

BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
Thursday, October 19, 2023  
Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 11:30 a.m. at  
160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:

MR. DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, Chairman  
MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner  
CONRAD REDDICK, Commissioner  
STACEY PARADIS, Commissioner  
ANN McCABE, Commissioner

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2                   any person may record an open meeting held by the  
3                   Commission. However, if any of the public commenters  
4                   today do not wish to be recorded, please say so before  
5                   you begin your comments and we'll ask all of the cameras  
6                   to turn off their cameras at that point. The Open  
7                   Meetings Act prescribes the Commission this authority,  
8                   and we'll ask those individuals recording to please  
9                   refrain from doing so while the person who has requested  
10                  to not be recorded is speaking.

11                  I would also like to make a quick comment to  
12                  those in the room and the public generally about the  
13                  timelines for the gas and electric rate cases before us.  
14                  Commission expects to vote, pending changes which can  
15                  happen, but we expect to vote on Nicor Gas rate case on  
16                  November 2nd, and on Peoples, North Shore, and Ameren,  
17                  Illinois Gas on November 16th, and on ComEd and Ameren,  
18                  Illinois Electric on December 14th.

19                  We have 10 requests to speak today from Mr.  
20                  Arnell Newman, Mr. Larry Ivory, Mr. Michael Siewal, Mr.  
21                  Brian Cohen, Mr. Bob Nowak, Mr. JC Kibbey, Ms. Courtney  
22                  Hanson, Ms. Veronica Michelle Johnson, Ms. Regina Simms

1 and Ms. Jordan Hamrick. Under 2 Illinois Administrative  
2 Code section 1700.1 any person desiring to address the  
3 Commission shall be allowed up to three minutes. Only  
4 one person may speak on behalf of any organization.

5 Please note that the Commission will not respond  
6 directly to your comments. We will hear from the  
7 speakers in the order I just listed. We will start with  
8 Mr. Newman. Are you in the room, Mr. Newman?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Arnell Newman? We have  
11 people in the overflow room too, so we'll check and see  
12 if Mr. Newman might be in there.

13 Second is Mr. Larry Ivory, Mr. Ivory, if you  
14 would please come to the -- to the podium. You'll have  
15 three minutes and there's a timer over to my right if  
16 you can see it there. So, it'll give you an idea, it'll  
17 start once you begin, but before the timer starts and  
18 before you begin, please spell your name for the court  
19 reporter.

20 MR. IVORY: Larry Ivory, L-A-R-R-Y, Ivory just  
21 like the soap; I-V-O-R-Y.

22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Go ahead sir.

1 MR. IVORY: To the Distinguished Commission,  
2 My name is Larry Ivory, I'm president and CEO of the  
3 Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce. And we  
4 believe in affordable, reliable, and efficient energy as  
5 an organization, we know that energy drives our economy,  
6 drives our businesses, but it also helps to power our  
7 communities and our families. And one of the things  
8 that we've been challenged by, all across the globe,  
9 because I serve at the national level with the National  
10 Black Chamber of Commerce as Chairman of the board in  
11 the US Chamber of Commerce. And one of the things that  
12 we've been grappling with is this whole issue of energy,  
13 in terms of energy efficiency, in terms of climate  
14 control issues that impacts our environment and things  
15 that can have a very negative impact upon our  
16 communities.

17 But affordability is a critical issue also,  
18 but reliability is equally as important. And when we  
19 take a look at the investments that utility companies  
20 and others have made in the infrastructure for  
21 reliability, one of the things that we're concerned with  
22 is that reliability is important from a number of

1 different perspectives. One, people want light and gas  
2 when they want it and when they want it, they want to be  
3 able to be sure that it's reliable and efficient. Now,  
4 some of our infrastructure, as most of us may know, or  
5 some of us may know, has been in the ground since 1850  
6 or even longer in some cases.

7 And so we have to make sure that until we find  
8 a different solution in terms of the four ways, I mean,  
9 the number of ways that we get energy. In reference to  
10 solar energy whether that be wind energy, whether it be  
11 nuclear energy, but fossil fuel fossil fuel is 75% of  
12 how we derive -- quite frankly, our energy that drives  
13 our economy. For some, who would want us to get rid of  
14 fossil fuel tomorrow, it's unrealistic. It would not be  
15 sustainable, it would cause an enormous impact upon our  
16 economy.

17 So what we ask is that, as from a business  
18 point of view and a community point of view, is that we  
19 find balance in our approach. In terms of not only  
20 being able to invest in infrastructure to create  
21 liability -- reliability, but also to invest with  
22 understanding that there's other forms of energies that

1 can be used; that can be beneficial, but that's going to  
2 take some time.

3 It's going to take a little bit more time to  
4 make that happen in more investments in the grid and  
5 everything else. So from a chamber perspective, we  
6 believe that affordable, reliable, efficient energy is  
7 important, and we think also at the same time that we  
8 have to allow companies to invest and get a return on  
9 investment within the timeframe that they have to  
10 invest. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, Mr. Ivory. Next,  
12 Mr. Michael Siewal, are you in the room, Mr. Siewal?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: How about Mr. Brian Cohen?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Okay. Mr. Bob Nowak, and  
17 again, you'll have -- you'll have three minutes. I'm --  
18 I'm -- I won't repeat it for every speaker, but again,  
19 if anybody doesn't want to be filmed, just let us know.  
20 And again, you'll have three minutes but first before  
21 the clock starts, please spell your name for the court  
22 reporter.

1 MR. NOWAK: Yeah, my name's Bob Nowak. It's  
2 B-O-B N-O-W-A-K. I thought I'd take a moment I  
3 appreciate the opportunity to come up here and speak on  
4 behalf of I'm director of operations at KS Energy  
5 Services. We're a prime contractor -- subcontractor for  
6 Peoples Gas. We do a lot of work with the  
7 infrastructure updating throughout the city of Chicago.  
8 We've got involved with the program back in  
9 2011, and I thought I'd take a moment just to speak of  
10 some of the impacts that it's made for our organization  
11 along with the communities that we're working in  
12 throughout the city. First off supplier diversity, It's  
13 one thing that, to our company has become of utmost  
14 importance. There's a standard that's put down by  
15 Peoples Gas that we are to have a certain requirement to  
16 seek out suppliers that are diverse. Minority owned  
17 businesses, small businesses, women-owned business.  
18 Since 2011, we've grown that program over and  
19 over the years. Right now I'm happy to report that  
20 although the metric is set at 20 percent, we've been  
21 able to get upwards of 37 percent supplier diversity in  
22 all the different various vendors and sub contractors

1       that we're using throughout the city on this program.  
2       So, I feel that's a big benefit as to some of the work  
3       that has taken place throughout this city by Peoples  
4       Gas. Another huge opportunity that we've been able to  
5       work on is our workforce development. A lot of the  
6       people that we work with working with our local union  
7       labor forces, local 02, local 150, 597. They all do a  
8       very good job of trying to hire within the communities  
9       that we're working. 80 percent of our workforce lives  
10      in the communities that we are currently working in.

11                So again, this is a big economic opportunity  
12      to keep the monies that's funded to a lot of these  
13      programs, getting funneled right into these  
14      neighborhoods. Helping to feed the diverse suppliers,  
15      subcontractors that are out there and giving the  
16      opportunity to keep going. And updating this  
17      infrastructure that we're working with. Some of these  
18      organizations that we've been able to support and  
19      participate with is N-O-E-I, C-M-S-D-C, F-W-C, Girls in  
20      the Game, and on and on.

21                There's many of these different organizations  
22      that are a part of our day-to-day business that we've



1 incorporated in and been supporting throughout this  
2 whole program. So again, I do appreciate the time that  
3 we've been given to get up here and just give a, a  
4 little bit of a contractor's perspective on what Peoples  
5 Gas is trying to accomplish by keeping this  
6 infrastructure updated, safe, and out there for the  
7 customer. So, appreciate it.

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you. Mr. Nowak. JC  
9 Kibbey, off to a good start there. If you could spell  
10 your name first for the court reporter, and then go  
11 right ahead.

12 MR. KIBBEY: My name is JC Kibbey, that's  
13 K-I-B-B-E-Y. Good morning Commissioners, Staff and  
14 fellow Chicagoans. Thank you for taking the time to be  
15 here and for giving me the opportunity to speak. As I  
16 said, my name is JC Kibbey. I'm the senior Illinois  
17 Energy Advocate with NRDC, the Natural Resources Defense  
18 Council. Methane gas utilities are cooking our planet,  
19 hurting our health, and draining our wallets. We can't  
20 afford to double down on a gas system that is  
21 unsustainable in every sense of the word, and we should  
22 start planning for the transition to clean heat and

1 clean buildings now.

2 Methane gas burned in buildings, as you may  
3 know, is one of the biggest causes of climate of the  
4 climate crisis. It makes up more than a fifth of our  
5 state's total emissions behind only electricity and  
6 transportation. The good news is that in 2023, we can  
7 cook our food and keep our buildings comfortable with  
8 all electric appliances like induction stoves and heat  
9 pumps; heat pumps are efficient, they cost less to  
10 operate than gas appliances, and they're affordable.  
11 Even more so thanks to new federal rebates and they work  
12 even in the coldest climates in places like Maine,  
13 Canada, and Norway.

14 The ongoing shift towards clean energy and  
15 buildings or clean heat should change how we think about  
16 the gas system and its future. Put this in context, Net  
17 Zero America project at Princeton University looked at  
18 several pathways to hit net zero emissions by 2050.  
19 This is what we must achieve to meet our commitments  
20 under the Paris Climate Agreement and avoid the worst  
21 impacts of climate change. In every case, The Princeton  
22 analysis found that meeting our climate goals will

1       require a massive shift towards electric appliances for  
2       water heating, space heating, and cooking, using  
3       electricity for 80 percent of these uses on the low end,  
4       and nearly 100 percent on the high end.

5               These findings suggest that the gas system, as  
6       we know it, is incompatible with a livable climate.  
7       That said, as others have said, the transition to clean  
8       heat will not happen overnight. It will take many, many  
9       years. To paraphrase president Obama, if you like your  
10      stove, you can keep it. But the planning for this  
11      transition must begin now. And many states have already  
12      started under names like building decarbonization and  
13      future of gas. I hope Illinois will join them. Our  
14      state is committed to the Paris climate targets. The  
15      market share is up for clean electric appliances and  
16      sales of heat pumps surpassed gas furnaces for the first  
17      time last year in the United States.

18             That was before the new federal incentives  
19      kicked in, and they are likely to shift the market even  
20      more. Taking all this together, we're watching a  
21      seismic shift in the politics and economics of heating  
22      and gas.

1 In that context, what is a reasonable and prudent  
2 investment in the gas system? What are the risks that  
3 assets proposed today will not be useful for as long as  
4 imagined and that they will become stranded? Spending  
5 rates and planning for our gas system must consider  
6 these questions.

7 So I urge you to factor the urgency of the  
8 climate crisis and the risk of stranded assets into your  
9 decision making; using every tool at your disposal.  
10 Like ordering transparent gas system planning, examining  
11 non-pipeline alternatives, and eliminating line  
12 extensions. The world is changing and our understanding  
13 about the gas system should change with it. If it  
14 doesn't, Illinoisans will pay the price. Thank you for  
15 your time.

16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you Mr. Kibbey. Ms.  
17 Hanson; Courtney Hanson, Hi.

18 MS. HANSON: Hi. Courtney Hanson,  
19 C-O-U-R-T-N-E-Y H-A-N-S-O-N. Good morning, like I said  
20 my name is Courtney Hanson, I'm a Peoples Gas customer  
21 and I'm also Deputy director of People for Community  
22 Recovery, a legacy environmental justice organization

1 working with low income and frontline communities in  
2 Peoples Gas territory for the last 40+ years. I want to  
3 thank the Commission for the opportunity to make a  
4 comment today on behalf of our membership, who's been  
5 actively advocating for utility affordability as a key  
6 pillar of environmental justice. As such, I'm here to  
7 request that the Commission deny Peoples Gas requested  
8 rate hike and increase to their fixed charge.

9 Right now, utility affordability is at crisis  
10 levels and our communities and fixed charges are part of  
11 what's driving it. The Peoples Gas fixed charge paired  
12 with a qualified infrastructure charge means that  
13 customers are paying almost \$50 a month before they even  
14 turn on their stove or furnace. These fixed charges  
15 harm and place a disproportionate burden on low usage  
16 customers who tend to be low income, and they also don't  
17 allow customers to utilize available energy efficiency  
18 incentives and conservation tactics to manage their  
19 bills. So families are left with very few choices as  
20 they're trying to make ends meet. Right now about one  
21 in five Peoples Gas customers are behind on their bills.

22 And unfortunately, this crisis in our

1 communities has become a cash cow for Peoples Gas. The  
2 company rakes in record profits year after year thanks  
3 to high fixed charges and ever increasing late fees for  
4 folks who are already struggling. Now, they want the  
5 largest rate hike in our state's history for gas  
6 utilities, and they want you to let them increase the  
7 fixed charges monthly. Instead, the Commission has an  
8 opportunity to promote a more just and equitable energy  
9 future. I urge the Commission to do everything you  
10 possibly can to reduce the rate hike here.

11 I know given the nature of rate cases and  
12 policy that some increase may be inevitable, but that's  
13 all the more reason to address fixed charges. Doing so  
14 will protect the most vulnerable customers, it'll also  
15 promote energy efficiency and conservation. And so I  
16 was happy to see that the proposed order doesn't include  
17 an increase to fix charges per the company's request,  
18 but I would urge you to consider going further and  
19 ordering that the charges be reduced. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you. Ms. Hanson.  
21 Veronica Michelle Johnson. If you could please spell  
22 your name and then you're welcome to start. Thank you.

1 MS. JOHNSON: V-E-R-O-N-I-C-A J-O-H-N-S-O-N,  
2 Johnson. Thank you Commissioners for the opportunity to  
3 speak this morning. I am Reverend Veronica Johnson,  
4 outreach director for Faith in Place, part of the  
5 Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition, a resident, and a pastor  
6 on the south side of Chicago; I'm a customer of Peoples  
7 Gas. Peoples Gas rates are unaffordable already for so  
8 many on the south and west sides of Chicago. The  
9 proposed rate hike will hit many families, even whole  
10 communities hard, and these communities are already  
11 suffering from generations of environmental and economic  
12 injustices. While the proposed order lowers the  
13 proposed rate hike from roughly \$400M to \$350M, that  
14 would still break the record gas utility rate hike by  
15 over \$100M.

16 On behalf of the significant portion  
17 of Chicagoans already in debt to Peoples Gas, I am  
18 asking you to do more to lower the magnitude of this  
19 rate hike. Consider the data from Peoples Gas September  
20 report to your Commission. Between 33 and 46 percent of  
21 households in the following neighborhoods are in arrears  
22 with Peoples Gas: Inglewood, West Garfield Park, South

1 Shore, Chatham, Auburn Gresham, Woodlawn, South Austin,  
2 Roseland, North Kenwood, and Grand Crossing, and that is  
3 only as of September; before most people even turn on  
4 their heat.

5 The average debt ranges from \$600 to  
6 \$1,000 per household, and this is at current rates.  
7 These families are being charged late fees, receiving  
8 disconnection notices, if they are not already  
9 disconnected. How can these families catch up with such  
10 debt? More importantly, what does this data tell us,  
11 not about these families, but about Peoples Gas. The  
12 data tells us that Peoples Gas rates are already too  
13 high for a portion of working families in our city.

14 This rate hike will not only hit  
15 these communities the hardest, but it will exacerbate  
16 their frustration and despair, and make it even more  
17 difficult to rise as other residents and companies like  
18 Peoples Gas flourish all around them. All of the  
19 people, the families, and organizations that I represent  
20 are asking you to lower the rate hike even more than is  
21 currently proposed. Peoples Gas has profited enough and  
22 millions of Chicago residents need relief. Thank you



1 for this opportunity.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you Reverend Johnson.  
3 Regina Simms -- Regina Simms. Please spell your name  
4 first and then your welcome to start.

5 MS. SIMMS: R-E-G-I-N-A S-I-M-M-S. My name is  
6 Regina Simms and I'm a parent leader with Power Pack  
7 Illinois, currently living in Justice, Illinois, but  
8 when I lived in Chicago, I was a People Gas customer for  
9 years. The cost of living in the city, including the  
10 gas bill, got so high that I moved to the suburbs to  
11 better afford housing; gas bills are too high all across  
12 the state. I have two sons and two sisters who live in  
13 Chicago and -- and are current Peoples Gas customers.  
14 One of my sons just had twin babies, the cost of daycare  
15 is too high, so I do what I can to help with childcare  
16 so that my son can work to be able to pay this gas bill;  
17 but it is so hard to get by.

18 Also, most of the CEJA offices have  
19 closed their -- were closed to me and my family, which  
20 has made it even harder to get help. I can't -- I can  
21 speak to -- I can speak for my family and families and  
22 in my community to say that gas prices is already to

1 high. Not only should gas bills not be raised, there  
2 also needs to be discount rates that applies to the  
3 whole bill for low income families. This can happen  
4 across -- this can help address the need that already  
5 exists in our communities. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, Ms. Simms. Jordan  
7 Hamrick, please spell your name and then you're welcome  
8 to start. Thank you.

9 MS. HAMRICK: Jordan Hamrick, Jordan;  
10 J-O-R-D-A-N, Hamrick; H-A-M-R-I-C-K. Good morning. My  
11 name is Jordan Hamrick. I'm utility watchdog organizer  
12 with Illinois PERG and I'm a Peoples Gas customer. I  
13 want to thank the Commission today for the opportunity  
14 to make a public comment. More than a decade, Peoples  
15 Gas has mismanaged its pipe replacement program. The  
16 program is failing to effectively mitigate safety risks  
17 and is causing widespread affordability problems.

18 Rather than pushing it down the road once  
19 again, the Commission should take immediate action in  
20 this Docket to reform this failing program and hold  
21 Peoples Gas accountable. Since quarterly reporting  
22 began in 2018, the pipe replacement program has been

1 behind schedule every single quarter; that's 22  
2 consecutive quarters. Also, the cost per mile of pipe  
3 retired has been over budget every year. The estimated  
4 cost of the program has grown from \$2B up to \$11B.

5 All the while, the program is a primary driver  
6 of the record rate hike request in six consecutive years  
7 of record profits for Peoples Gas. Multiple outside  
8 reviews of the program, including expert testimony in  
9 this Docket, I found that the pipe replacement program  
10 is failing to reduce safety risk in any proportion to  
11 the billions of dollars spent. This is important, old  
12 iron pipes in the Peoples Gas system do pose a safety  
13 risk. But Peoples Gas is a failing to effectively  
14 address that risk. The program must be reformed to more  
15 effectively prioritize risk reduction.

16 When the Commission last investigated the pipe  
17 replacement program in 2018, it took no action on the  
18 theory that the QIP law tied its hands. But the -- but  
19 then Chairman commented at the time that quote,  
20 "long-term annual costs that they have proposed will  
21 cause too great a burden for too many households in  
22 Chicago". He also commented that the QIP locks buyers,

1 "this program will revert to traditional rate cases  
2 where the ICC will have greater leverage". But rather  
3 than using this leverage, the proposed order takes no  
4 immediate action and instead directs Staff to produce a  
5 report within six months.

6 Multiple parties have proposed immediate  
7 actions that the Commission could take to start  
8 restoring oversight and accountability of this program.  
9 If the Commission does not like any of those options, it  
10 can and should use its own authority to enact immediate  
11 reforms. If left unchecked, Peoples Gas will continue  
12 to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on this program  
13 annually. Further driving up bills and making the  
14 transition to clean energy much more challenging. The  
15 executive chairman of WEC Energy Group, Peoples Gas  
16 parent company stated on a call with Wall Street  
17 investors that after the QIP law expires, quote, we  
18 would revert to basically annual rate cases".

19 At long last, the Commission has the  
20 opportunity to reform the failing pipe replacement  
21 program. And rather than pushing it down the road as  
22 the proposed order does, the Commission should restore

1       some level of oversight and accountability, now. Thank  
2       you for the opportunity to provide public comment today.

3                   CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you Ms. Hamrick.

4       I'm going to do a last call for the three folks that we  
5       called before. Darnell Newman, Darnell Newman in the  
6       room?

7                   (No audible response.)

8                   CHAIRMAN SCOTT: How about Michael Siewal?

9                   (No audible response.)

10                  CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Brian Cohen?

11                  (No audible response.)

12                  CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Going once. Going twice.

13                  (No audible response.)

14                  CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Okay. Thank you to all of  
15       our presenters today, I appreciate it. This concludes  
16       our request to speak.

17                  We will now move through our agenda.

18                  Moving on to the Public Utilities agenda.

19                  Starting with electric items.

20                  Item E1 concerns a proceeding to  
21       terminate a Certificate of Service Authority to operate  
22       as a retail electric supplier, agent, broker, and

1 consultant in Illinois. The order suspends the  
2 respondent's license for 90 days.

3 Are there any objections to approving the  
4 order?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the proceeding  
7 is dismissed. Excuse me. Hearing none, the order is  
8 approved.

9 Items E2-E4 concern applications for  
10 licenses to operate as retail electric agents, brokers  
11 and consultants in Illinois. The orders grant the  
12 licenses finding that the applicants meet the  
13 requirements.

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

16 (No verbal response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the orders are  
18 approved.

19 Items E5-E8 concern applications for  
20 certifications to install energy efficiency measures in  
21 Illinois. The orders grant their certificates finding  
22 that the applicants meet the requirements.

1                   Are there any objections to considering these  
2 items together and approving the orders?

3                   (No verbal response.)

4                   CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the orders are  
5 approved.

6                   Moving on to Gas items.

7                   Item G1 concerns request for oral argument in  
8 Docket 23-0067 which is Ameren Illinois Natural Gas'  
9 rate case. There are three requests from Ameren, the  
10 AG, and the Public Interest Organizations. The  
11 Commission is interested in hearing oral argument in the  
12 case and grants the requests in their entirety.

13                   Are there any objections to granting the  
14 request for oral argument?

15                   (No verbal response.)

16                   CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the requests  
17 are granted. A due notice of oral argument will be  
18 issued shortly.

19                   Item G2 concerns a petition from IDOT for  
20 approval of eminent domain to acquire certain properties  
21 owned by a public utility in McHenry County, Illinois.  
22 Parties have filed a joint motion to dismiss and request

1           that the Commission dismiss the proceeding with  
2           prejudice.

3                       Are there any objections to granting the  
4           motion and dismissing the proceeding with prejudice?

5                               (No verbal response.)

6                       CHAIRMAN SCOTT:   Hearing none, the motion is  
7           granted and the proceeding is dismissed with prejudice.

8                       Item G3 concerns a Petition by Liberty  
9           Utilities seeking a waiver from certain requirements of  
10          part 285 of the Commission's Rules.   Commission Staff  
11          does not object to the petition.

12                       Are there any objections to granting the  
13          waiver?

14                               (No verbal response.)

15                       CHAIRMAN SCOTT:   Hearing none, the waiver is  
16          granted.

17                       Moving on to our telecommunications items.

18                       Item T1 concerns a request for waiver of part  
19          736.555 of the Commission's rules.   The Petitioner has  
20          filed a Motion to Withdraw indicating that it intends to  
21          file an amended petition under a separate Docket.

22                       Are there any objections to granting the



1 motion?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion is  
4 granted.

5 Moving on to miscellaneous items.

6 Item M1 concerns the 12th annual update to the  
7 Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual for energy  
8 efficiency. The proposed version was developed by the  
9 technical reference manual administrator and the  
10 stakeholder participants. The Commission Staff  
11 recommends that the proceedings for its formal approval  
12 be conducted on an expedited basis so that it takes  
13 effect on January 1st, 2024. The order initiates the  
14 proceeding. Staff comments are due by October 26th,  
15 2023 and responses to those comments are due by November  
16 2nd, 2023.

17 Are there any objections to approving the  
18 order?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the order is  
21 approved.

22 Moving on to other business.

1                   Item 01 and 02 concern approval of batches,  
2                   contracts, and confirmations under the Illinois  
3                   Adjustable Block Program and Illinois Solar for All  
4                   program.

5                   Are there any objections to considering these  
6                   items together and to approving the program  
7                   administrator's submissions?

8                   (No verbal response.)

9                   CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the submissions  
10                  are approved.

11                  Item 03 concerns approval of the Commission  
12                  calendar for the year 2024.

13                  Are there any objections to approving the  
14                  calendar?

15                  (No verbal response.)

16                  CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the calendar is  
17                  approved.

18                  Item 04 concerns comments drafted by ICC staff  
19                  for submittal in FERC Docket ER 23-2977. These comments  
20                  indicate the Commission's support of MISO's proposed  
21                  reliability based demand curve.

22                  Are there any objections to approving the

1           comments?

2                                   (No verbal response.)

3                   CHAIRMAN SCOTT:   Hearing none, the comments  
4           are approved.

5                   This concludes our agenda.   Judge Teague  
6           Kingsley, do we have any other matters to come before  
7           the Commission today?

8                   JUDGE KINGSLEY:   No, Mr. Chairman.

9                   CHAIRMAN SCOTT:   Do the Commissioners have any  
10          other business to discuss?

11                                   (No verbal response.)

12                   CHAIRMAN SCOTT:   If there are no further  
13          comments and without objection, this meeting is  
14          adjourned.   Thank you.

15                                   (Which were all the proceedings had in  
16                                   the above-entitled cause on this date.)

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8 of report of proceedings so taken aforesaid.

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10 of the parties, and I have no financial interest in the  
11 outcome of this matter.

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