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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
REGULAR OPEN MEETING
PUBLIC UTILITY
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Chicago, Illinois

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

- PRESENT:
- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
 - ANN MCCABE, Commissioner
 - SHERINA E. MAYE EDWARDS, Commissioner
 - MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
 - JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner (via telephonically)
- SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
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2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. Are we ready to
3 proceed in Springfield?

4 MR. MATRISCH: Yes, we are, Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings
6 Act, I call the October 19, 2016 Special Open
7 Meeting to order.

8 Commissioners McCabe, del Valle, and
9 Edwards are present with me in Chicago. We have a
10 quorum. Commissioner Rosales is participating by
11 phone.

12 Commissioner Rosales, are you with us?

13 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I move to allow Commissioner
15 Rosales to participate by phone.

16 Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.

18 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 All in favor, say aye.

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 Opposed, say nay.

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(No response.)

The ayes have it and Commissioner Rosales is granted permission to participate by phone.

In public comments, we have a brief presentation from Peoples Gas. This was a presentation that we required but inadvertently was left off the agenda. We have Andy Hesselback.

Andy, are you here?

MR. HESSELBACH: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Please join us, and the floor is yours.

PRESENTATION

BY

MR. HESSELBACH:

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Andy Hesselbach and I'm the vice president for construction for Peoples Gas. Thank you for inviting me here today to give an update on the Peoples Gas Modernization Program, or SMP. Peoples Gas remains committed to modernizing its system by replacing aging infrastructure in the most efficient

1 manner possible.

2 In the pending proceeding regarding
3 SMP, scope, schedule and other issues, the
4 Commission directed Peoples Gas to file a
5 preliminary report by August 19th and monthly
6 reports.

7 Peoples Gas has filed those reports
8 and they are available on the Commission's website.
9 These reports provide the Commission and interested
10 parties with detailed information on our progress
11 to-date.

12 I'm pleased to report significant
13 progress in our first year of implementing the SMP
14 Program. We are on pace to complete 90 percent of
15 the work we have planned for 2016 and, in primary
16 categories of SMP, our increased efficiency is
17 reflected in our performance.

18 In addition to completing our work as
19 planned, we have made accomplishments that are not
20 reflected directly in the metrics. We have focused
21 this year on substantially growing and developing
22 our team, upgrading our processes, and improving our

1 contracts with vendors to better align with program
2 goals. These efforts will lead to greater cost
3 savings and efficiencies in the future.

4 We have worked extensively with the
5 City of Chicago to improve coordination and ensure
6 more detailed planning information. This has led to
7 better communication and allowed us to reduce the
8 need for permits and minimize disruption for our
9 customers.

10 Largely, as a result of completing the
11 work as planned, we have experienced dramatic
12 reduction in customer complaints. We have also
13 focused on customer satisfaction by implementing a
14 program called "We Care." Under that program every
15 customer who has interaction with Peoples Gas in the
16 field receives a call from one of our employees to
17 determine whether they were satisfied and identify
18 any areas for improvement.

19 As part of the We Care Program,
20 to-date Peoples Gas employees have made over 196,000
21 calls and spoken directly with over 90,000 customers
22 since the WEC acquisition.

1 In reviewing the reports, you will
2 have noticed that we are tracking to invest less
3 than our original 2016 plan. This is driven by
4 completion of work -- more work than we anticipated
5 in 2015, including work originally planned for 2016.

6 A portion of the work that was planned
7 to accommodate third parties was either cancelled or
8 deferred by those third parties.

9 Emergent work, which means previously
10 unannounced third-party work that emerges during the
11 construction season, did not materialize to historic
12 levels and cost to execute the work that was
13 performed was below budget.

14 You might ask why we didn't go ahead
15 and perform additional work in 2016 to catch our
16 spending up to our budget and made additional
17 progress for the program.

18 Actually some of the work we completed
19 this year was scheduled to be performed in 2017. We
20 will pull forward additional work -- move forward
21 where it makes sense to do so.

22 One challenge of pulling work forward

1 is the potential for compressed planning, for
2 example, the Chicago Department of Transportation,
3 Office of Underground Coordination Process. We
4 coordinate with 27 other entities. This year we
5 might have accelerated even more of our construction
6 work but our focus was more improving our internal
7 and contractor processes and procedures.

8 Also, highlighted in the report is an
9 area where we exceeded our budget. Our meter costs
10 were about 30 percent higher than budget. We
11 piloted a new approach to construction that reduced
12 construction time frames and allows us to switch our
13 meters out quicker and perform final restoration
14 more quickly for our customers.

15 Efforts to accelerate installation of
16 the meters improve the customer experience and we
17 fully expect these cost transfers as the new
18 processes are standardized.

19 I also want to give a bit of
20 background. The information on the SMP, which
21 you'll see reflected in the periodic reports,
22 includes four elements or sub-programs:

1 neighborhood replacement, public improvement/system
2 improvement, high-pressure installation, and
3 transmission upgrades.

4 A quick explanation of these four
5 elements: Neighborhood replacement work retires
6 natural gas facilities identified by state or
7 federal agencies as being prone to leakage. These
8 projects also involve relocating meters from inside
9 customers' homes or businesses to outside and
10 upgrading gas distribution systems from low pressure
11 to medium pressure.

12 Public improvement/system improvement
13 work is similar -- is somewhat similar to
14 neighborhood replacement work. The principal
15 difference from public improvement and system
16 improvement work is that Peoples Gas does not
17 typically control the scope or the schedule.

18 In most cases, Peoples Gas undertakes
19 these investments in response to third-party
20 requests to relocate or replace facilities due to
21 conflicts with public improvement projects or in
22 concert with working to address capacity or

1 reliability concerns.

2 The third category, high-pressure
3 installation projects, are investments needed to
4 support upgrading local pressure distribution
5 facilities to medium pressure.

6 High-pressure systems are the backbone
7 of the natural gas system. They are required to
8 provide adequate supply of natural gas to
9 newly-installed meter pressure systems.

10 Transmission upgrade work, as the name
11 suggests, are investments focused on natural gas
12 transmission.

13 The reports that we file today have
14 been organized by these four SMP categories and
15 include data for each. The data includes the number
16 of miles and cost of mains to install, the number of
17 miles and cost of mains retired, the number of cost
18 of services installed, the cost of restoration work,
19 and the number of costs of meters installed.

20 I wanted to note in the pending
21 evidentiary proceedings your staff and other parties
22 to the case just last week offered several

1 alternatives for Peoples Gas to include in reporting
2 SMP information.

3 The company is closely considering
4 these alternatives and will address it in rebuttal
5 testimony that will be filed this coming Monday and
6 whether those alternatives are feasible, whether the
7 information necessary to support such reporting is
8 available, and if they are likely to provide
9 meaningful and available insight to the program.

10 It's important to also point out that
11 some of the changes from budgets reflected in this
12 report highlight some of the difficulties in
13 reporting performance monthly.

14 There's a certain amount of lumpiness,
15 if you will. Analyzing data over a short period of
16 time often providing misleading positive or negative
17 trends that longer-term analysis would not
18 represent.

19 Ultimately you will decide what type
20 of information would be helpful in exercising the
21 Commission's oversight function of this important
22 program and how often you would like to receive it.

1 Peoples Gas remains committed to
2 modernizing its system throughout the City of
3 Chicago by replacing an aging infrastructure in a
4 most efficient manner and looking forward to working
5 with you and other stakeholders in this process.

6 So these are my prepared remarks. I
7 will be glad to answer any questions.

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any questions from
9 Commissioners?

10 (No response.)

11 Okay. Thank you.

12 We will, therefore, move into our
13 Public Utility agenda.

14 There are edits to the Minutes of the
15 September 22nd meeting. There are no edits to the
16 Minutes of our September 28th meeting.

17 Are there any objections to approving
18 the Minutes of those meetings?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Minutes are
21 approved.

22 Item E-1 concerns Ameren's Petition

1 for Approval of Its Peak Time Rebate Program.

2 Are there any objections to approving
3 the proposed Order continuing operation of the
4 program?

5 (No response.)

6 Hearing none, the Order's approved.

7 Item E-2 concerns the Attorney
8 General's Petition for Interlocutory Review
9 regarding Sperian Energy's alleged violation of the
10 Public Utilities Act.

11 I would like to entertain a motion to
12 grant the Attorney General's alternative request in
13 their petition and reverse the ALJ's decision to
14 direct Staff to repeal these allegations.

15 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: There's a motion and second.

18 Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 All in favor, say aye.

21 (No response.)

22 Opposed, say nay.

1 (No response.)

2 The ayes have it and the petition is
3 granted.

4 Items E-3 and 4 concern a Petition to
5 Cancel Certificates.

6 Are there any objections to
7 considering these items together and approving the
8 Orders cancelling the certificates?

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

11 Items 5 and 6 have been withdrawn from
12 the agenda.

13 Moving on to our Gas Agenda, Item G-1
14 concerns Initiating Rulemaking Proceedings and
15 Authorizing First Notice Period of the Amendment to
16 Part 590.

17 Are there any objections to entering
18 the proposed Order initiating rulemaking?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Order's approved.

21 Item G-2 concerns Nicor's
22 Reconciliation of Revenues.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the proposed Order approving reconciliation?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order's approved.

5 G-3 concerns North Shore and Peoples'
6 Petition for provisions of facilities and services
7 between the affiliates.

8 Are there any objections to approving
9 the proposed Order granting the petition?

10 (No response.)

11 Hearing none, the Order's approved.

12 Item G-4 concerns Champion Energy's
13 Petition to protect confidential information.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the proposed Order granting the petition?

16 (No response.)

17 Hearing none, the Order's approved.

18 Moving on to our Telecommunications
19 Agenda, Item T-1 concerns Universal Telephone's
20 petition for determination of the amount and form of
21 supplemental assistance to be provided by local
22 exchange telecommunications carriers.

1 Commissioner del Valle, I believe you
2 have a comment.

3 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

4 The Federal Lifeline Assistance
5 Program, which was started in 1985 under the Reagan
6 Administration and later expanded to provide
7 wireless service under the Bush administration in
8 2005, offers a discount to eligible low-income
9 consumers across America and helps to make basic
10 telephone service accessible to all.

11 In the docket before us we determine
12 the amount in the form of our statutory mandate
13 state supplemental program. We set the additional
14 assistance to eligible low-income subscribers at
15 \$35 per connection fee. We also reaffirmed the
16 \$90.25 Federal Lifeline Support.

17 As of December 31, 2015, approximately
18 428,539 Illinois customers will participate in the
19 Federal Lifeline Assistance Program. Out of this
20 total, approximately 417,447 were wireless Lifeline
21 customers and approximately 11,092 were lifeline
22 customers.

1 The continued viability of the state
2 program depends on voluntary contributions. The
3 administrator of the program promoted this program
4 in 2016 -- 2015 in various ways, including the
5 proclamation from the Governor's Office during
6 National Lifeline Awareness Week.

7 The program wants to increase
8 contributions and reach more eligible customers in
9 order to more widely share benefits of Lifeline and
10 our state supplemental assistance.

11 We have information available on the
12 ICC website in the consumer page through the
13 Universal Telephone Assistance Program link, and I
14 hope that the ICC will further enhance our web page
15 on this essential program, because I think it's
16 still a little hard to find our web page, so I'm
17 sure our folks will try to do a better job of
18 helping to provide potential customers with the
19 information they need in order to access this
20 essential service. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

22 Are there any further comments?

1 (No response.)

2 Any objections to approving the
3 proposed Order granting the petition?

4 (No response.)

5 Hearing none, the Order's approved.

6 Item T-2 concern Frontier North's
7 Application for Authorization to provide Video
8 Service.

9 Are there any objections to granting
10 the requested authorization?

11 (No response.)

12 Hearing none, the authorization is
13 granted.

14 Items T-3 through 7 concern various
15 petitions for withdrawn Cancellation of
16 Certificates.

17 Are there any objections to
18 considering these items together and approving the
19 proposed Orders Cancelling the Certificates?

20 (No response.)

21 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

22 We have one item on our agenda that

1 concerns a discussion of administrative matters, and
2 to take that up I will give the floor to our
3 executive director.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: Thank you,
5 Mr. Chairman.

6 In the past, the ICC has held
7 administrative meetings separate from the Regular
8 Open Meeting to have a discussion among the
9 Commission on issues that face the Commission, and
10 we haven't held Administrative Meetings in awhile.
11 I'm hoping to get back to having those more
12 regularly on issues that are important to the
13 Commission as they emerge and to have open and frank
14 discussions with some of the issues we face.

15 So in the past the format has been,
16 you know, kind of at the end of the Regular Open
17 Meeting in terms of different rooms and having a
18 discussion separate from the meetings; however, due
19 to the nature of that, both discussions being on the
20 record, we thought that it doesn't behoove us to
21 kind of move from room to room and so that we
22 thought putting it at the end of the regular meeting

1 and in front of crowds and not -- kind of changing
2 the format a little bit, so I hope to do a little
3 bit more of these in the coming weeks and as we move
4 forward to kind of reframe the process.

5 So if there are any thoughts on the
6 process moving forward, I would be more than happy
7 to hear them to try to make this as successful as
8 possible.

9 So for today, I thought we would kind
10 of kick it off with just a brief discussion on
11 something that we have been dealing with over the
12 past year in our budget situation and where we are
13 now versus where we are going next year.

14 So thanks to Jane Fields and her team
15 down in Springfield to try to give kind of a brief
16 snapshot of where we are with regard to our budget
17 and what happened with the stop-gap budget, and what
18 not, so I provided that to you yesterday, and if you
19 have any further questions that I didn't get to
20 today, I would be more than happy to work with Jane
21 and her team on any questions you may have.

22 So, first, I would be remiss if I

1 didn't start and thank Staff and the Commissioners
2 for dealing -- having a difficult situation last
3 year with regard to our budget and being very
4 flexible in how we operate, because of some of the
5 difficult places the state was in, and it affected
6 us, notwithstanding, because of our already
7 precarious budget situation to begin with but also
8 some of the new challenges that we face from
9 everything from travel requests to even, you know,
10 stamping envelopes.

11 I appreciate all that everybody was
12 flexible, and open, and helpful. We are trying to
13 find the best way to kind of get through difficult
14 situations, but first I would like to thank
15 everybody just made my job a lot easier and maybe
16 some of my other counterparts.

17 So, first, I just want to also talk
18 about the stop-gap budget that was passed on
19 June 30th. The stop-gap measure was delayed because
20 of the ICC non-GRF. We received our forward year
21 allocation from the GA, so we are in a good
22 operating position to get through this next fiscal

1 year.

2 So our head count though has moved.
3 It moved downward from about 21 percent to about 218
4 approved head count. Now many of those positions
5 were unfilled and some of those positions that were
6 removed positions that had not been filled for a
7 long time, so we were at around 275 when I came
8 April of last year, so about 40 or 50 positions
9 weren't filled and through the budget scenario and
10 other measures our head count through retirement and
11 other people leaving to go down where we are today
12 which is in the low 190s, but I just want to make
13 sure that we do have authorized funding forward to
14 218 and we are moving that way.

15 One of the things that we are putting
16 the majority of our focus on is our safety and our
17 personnel, via the police force, the pipeline safety
18 folks, the rail safety folks.

19 So, as of last year, and to give you
20 one example, we were -- after some staff movement,
21 we were as low as five people in our pipeline safety
22 program, so this year through, you know, some of the

1 efforts of our pipeline staff, we've maintained our
2 ability, and I think they have done a tremendous
3 job.

4 As recent as today, we have ten
5 pipeline personnel, so we have added five trainees
6 and others retire, so we are in a good position to
7 move forward this year to meet all of our
8 obligations.

9 So what we are, you know, continuing
10 to move forward with our HR team trying to fill
11 those critical vacancies we have. That includes
12 some of the slots of our police which have been
13 vacated and we are working to make sure that we can
14 move forward to get candidates and move through the
15 process as soon as possible.

16 With regard to where we are with the
17 kind of overall budget, as some of you know, and
18 some of you have seen that, we do have a transfer
19 issue that was passed and that money comes from the
20 IPA Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and I just want
21 to give you a brief kind of rundown of how that will
22 work.

1 What happens is you authorized up to
2 \$12 million to supplement the shortfall in our
3 budget, so how that will work is that we will run
4 through our normal operating -- we will operate the
5 same way we have using the money that comes into the
6 public utility funds, but what we'll do when we do
7 run out of funds is then we'll have to work to
8 authorize transfers and on a bases which we need,
9 so, therefore, we are going to have to have a couple
10 of hoops we have to jump through.

11 So I just want to kind of discuss some
12 of the things that OMB has made clear to a lot of
13 agencies, more so to us who have our receiving
14 transfers, that's to say that our spending will
15 remain essential in hiring. That's more of a safety
16 angle trying to make sure we keep fully staffed
17 there.

18 Out-of-state travel will be maintained
19 on a basis I think we've all become used to some of
20 the hurdles that we have had to deal with some of
21 that, although we do have a budget allocated for
22 some of those hoops we have to jump through. All

1 discussions will be maintained on a contractual
2 basis.

3 Travel will be closely monitored as
4 needed, if they are needed. So if you have any
5 discussions on some of those, I would be more than
6 happy to discuss that.

7 Just with regard to the larger core
8 budget, we are continuing discussions with the
9 legislative leaders and the Governor's Office trying
10 to come up with some solutions to this, so we don't
11 have to keep on going back and forth from other
12 agencies understanding it's becoming more difficult
13 as the budget for the entire state begins to look a
14 little better. So not withstanding that, I want to
15 briefly touch on where we are with regard to our
16 budget.

17 So this week we handed in our draft to
18 OMB to kind of show them what we see in a budget
19 request which they have requested from all state
20 agencies.

21 So in the coming weeks we are going to
22 sit down with the leadership and the Governor's

1 Office of Management and Budget to talk about our
2 budget and some of the challenges we have to kind of
3 come up with a road map for next year.

4 So some of the priorities which we are
5 looking to kind of move forward to, some of the
6 things that have kind of fallen by the way side over
7 the last few years that we have attempted to address
8 some of our high-priority projects.

9 I know I have talked to a lot of you
10 about the average age of our computers at the ICC,
11 8 to 10 years. We are hoping to be in a position to
12 address some of those high-priority issues, which
13 will be computers, some laptops, printers, and some
14 of that system.

15 The other thing we are going to
16 address next is possibly moving to a Cody System, so
17 that's going to be costly, but now it's possible I
18 think in a lot of ways to allow us to get our
19 voicemail back as soon as possible there, and there
20 are other projects that we are going to try to take
21 on, if there are funds available, such as making
22 sure to have a good connection between the hearing

1 rooms via Internet, possibly working out a Wi-Fi
2 system to coincide with that.

3 So other projects we will try to deal
4 with what we have. That includes some stuff to help
5 some of the business practices here, taking on
6 credit card payments and improving scanners to
7 improve our E-tariff system.

8 So we are going to try to make some
9 smart business decisions on some of the things to
10 make doing business here a little bit easier for not
11 only staff but also the stakeholders who work with
12 you.

13 So we have submitted a draft. We are
14 waiting to have discussions with OMB on that, so as
15 we move forward, we will keep you guys up-to-date on
16 those discussions.

17 So if there's any questions you have
18 with regard to kind of the administrative meeting
19 model, some of the suggestions on topics moving
20 forward, I will be more than happy to have those
21 discussions if you have any budget-related
22 questions. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

2 Any questions of Cholly?

3 Commissioner del Valle.

4 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, and I really
5 appreciated the opportunity yesterday to ask some
6 questions, and I just want to go over something we
7 did talk about yesterday and that is on the
8 authorized head count volume of 218. Our current
9 head count is at 194, so there are vacancies there
10 and our priority will be the safety-related
11 decisions.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Approximately what
14 percentage -- roughly percentage of the vacancies
15 that are safety-related?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: I actually can tell
17 you right now. I'm looking at other vacancies and
18 it's 9 to 10 that are safety-related and that be
19 from police chief, to assistant police chief, to a
20 few police officer positions, including railroad
21 safety inspectors, and environmental inspectors.

22 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: To improve railroad

1 safety --

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: In my mind, yes, and
3 we had discussions in the last year with regard to
4 making safety a priority. We have partnered with
5 OMB and the Governor's Office to work with us on
6 making safety a priority in hiring.

7 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: That's what I wanted to
8 hear, because that is a priority as far as I'm
9 concerned, and I think --

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: Exactly.

11 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: -- we should move as
12 quickly as possible so those don't drag out month
13 after month after month --

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: I don't want --

15 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: -- than it needs to be.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: Yes. I don't want
17 this to be used in a discussion about where our head
18 count ought to be, and understanding we do have some
19 hurdles with regard to some of the safety positions
20 in hiring, because in pipeline safety finding those
21 qualified folks is difficult.

22 We want to make sure as quick as, we

1 can because of the realities of what's going to
2 happen across the state, if any unfilled positions
3 could be potential targets to be removed from our
4 head count, and being where we've been in the last
5 year with our head count, I think we are pretty much
6 as far down as I like to see, any further becomes
7 difficult.

8 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: We certainly want to be
9 aggressive in finding qualified credentialed
10 applicants to keep the positions in the safety area.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: Yes, and I think all
12 the bureau chiefs and the HR team are all on the
13 same wave length here, so we are all in the same
14 place moving forward.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any other questions for
16 Cholly?

17 (No response.)

18 Thank you, Cholly.

19 Also, on our agenda under other
20 business is approval of our 2017 Calendar. I would
21 move that we adopt the calendar. Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 All those in favor, say aye.

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 Opposed, say nay.

6 (No response.)

7 The ayes have it.

8 Commissioner Edwards has some comments
9 regarding National Cyber Awareness Month.

10 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 October is National Cyber Security
13 Month's annual campaign to raise awareness about
14 cyber security. Since its inception, the leadership
15 of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the
16 National Cyber Alliance, National Cyber Security
17 Awareness Month is expedientially to consumers,
18 small and medium-size businesses, corporations,
19 educational institutions, and young people across
20 the nation.

21 2016 actually marked the thirteenth
22 year of the existence of the month. Recent

1 legislation, support from the White House, is a
2 popular discussion topic, and rightfully so, given
3 the Internet is in all aspects of our daily life and
4 we really do live in a world that's more connected
5 than ever before.

6 This year's campaign places an even
7 stronger focus on consumers since everyone and every
8 age is a consumer that needs to be aware of his or
9 her cyber safety.

10 Additionally, the focus of October
11 31st, the final day of Cyber Security Awareness
12 Month, will be on building a resilient critical new
13 system.

14 Now this is an area of cyber security
15 that's of particular importance, particularly of
16 interest to the ICC, as we all work together to
17 protect our nation's critical energy infrastructure
18 from cyber attacks.

19 This special recognition on the last
20 day of October will actually transition to critical
21 infrastructure security and resilience mode which
22 will begin in November.

1 So I'm hopefully we can continue to
2 work on cyber security at the ICC and continue to
3 partner with our utilities to ensure they're doing
4 what they need to do to increase their cyber
5 understanding. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

7 I should also note that this week is
8 Career and Energy Week, an important celebration of
9 energy career for students across the state and the
10 nation. The Illinois Commerce Commission is very
11 supportive of this initiative.

12 Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other
13 matters to come before us this morning?

14 JUDGE KIMBREL: No, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do any of you
16 have any issues you would like to raise before the
17 Commission today?

18 (No response.)

19 Seeing that we have none, without
20 objection, we stand adjourned. Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, the above
22 matter was adjourned.)