15 Law Judge Moran recommends that the Commission dismiss the complaint with prejudice. 16 17 Is there any discussion? 18 Any objections? 19 Hearing none, the docket is dismissed 20 with prejudice. Item E-3 is Docket 09-0096. The 21 22 parties have filed a joint motion to dismiss this

1 complaint. All matters have been settled. 2 Administrative Law Judge Gilbert recommends entering the order granting the joint motion to dismiss 3 4 without prejudice. Is there any discussion? 5 Any objections? б Hearing none, the order is entered. 7 Items E-4 through E-6 will be taken 8 These are resuspension orders of the three 9 together. 10 Ameren Illinois Utility Companies' electric rate 11 Staff recommends entering the resuspension cases. 12 orders. 13 Is there any discussion? 14 Any objections? 15 Hearing none, the resuspension orders 16 are entered. 17 Item E-7 is Docket 09-0373. The Illinois Power Agency petitions for approval of its 18 19 procurement plan. The Act requires a Commission 20 determination if hearings are necessary after the IPA 21 files its initial procurement plan. Administrative 22 Law Judge Jones recommends that no hearing be

1 required.

2 Is there any discussion? Judge Jones, are you with us? 3 4 JUDGE JONES: Yes, I am, Mr. Chairman. CHAIRMAN BOX: Do you want to brief us on this 5 б matter? I'll be happy to. Thank you. 7 JUDGE JONES: Steve Hickey is here also. I'll be 8 brief. 9 10 The guestion is where the IPA filed its plan on October -- or I'm sorry -- September the 11 12 30th. As with the previous plan filed last year it 13 proposes a procurement strategy for eligible retail 14 customers, the ComEd and Ameren utilities. It again 15 proposes use of an RFP bid process to meet residual 16 load requirements, which are those not already under 17 contract by one means or another. 18 The time horizon is five years. The 19 first annual period within that longer period is the 20 June 2010 to -- through May 2011 period. The IPA, again, proposes use of a three-year laddered approach 21 22 for procurement where 35 percent of the needs would

be procured two years in advance of the year of delivery; the rest, one year in advance; and then the year itself.

4 The IPA indicates there were a limited 5 number of areas where it made what it called primary changes. Most of those related to the procurement of б demand response and renewables. By statute, parties 7 were required to submit their written objections and 8 file them with the Commission. Several did so on 9 10 late October -- late afternoon on October the 5th 11 this week. The issues addressed included the demand 12 response procurement and our renewable procurement 13 issues mentioned above. On the renewable front that 14 concerned in part the proposed procurement of renewables for Ameren and ComEd on a simultaneous 15 16 basis, also involved long-term agreements with 17 renewable producers. Then some objections also went to the demand response procurement process that 18 pertained in part to timing, whether that would be in 19 20 the spring as well as in the fall, as well as PJM in 21 the -- PJM process in the procurement of demand 22 response. And then also the term to apply to those

1 procurements.

Other issues addressed concerned 2 hedging ratios in July and August, which has come up 3 4 in prior dockets, the laddered approached to 5 procurement as mentioned above. And there were also some questions raised with respect to the process as б discussed in the plan, including review time by the 7 Commission, but also other elements of process to 8 occur after the Commission's approval of the process. 9 10 The question before you today -- or 11 next week as the case may be, is a determination of 12 whether a hearing is necessary within the meaning of 13 the statute. Comments of the parties are summarized 14 briefly in the memo. 15 In the last procurement docket, 16 08-0519 the Commission determined no hearing was 17 necessary and it said that parties were permitted -encouraged to address the issues through responses to 18 objections. Well, that would include responses by 19 20 IPA and parties to each other and then a round of 21 replies to those responses and then after a proposed 22 order briefs on exceptions and reply briefs on

1 exceptions.

2	My recommendation is the same process
3	be followed here to make an adequate record in the
4	case through response opportunities or reply
5	opportunities forwarded to the parties in the manner
6	that I believe will be more efficient in proceeding
7	through a hearing process.
8	In any event, the Commission has until
9	October 15th to make that determination, whether
10	that's today or next week. And, of course, the
11	deadline for Commission entering an order confirming
12	or modifying the procurement plan is December 29th.
13	Thank you.
14	CHAIRMAN BOX: Thank you.
15	Any questions of the Judge?
16	COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: No. Thank you.
17	CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a motion to I think
18	the Judge's recommendation that hearings not be
19	required. Is there a motion to determine that no
20	hearings are required for the IPA's Initial
21	Procurement Plan?
22	COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: So moved.

1 CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second. 2 CHAIRMAN BOX: Any discussion? 3 4 It's been moved and seconded. All in favor say "aye." 5 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye. б COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye. 7 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Aye. 8 CHAIRMAN BOX: Any opposed? 9 10 The vote is 4-0. There will not be 11 hearings for the IPA's Initial Procurement Plan. 12 Thank you, Judge. 13 JUDGE JONES: Thank you, Chairman. 14 CHAIRMAN BOX: Item E-8 is 09-0407. This is a 15 request for an extension of time to consider Commonwealth Edison's proposed Federal Stimulus 16 17 Project and associated tariffs. Administrative Law Judge Sainsot has no recommendation. 18 19 Judge, you want to brief us? 20 JUDGE SAINSOT: Sure. 21 At the meeting of September 10th, this 22 Commission indicated that it would prefer to conclude

1 this docket by the end of the year. We, therefore -when this matter first arose we, therefore, informed 2 the parties that the final determination should be 3 4 made by the Commission and not us. The joint motion to extend the 5 schedule was filed by the AG, the CTA, IIEC and б It seeks to extend the schedule from having a 7 Metra. final resolution date of December 22nd, 2009, to 8 sometime in April of 2010. 9 10 To be sure the current schedule, which 11 allows three months, is a tight but not impossible 12 schedule, a longer time frame would increase the 13 amount of discovery that the parties could conduct. It would also give the lawyers more time to prepare 14 15 briefs and like items and it would give Judge Kimbrel 16 and myself more time. Having said that, ComEd has 17 argued that the United States Department of Energy has reported receiving 431 grant proposals totaling 18 \$24.6 billion. The Department of Energy only has \$4 19 20 billion.

21 We took a look at who was eligible for 22 these grants. The parties submitted the Department

1 of Energy guidelines. The eligible applicants, according to what the DOE guidelines are -- among 2 other parties -- electric power companies, state, 3 4 county, local or municipal governmental agencies, 5 universities, colleges, electrical equipment manufacturers, software providers, retail electricity б suppliers and many other non-regulated entities. 7 8 It appears that these entities, the ones that are not utilities, therefore, would only 9 10 need a corporate board approval before they -- or city counsel approval before they could get up and 11 12 running on their projects. 13 The DOE, as ComEd has pointed out, has a preference for projects that can get up and running 14 15 quickly. And, I guess, what I'm saying is the 16 non-regulated businesses seem to have a distinct 17 advantage in terms of getting the funds over ComEd. And there's a limited amount of money available. 18 Therefore, it's possible that the four-month delay 19 20 could jeopardize ComEd's ability to receive these funds. And we'll remind you it's \$175 billion --21 22 million dollars -- excuse me -- that they're asking

for when you include the other Docket 09-0263 and
this docket together.

3 CHAIRMAN BOX: Thank you.

4 Any questions of the Judge? I think -- before I ask for a motion, 5 I think it's -- the Proposed Federal Stimulus б Project -- I mean, the name is there for a reason, to 7 stimulate the economy, which means -- over projects 8 that are ready to go. I think -- I don't want us to 9 10 jeopardize the Company's chances of recouping some of 11 these dollars for the State of Illinois and for our 12 systems. We also will have enough time for various 13 riders and others to determine if, in fact, there's 14 cost recovery on the State's half of those funds. So I'd like to think that we can -- if 15 16 you said that deadline by the yearend is doable, I 17 think we ought to try to do that to give the company -- not an advantage, don't do anything to --18 19 in detriment of them being in full competition for

21 Is there a motion to deny or grant the 22 request for the extension of time?

these funds.

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COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: I'll make the motion to
deny.

3 CHAIRMAN BOX: There's a motion to deny the request for extension of time. Is there a second? 4 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second. 5 COMMISSIONER FORD: Second. б CHAIRMAN BOX: It's been moved and seconded. 7 Any discussions? 8 All in favor say "aye." 9 10 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye. 11 COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye. 12 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Aye. 13 CHAIRMAN BOX: Any opposed? 14 The vote is 4-0. The request for the extension of time is denied. 15 Item E-9 is Docket 09-0409. 16 17 Commonwealth Edison Company's petition for a 18 conditional exemption from Section 410.210(a)(5) 19 requiring certain information on billing statements. 20 Administrative Law Judge Benn recommends entering the 21 order exempting the company from the requirements. 22 Is there any discussion?

1	Any objections?
2	Hearing none, the order is entered.
3	Item E-10 is Docket 09-0423. Egyptian
4	Electrical Cooperative Association and AmerenIP
5	petitioned for a partial service area agreement
6	between them. Administrative Law Judge Tapia
7	recommends entering the order granting the requested
8	relief.
9	Is there any discussion?
10	Any objections?
11	Hearing none, the order is entered.
12	That concludes the electric portion of
13	today's agenda.
14	Turning now to the Natural Gas, Item
15	G-1 is Docket 08-0363. This is the rehearing order
16	of the Northern Illinois Gas Company a/k/a Nicor rate
17	case. The question presented was how much short-term
18	debt should be included in the capital structure, if
19	any. Administrative Law Judge Sainsot and Kimbrel
20	recommends entering the order on rehearing.
21	We discussed this matter at the
22	prebench session yesterday and my office has

circulated various revisions to the order. 1 Several of the commissioners and their assistants have been 2 working on these revisions as well. And I move that 3 4 those amendments be adopted. COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved. 5 CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second? б COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: 7 Second. It's moved and seconded that the 8 CHAIRMAN BOX: proposed amendments be adopted. 9 10 Is there any discussion? 11 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Chairman, I -- at this 12 point I'd like to but I can't support the changes. Ι 13 was willing to grant the request for rehearing 14 because this was a significant change from past 15 practice. I was interested in seeing further development of the record with regard to this issue. 16 17 And in my review of the record on the reopening I saw 18 little to no additional support provided for the 19 Company to change my determination of my vote on the order. 20

21 So I would stand in support of my 22 position from the original order on this issue.

CHAIRMAN BOX: Further discussion? 1 I propose some of these changes and 2 I'll go through my rationale. First of all, this is 3 4 a very, extremely tough case I think for the Commission and all the Commissioners echo that. 5 On one side, I agree with б Commissioner Elliot that -- in fact, I voted against 7 the order initially. And then on rehearing I, too, 8 was hoping for more information from the Company on 9 10 this issue. And I was disappointed that more evidence was not introduced. But also I think that 11 12 the position taken by our Staff was somewhat extreme, 13 especially given these circumstances, as the Judge 14 talked about yesterday about these are accounting 15 issues and admitting that various things existed like the whole issue of a zero balance on three months, 16 17 which means some other funds had to be used somewhere along the line. Our Staff acknowledging the fact 18 19 that yes, moneys had to come from other sources, but 20 they didn't know just exactly how much. 21 So this is a very, very tough case for

But when you look at the Statute of Section

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me.

1 1-102 one of the objectives that we, as regulators, have is to do equity, especially towards the 2 consumers and investors. And also Section 6 talks 3 4 about the whole issue of make regulations that does not result in undue or sustained adverse impact on 5 utility earnings. And when you take a look at this б particular case and our other cases on short-term 7 debt, they range from zero percent for some 8 utilities, 5 percent on some. In this particular 9 10 case I think it's a little short of 19 percent short-term debt. Five years ago it was zero. In the 11 12 last three cases it was zero.

13 And I think it's pretty much kind of a shock to the system to go from zero percent to 14 15 19 percent especially in light of the fact we're 16 talking about accounting issues and both the Judge 17 acknowledging -- Judges acknowledging that there were some moneys there from other sources, the Staff 18 acknowledging that, not knowing exactly how much. 19 20 But one thing that really drove me to 21 make some of these changes was the whole issue of

22 Nicor since 1981 they're -- the capitalization was

between 87 and 93 percent. And if you include this
entire 255 mill in short-term debt, their
capitalization would be 105 percent of their rate
base, which I think is a little high, and I think
that some changes are proposed.

Another issue is the whole issue of б the three months where no moneys were available. 7 Moneys -- come from some other source. So I think 8 that it was incumbent upon us to find something that 9 10 was more in line with this particular case, once again, given the facts of the Company not coming 11 12 forth during the case or on rehearing putting forth a 13 clear road map as to where these funds were from. 14 But also the Staff acknowledging that some moneys 15 were there, but I don't think really making an effort 16 to come down on something that was reasonable. 17 So I think equity requires me to take a look at these numbers. Obviously, the 62 18 19 million -- 62-plus million that the company wanted in short-term debt is not sufficient. But I think --20 21 nor is it proper to have the entire 255 million in

22 short-term debt. And so hopefully in equity I've

amended it to say that, I think, 200 -- or 127-some million dollars would be in short-term debt, which hopefully brings the capitalization down into the 90s where it should be. But also it brings the short-term debt down from -- a little short of 19 percent, 18, and some percentages down to between 8 and 9 percent.

8 I think equity requires that type of 9 decision, and I feel very comfortable in making that. 10 Once again, being disappointed on both sides of the 11 case before us. But that is the nature of the 12 amendments that I have put forth.

13 COMMISSIONER FORD: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN BOX: It's already been seconded.

15 It's just for discussion.

16 COMMISSIONER FORD: Oh, wondered where we were.17 CHAIRMAN BOX: Any other discussions?

18 All of favor of the proposed amendment 19 say "aye."

20 COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN BOX: Opposed?

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COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: No.

CHAIRMAN BOX: The vote is 3-1. The amendments 2 are adopted. Is there a motion to adopt the order as 3 4 amended? 5 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So moved. CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second? б COMMISSIONER FORD: Second. 7 CHAIRMAN BOX: It's been moved and seconded to 8 adopt the order as amended. 9 10 All in favor say "aye." 11 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye. 12 COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye. 13 CHAIRMAN BOX: Opposed? 14 COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: No. 15 CHAIRMAN BOX: The vote is 3-1. The order as 16 amended is adopted. 17 I've been asked to hold Item G-2 until next week in Springfield. 18 19 Item G-3 is Docket 08-0628. This is a 20 PGA reconciliation for MidAmerican Energy Company. 21 Staff has no adjustment to the reconciliation. 22 Administrative Law Judge Yoder recommends entering

1 the order approving the reconciliation. Is there any discussion? 2 Any objections? 3 4 Hearing none, the order is entered. Items G-4 and G-5 will be taken 5 together. These are billing disputes against б Northern Illinois Gas Company. The parties have 7 settled. Administrative Law Judges Benn and Gilbert 8 recommend entering the orders dismissing the 9 10 complaints with prejudice. 11 Is there discussion? 12 Any objections? 13 Hearing none, the orders are entered 14 dismissing the complaint with prejudice. 15 Item G-6 through G-8 will be taken 16 together. These are resuspension orders for the 17 three Ameren Illinois Utility Companies' gas rate Staff recommends entering the resuspension 18 cases. 19 orders. 20 Is there any discussion? 21 Any objections? 22 Hearing none, the resuspension orders

1 are entered.

Item G-9 is Docket 09-0312. This is a 2 resuspension order in the MidAmerican Energy Company 3 4 Gas Rate Case. Staff recommends entering the resuspension order. 5 Is there any discussion? б Any objections? 7 Hearing none, the resuspension order 8 is entered. 9 10 Item G-10 is Docket 09-0392. UGI Energy Services, Inc., petitions for a certificate of 11 12 service authority. Administrative Law Judge Yoder 13 recommends entering the order granting the 14 certificate. 15 Is there any discussion? 16 Any objections? 17 Hearing none, the order is entered. 18 That concludes the Natural Gas portion of today's agenda. 19 20 Turning now to the telecommunications 21 item, Items T-1 and T-2 will be taken together. 22 These are competitive filings for Verizon North,

Inc., and Verizon South, Inc., for an increase in the 1 rate for Local Directory Assistance. 2 Staff recommends that the filings not be investigated. 3 4 Is there any discussion? 5 Any objections? Hearing none, the filings will not be б investigated. 7 Items T-3 through T-7 will be taken 8 These are tariff filings by Illinois Bell 9 together. 10 Telephone Company to revise competitive retail and noncompetitive wholesale services. Staff recommends 11 12 that these filings not be suspended or investigated. 13 Is there any discussion? 14 Any objections? 15 Hearing none, the filings will not be 16 suspended or investigated. 17 Items T-8 and T-9 will be taken These are applications for certificates of 18 together. interexchange authority to operate as resellers of 19 telecommunications services and to provide pay 20 21 telephone service. Administrative Law Judge Riley recommends entering the orders granting the 22

1 certificates.

2	Is there any discussion?
3	Any objections?
4	Hearing none, the orders are entered
5	granting the certificates.
6	Item T-10 is Docket 09-0402. The
7	Village of Grayslake, Illinois, petitions to modify
8	an existing 911 Emergency Telephone Numbering System.
9	Administrative Law Judge Hilliard recommends entering
10	the order approving the requests.
11	Is there any discussion?
12	Any objections?
13	Hearing none, the order is entered.
14	Item T-11 is Docket 09-0326. Verizon
15	North, Inc., and Verizon South, Inc., and New
16	Dimension Wireless Limited filed a joint petition for
17	approval of an interconnection agreement and later
18	moved to dismiss the current docket. Administrative
19	Law Judge Haloulos recommends that this matter be
20	dismissed without prejudice.
21	Is there any discussion?
22	Any objections?

1 Hearing none, the docket is dismissed 2 without prejudice. 3 Items T-12 through T-18 will be taken 4 together. These are interconnection agreements and 5 amendments to interconnection agreements. The Administrative Law Judges recommend entering the б orders approving their agreements and the amendments 7 8 to the agreements. 9 Is there any discussion? 10 Any objections? Hearing none, the orders are entered. 11 That concludes the telecommunications 12 13 portion of today's agenda. 14 Now turning to the Water and 15 Wastewater items, Item W-1 is a filing by 16 Illinois-American Water Company to establish public 17 fire protection rates. Staff recommends not

18 suspending the filing.

19 Is there any discussion?

20 Any objections?

21 Hearing none, the filing will not be

22 suspended.

1 Item W-2 is Docket 09-0133, Aqua Illinois, Inc., petitions for the issuance of a 2 certificate of public convenience and necessity to 3 4 operate a water distribution system in Kankakee 5 County. Administrative Law Judge Dolan recommends entering the order granting the petition. б Is there any discussion? 7 Any objections? 8 Hearing none, the order is entered. 9 10 Items W-3 and W-4 will be taken 11 together. These are purchased water reconciliations 12 for Del Mar Water Company and Harbor Ridge Utilities, 13 Inc. Administrative Law Judge Benn recommends 14 entering the orders approving the reconciliations. 15 Is there any discussion? 16 Any objections? 17 Hearing none, the orders are entered. Item W-5 is Docket 09-0203. This is a 18 19 billing dispute against Aqua Illinois, Inc. The 20 parties have settled. Administrative Law Judge 21 Kimbrel recommends dismissing the docket with 22 prejudice.

1	Is there any discussion?
2	Any objections?
3	Hearing none, the docket is dismissed
4	with prejudice.
5	Item W-6 is docket 09-0319. This is a
6	resuspension order for the Illinois-American Water
7	Company's proposed general rate increase in water and
8	wastewater rates.
9	Is there any discussion?
10	Any objection?
11	Hearing none, the resuspension order
12	is entered.
13	That concludes the portion of today's
14	Water and Wastewater portion of today's agenda.
15	We have one miscellaneous item. This
16	is Liberty's Third Annual Report and Final Report on
17	the Verification of Commonwealth Edison's progress to
18	implement commitment stemming from the 2005 Downers
19	Substation Fire Investigations. Staff recommends
20	acceptance of the reports.
21	Is there a motion to accept the
22	reports and have Staff post the reports on the

1 Commission website?

2	COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So moved.
3	CHAIRMAN BOX: Is there a second?
4	COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Second.
5	CHAIRMAN BOX: It's been moved and seconded.
6	All in favor say "aye."
7	COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Aye.
8	COMMISSIONER FORD: Aye.
9	COMMISSIONER ELLIOT: Aye.
10	CHAIRMAN BOX: Any opposed?
11	The vote is 4-0. The reports are
12	accepted and will be posted on the Commission
13	website.
14	Judge Wallace, anything else to come
15	before us today?
16	JUDGE WALLACE: No, sir.
17	CHAIRMAN BOX: My understanding is we have a
18	regular open meeting next Wednesday the 14th.
19	JUDGE WALLACE: Yes, that's correct.
20	CHAIRMAN BOX: And all matters that need to be
21	attended to between the 14th of October and I would
22	say the 14th of November should be on that particular

1	agenda. And I think we should remind the judges and
2	any other Staff if there's anything else we need to
3	do, it has to be done at that meeting next week.
4	Anything further?
5	The meeting stands adjourned.
6	(Whereupon, the meeting
7	concluded matters pertaining to
8	Public Utilities.)
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