1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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5	BENCH SESSION
6	(PUBLIC UTILITY)
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8	Springfield, Illinois
9	Wednesday, October 20, 2010
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11	Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. in the
12	Audiovisual Room, Second Floor, Leland Building, 527
13	East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.
14	PRESENT:
15	MR. MANUEL FLORES, Acting Chairman
16	MS. LULA M. FORD, Commissioner (Via teleconference)
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18	MS. ERIN M. O'CONNELL-DIAZ, Commissioner (Via teleconference)
19	MR. SHERMAN J. ELLIOTT, Commissioner
20	MR. JOHN T. COLGAN, Acting Commissioner
21	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by Carla J. Boehl, Reporter
22	CSR #084-002710

1	PROCEEDINGS
2	ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Pursuant to the
3	provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, I now
4	convene a regularly scheduled Bench Session of the
5	Illinois Commerce Commission. With me in Springfield
6	are Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Colgan and
7	with us in Chicago are Commissioners Ford and
8	O'Connell-Diaz.
9	Good morning, Commissioners. I am
10	Acting Chairman Flores. We have a quorum.
11	Before moving into the agenda,
12	according to Section 1700.10 of the Illinois
13	Administrative Code, this is the time we allow for
14	members of the public to address the Commission.
15	Members of the public wishing to address the
16	Commission must notify the Chief Clerk's Office at
17	least 24 hours prior to the Bench Session. According
18	to the Chief Clerk's Office, we have no requests to
19	speak at today's Bench Session.
20	(The Transportation
21	portion of the proceedings
22	was held at this time and

- 1 is contained in a separate
- 2 transcript.)
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Turning now to the
- 4 Public Utility agenda, we will start with the
- 5 approval of minutes from the September 22 Bench
- 6 Session. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?
- 7 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So move.
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: I will second it.
- 9 It's been moved and seconded. All in favor say aye.
- 10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any opposed?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: The vote is 5-0
- 14 approving the minutes for September 22.
- Beginning with the Electric agenda,
- 16 Items E-1 through E-3 (08-0336, 08-0337, 08-0338) may
- 17 be taken together. These items concern petitions for
- 18 special permission for tariff revisions filed back in
- 19 2008 by the Ameren Illinois Utilities. Motions for
- 20 Withdrawal had been made in 2008 and Administrative
- 21 Law Judge Wallace recommends that we formally grant
- 22 those Motions for Withdrawal to finally close these

- 1 dockets.
- 2 I will make a motion to grant these
- 3 Motions to Withdraw the petitions. Is there a
- 4 second?
- 5 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: It's been moved and
- 7 seconded. All in favor say aye.
- 8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any opposed?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: The vote is 5-0 and
- 12 the Motions to Withdraw are granted, thus closing
- 13 these dockets and hopefully helping to clean up the
- 14 Commission's e-Docket system.
- We will use this 5-0 vote for the
- 16 remainder of the Public Utility agenda unless
- 17 otherwise noted.
- 18 Item E-4 is Docket Number 09-0575.
- 19 This concerns a complaint by Anthony James Grason
- 20 against AmerenIP concerning billing and charges.
- 21 Administrative Law Judge Tapia recommends entry of an
- 22 Order denying the complaint due to the lack of

- 1 evidence presented by the complainant.
- Is there any discussion?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 7 Order is entered and the complaint is denied.
- Item E-5 is Docket Number 10-0285.
- 9 This item concerns a petition by Prospect Resources
- 10 for the protection of confidential and/or proprietary
- information contained in the company's Annual
- 12 Recertification Report. Administrative Law Judge
- 13 Teague recommends entry of an Order granting the
- 14 relief requested for a period of two years.
- 15 Is there any discussion?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 20 Order is entered.
- Item E-6 is Docket Number 10-0426.
- 22 This item concern a complaint as to billing and

- 1 charges by April Stone against ComEd. Administrative
- 2 Law Judge Riley recommends entry of an Order
- 3 dismissing the complaint without prejudice for want
- 4 of prosecution.
- 5 Is there any discussion?
- 6 (No response.)
- 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 8 (No response.)
- 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 10 complaint is dismissed.
- Item E-7 is Docket Number 10-0529.
- 12 This item concerns a petition by Hudson Energy
- 13 Services for the protection of confidential and/or
- 14 proprietary information contained in the company's
- 15 RPS Compliance Report. Administrative Law Judge
- 16 Albers recommends entry of an Order granting the
- 17 relief requested for a period of two years.
- 18 Is there any discussion?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the

- 1 Order is entered.
- 2 Item E-8 is Docket Number 10-0539.
- 3 This item concerns a petition by ComEd under Section
- 4 7-101 of the Public Utilities Act to enter into a
- 5 credit agreement with Seaway Bank and Trust, an
- 6 affiliated interest. Administrative Law Judge Haynes
- 7 recommends entry of an Order approving ComEd's
- 8 petition.
- 9 Is there any discussion?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 14 Order is entered and the petition is approved.
- Item E-9 is Docket Number 10-0547.
- 16 This item concerns AmerenIP's petition for approval
- of an electric supplier customer release allowing for
- 18 the City of Peru to serve a property in AmerenIP's
- 19 service territory. Administrative Law Judge Jones
- 20 recommends entry of an Order granting the requested
- 21 relief.
- Is there any discussion?

- 1 (No response.)
- 2 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 5 Order is entered and the release is granted.
- Item E-10 is Docket Number 10-0563.
- 7 This is the IPA Procurement Plan docket and at our
- 8 last Bench Session the Commission determined that a
- 9 hearing was not necessary to resolve any issues
- 10 associated with IPA's proposed plan. Today we are
- 11 now faced with an Emergency Motion for
- 12 Reconsideration of that decision brought by Iberdrola
- and joined by Duke Energy. Administrative Law Judge
- 14 Albers recommends that the Commission deny the
- 15 emergency motion.
- Any discussion?
- JUDGE ALBERS: Mr. Chairman, if I can just add,
- 18 since this memo was prepared, ComEd and IPA filed
- 19 responses to the motion urging the Commission to deny
- 20 the motion.
- 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Very well. Any
- 22 other -- any discussion?

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                                (No response.)
           ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any other questions
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     for Administrative Law Judge Albers?
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           ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Very well. Any
     objections?
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           ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Very well. Hearing
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     none, the Motion for Reconsideration is denied.
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                    Thank you, Your Honor.
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                    Turning to Gas items, the Natural Gas
     Item G-1 (10-0609) concerns a proposed citation
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     against Shawneetown regarding the alleged operation
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     of a municipal gas system in violation of federal
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     rules as incorporated by the Commission in Part 520
     of Title 83 of the Illinois Administrative Code.
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     Staff recommends entry of an Order initiating the
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     citation proceeding.
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                    Is there any discussion?
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                                (No response.)
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           ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
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                                (No response.)
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- 1 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 2 Order is entered.
- 3 Items G-2 and G-3 (10-0573, 10-0574)
- 4 will be taken together. These items concern
- 5 petitions by Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas for
- 6 special permission for rate schedule revisions
- 7 surrounding the Rider EEP for the utilities' energy
- 8 efficiency programs. Staff recommends that we allow
- 9 the companies' proposal by granting the request for
- 10 special permission.
- Is there any discussion?
- 12 (No response.)
- ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 16 requests for special permission are granted.
- 17 Item G-4 is Docket Number 09-0166 and
- 18 09-0167 Consolidated. This is the Peoples and North
- 19 Shore Gas Companies' rate case filed back in 2009,
- 20 and before us today is a motion by the Attorney
- 21 General's Office for a stay of the companies' Rider
- 22 ICR for infrastructure cost recovery. Administrative

- 1 Law Judge Haynes recommends that the Commission deny
- 2 the motion for a stay.
- 3 Any discussion?
- 4 COMMISSIONER FORD: Chairman?
- 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 COMMISSIONER FORD: Before I make my statement,
- 7 I would like for the Judge to brief us on this.
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Your Honor?
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: As the Commission knows, this
- 10 Rider ICR is on appeal and the Attorney General's
- 11 Office has asked that the Commission put a stay on
- 12 the Order which approved the companies' Rider ICR.
- 13 And I recommend that that stay -- that the Commission
- 14 not grant the stay. Rider ICR the Commission
- approved because of the safety concerns with the age
- of the companies' mains that were at issue here, and
- 17 the rider allows the Commission to require the
- 18 companies to expedite the replacement of those mains.
- 19 And so I think that because the
- 20 Commission found those safety concerns, that the
- 21 company should go ahead with the expedited schedule
- 22 of this replacement that the rider allows them to do.

- 1 COMMISSIONER FORD: Because initially the
- 2 replacement was going to take 50 years, and in our
- 3 motion we asked that it be expedited to 20 years.
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER FORD: And I totally agree with
- 6 everything that you have put into it, your brief, as
- 7 sitting on the National Pipeline Safety Board. This
- 8 is something that would cause irreparable harm to the
- 9 citizens who live in the great city of Chicago. So I
- 10 do thank you for this Order.
- 11 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: If I might, I
- 12 would just like to read a little something here for
- 13 everyone's edification. This is from the National
- 14 Transportation Safety Board.
- "On September 9, 2010, at
- 16 approximately 6:11 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, a
- 17 30-inch diameter natural gas transmission line, Line
- 18 132, owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric
- 19 Company (PG&E) ruptured in a residential area in San
- 20 Bruno, California. On September 10 the NTSB launched
- 21 a team to California to investigate this tragedy.
- 22 Vice Chairman Christopher Hart was the NTSB member on

- 1 the team. (Static) It occurred near milepost
- 2 (Static) 39B of Earl Avenue and Glenwood Drive.
- 3 (Static) Approximately 47.6 million standard cubic
- 4 feet of natural gas was released from this rupture.
- 5 The rupture created a crater approximately 72 feet
- 6 long by 26 feet wide. A pipe segment approximately
- 7 28 feet long was found about 100 feet away from the
- 8 crater. The released natural gas was ignited
- 9 sometime after the rupture. The resulting fire
- 10 destroyed 37 homes, damaged 18, (Static) eight people
- 11 were killed, numerous individuals were injured and
- many more were evacuated from the area."
- The pipe in this incident was put in
- 14 the ground in 1956. The evidence in the record in
- our case showed us that some of the pipes in our city
- are 100 and maybe even more than 100 years old. I
- 17 think this is the ultimate irreparable damage.
- 18 What we are talking about here in this
- 19 case is recovery of money and it is a timing issue.
- 20 Either it, as Commissioner Ford said, would be on a
- 21 50-year program or a 20-year program. I wish it
- 22 could be on a 10-year program. But it is going to be

- on this program that we have initiated pursuant to
- 2 this rider. The rider allows only those costs that
- 3 are determined to be prudent in a prudency hearing
- 4 that we have every year before anybody pays one cent
- 5 towards the infrastructure improvements that are --
- 6 they are just mandated by what we have seen happen in
- 7 California. So I find it extremely, extremely
- 8 disturbing to the public that we would have something
- 9 like this come before us on such a critical safety
- 10 issue.
- And I would like to thank our staff.
- 12 I know that Mr. Stoller testified in the proceeding
- 13 that it was -- we needed to get moving on this
- 14 quickly and that the system that was in Chicago was
- 15 antiquated. And the Commission has fought long and
- 16 hard about this issue and tried to do it in a way
- 17 that is responsible but realizing that we are sitting
- on a potential safety nightmare.
- So I would like to thank Judge Haynes
- 20 for stepping us through this motion that was filed by
- 21 our chief legal officer. And safety outweighs
- 22 anything here. So I just -- I am just appalled by

- 1 the filing of this. Thank you.
- 2 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any further
- 3 discussion?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Objections?
- (No response.).
- 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Very well. Thank you,
- 8 Commissioners. Hearing none, the Motion for a stay
- 9 is denied.
- 10 Items G-5 and G-6 (09-0386, 10-0318)
- 11 can be taken together. These items concern
- 12 complaints by Betty Hudson and Tracye Brogden
- 13 regarding billing and/or charges against Peoples Gas.
- 14 In each case the parties have apparently resolved
- 15 their differences and now bring Joint Motions to
- 16 Dismiss which the Administrative Law Judges recommend
- 17 that we grant.
- 18 Is there any discussion?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the

- 1 Joint Motions to Dismiss are granted.
- 2 Item G-7 is Docket Number 10-0391.
- 3 This item concerns a complaint as to billing and/or
- 4 charges brought by Michael Cornell against Nicor.
- 5 Administrative Law Judge Teague recommends entry of
- 6 an Order dismissing the complaint without prejudice
- 7 for want of prosecution.
- 8 Is there any discussion?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 13 Order is entered and the docket is dismissed.
- 14 Items G-8 and G-9 (10-0427, 10-0491)
- 15 can be taken together. These items concern
- 16 complaints by Julie Halbower against Nicor and by
- 17 Sandra Lawrence-Brogren and Valencia Condo
- 18 Association against Peoples Gas. In each case the
- 19 parties have resolved their differences and now bring
- 20 Joint Motions to Dismiss which Administrative Law
- 21 Judge Kimbrel recommends we grant.
- Is there any discussion?

- 1 (No response.) 2 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections? 3 (No response.) 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the Joint Motions to Dismiss are granted. 5 Moving on to the Telecommunications 6 part of the agenda, Item T-1 is Docket Number 7 06-0602. This item concerns Mobilitie's application 8 9 for a Certificate of Local Authority to operate as a 10 facilities-based carrier of telecommunication 11 services in Chicago. The company had filed a Motion to Withdraw back in 2007, and Administrative Law 12 13 Judge Riley recommends that the Commission act to 14 dismiss the docket so that our e-Docket system 15 properly reflects this docket as closed. Is there any discussion? 16 17 (No response.)
- 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 21 docket is dismissed.
- Item T-2 is Docket Number 10-0451.

- 1 This item concern an application by Central Scott
- 2 Technologies seeking a Certificate of Local Exchange
- 3 Authority, a Certificate of Service Authority and a
- 4 Certificate of Interexchange Service Authority for
- 5 its operations within the state of Illinois.
- 6 Administrative Law Judge Teague recommends that the
- 7 Commission enter an Order granting the certificates.
- 8 Is there any discussion?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- Order is entered and the certificates are granted.
- 14 Item T-3 is Docket Number 10-0526.
- 15 This item concerns an application by Clear Wireless
- 16 for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a
- 17 reseller of wireless telecommunication services
- 18 throughout Illinois. Administrative Law Judge Riley
- 19 recommends that the Commission enter an Order
- 20 granting the certificate.
- Is there any discussion?
- 22 (No response.)

- 1 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 2 (No response.)
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 4 Order is entered and the certificate is granted.
- 5 Item T-4 is Docket Number 10-0545.
- 6 This item concerns an application by UPNI Merger Sub,
- 7 LLC, seeking a Certificate of Interexchange Service
- 8 Authority, a Certificate of Service Authority and a
- 9 Certificate of Exchange Service Authority and seeking
- 10 cancellation of the same certificates issued to Unite
- 11 Private Networks-Illinois, LLC, in Docket Number
- 12 05-0302. Administrative Law Judge Riley recommends
- 13 that the Commission enter an Order granting the
- 14 requested relief.
- 15 Is there any discussion?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 20 Order is entered.
- Item T-5 is Docket Number 10-0330.
- 22 This item concerns a complaint as to billing and/or

- 1 charges by Mannan Abdul against Cbeyond
- 2 Communications. The parties have resolved their
- 3 differences and now bring a Joint Motion to Dismiss
- 4 which Administrative Law Judge Haynes recommends that
- 5 we grant.
- Is there any discussion?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 11 Joint Motion to Dismiss is granted.
- 12 Items T-6 and T-7 (10-0479, 10-0480)
- 13 can be taken together. These items concern petitions
- 14 by Cellular Properties and the Illinois Valley
- 15 Cellular RSA 2-I and RSA 2-II Partnership to protect
- 16 against the disclosure of confidential and/or
- 17 proprietary information in their annual reports. In
- 18 each case Administrative Law Judge Teague recommends
- 19 entry of an Order granting the requested relief for a
- 20 period of two years.
- Is there any discussion?
- 22 (No response.)

- 1 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 2 (No response.)
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 4 Orders are entered and the requested relief is
- 5 granted for two years.
- 6 Moving on to the Water and Sewer
- 7 portion of today's agenda, Item W-1 is Docket Number
- 8 10-0204. This item concerns Del-Mar Water Company's
- 9 petition pursuant to Section 9-220.2 of the Public
- 10 Utilities Act and Part 200 of the Administrative Code
- 11 for approval of its reconciliation of purchased
- 12 sewage treatment with actual costs. The
- 13 Administrative Law Judge recommends entry of an Order
- 14 approving the reconciliation.
- 15 Is there any discussion?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 20 Order is entered and the reconciliation is approved.
- Item W-2 is Docket Number 10-0215.
- 22 This item concerns Apple Canyon's petition for the

- 1 issuance of a certificate to provide service to a
- 2 parcel of land that is a cite for a proposed fire
- 3 station in unincorporated Jo-Daviess County.
- 4 Administrative Law Judge Kimbrel recommends that the
- 5 Commission enter an Order approving the contract
- 6 between the company and the fire protection district
- 7 and granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and
- 8 Necessity for the provision of water service.
- 9 Is there any discussion?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 14 Order is entered and the request for relief is
- 15 granted.
- We have a couple of miscellaneous
- 17 matters. Item M-1 (10-0610) concerns a resolution
- 18 for the re-appointment of representatives of
- 19 utilities and municipalities to the Underground
- 20 Damage Prevention Advisory Committee. The resolution
- 21 calls for Mr. Ted Anderson to be reappointed as a
- 22 utility representative and Mr. Michael Reynolds to be

- 1 reappointed as a municipality representative. Staff
- 2 recommends that the Commission adopt this resolution.
- Is there any discussion?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 6 (No response.)
- 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
- 8 resolution is adopted.
- 9 Item M-2 is Docket Number 09-0511.
- 10 This docket concerns a rulemaking regarding revisions
- 11 to Part 200.520 of Title 83 of the Illinois
- 12 Administrative Code concerning interlocutory review.
- 13 The first notice period with respect to this
- 14 rulemaking has expired and Administrative Law Judge
- Dolan recommends that the Commission enter a Second
- 16 Notice Order allowing for second notice of the
- 17 proposed amendment to be shared with the Joint
- 18 Committee on Administrative Rules.
- 19 Is there any discussion?
- (No response.)
- 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?
- 22 (No response.)

1	ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the
2	Second Notice Order is entered.
3	Judge Wallace, are there any other
4	matters to come before the Commission today, sir?
5	JUDGE WALLACE: Not today, Mr. Chairman.
6	ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Thank you very much.
7	And hearing none, this meeting stands adjourned.
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