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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN MEETING
Thursday, November 17, 2022
Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice via videoconference at
11:30 AM at 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago,
Illinois.

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman (via Chicago office)
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner (via Chicago office)
- MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner (via Springfield office)
- ANN MCCABE, Commissioner (via Chicago office)

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1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Under the Open Meetings Act, I
2 call the November 17th, 2022, regular meeting to order
3 Commissioner Carrigan is in Springfield. Commissioners
4 Kimbrel and McCabe are with me in Chicago. We have a
5 quorum. We have no requests to speak.

6 Before we proceed with the rest of the
7 agenda, we have two reports that we will hear first.

8 Item O-1 is our -- on our agenda
9 concerns a report by the chief executive officer of
10 Southern Company Gas, Ms. Kimberly Green, and the
11 president of Nicor Gas, Mr. Wendell Dallas, in
12 compliance with Docket No. 15-0558. Docket No. 15-0558
13 concerns the reorganization of Nicor Gas into Southern
14 Company. If there are no objections for logistical
15 reasons, we will hear this item first.

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Hearing no objection, Ms. Greene and
18 Mr. Dallas, please proceed.

19 MS. GREENE: Well, good morning, Chairman and
20 Commissioners. It's great to be back in front of you
21 to deliver our annual update.

22 I'm pleased to report that since the

1 closing of the AGL resources merger with Southern
2 Company in 2016, we continue to meet our regulatory
3 compliance conditions and merger conditions with all --
4 as well as all local state and federal regulatory
5 requirements with no issues to report. We continue to
6 provide clean, safe, reliable, resilient and affordable
7 natural gas service to our Illinois customers, and
8 that -- certainly that service is what they expect and
9 deserve.

10 The safety and well being of our
11 employees, customers, and communities remains our chief
12 focus. We continue to improve our pipeline safety
13 management system through the implementation of
14 programs such as continuous learning from operational
15 issues, corrective action programs, change management
16 and new technologies. We also continue to meet the
17 ever-evolving PHMSA regulatory requirements as part of
18 our investments.

19 With respect to employment, we have met
20 or exceeded all required employment thresholds: Total
21 employment, safety related positions and executive
22 management, and will continue to do so. Our

1 substantial infrastructure programs underway in
2 Illinois create an ongoing need for not only internal
3 skilled labor in corporate staff within Nicor Gas, but
4 also for external resources provided by our labor
5 partners. Nicor Gas is a leader within Illinois
6 regarding performance related to supplier diversity,
7 and we share best practices throughout the Southern
8 Company family.

9 As recorded in previous years, the
10 merger has not negatively impacted Nicor Gas' cost of
11 capital. In fact, the credit rating agencies have
12 consistently noted the benefit Nicor Gas receives by
13 being part of the Southern Company family. This
14 Commission's consistent support for Nicor Gas' credit
15 quality through a resilient capital structure has
16 underpinned the Company's ability to reliably serve
17 it's 2.3 million customers while maintaining robust
18 access to the capital markets at low cost for customers
19 even in challenging operational and economic
20 conditions.

21 We also continue to meet or exceed our
22 community commitments by contributing more than \$2.7

1 million annually to organizations within our
2 communities, funding, partnering with, and volunteering
3 to support a wide range of organizations. And that
4 commitment continues to grow with new partnerships and
5 alliances that Wendell will speak more about next.

6 In closing, the safety of our
7 customers, our communities and our employees remain my
8 top concern. Coupled with a strong focus on customers
9 service and a constructive regulatory environment, we
10 look forward continuing to provide efficient and
11 effective natural gas service to our Illinois customers
12 in the years ahead. The full details of our merger
13 conditions compliance will be provided to the ICC
14 before year end, and I'll add that since the merger, we
15 continue to demonstrate a strong track record of
16 successful operation under the relevant conditions set
17 forth, and we will for many years to come. Again,
18 thank you for your time today, and I'll turn it over to
19 Wendell.

20 MR. DALLAS: Thank you, Kim, and good morning,
21 Chairman and Commissioners. I'm pleased to be here for
22 the first time delivering the CEO update to the ICC on

1 behalf of Nicor Gas.

2 I'm -- being here I'm so impressed with
3 our employees and the critical services they provide to
4 our customers. Well, first and foremost, Nicor Gas
5 continues to meet and exceed the merger requirements.
6 We provide safe and reliable service to our customers,
7 grow our workforce, and remain a citizen where we
8 serve.

9 Inflation is a reality affecting
10 everyone right now, but this isn't something unique to
11 Nicor Gas customers. Rising natural gas costs are
12 being felt across Illinois, nationally, and globally.
13 The gas supply charge customers pay for natural gas
14 delivered by Nicor Gas has typically comprised 50 to 60
15 percent of the average residential customer's bill.
16 However, rising commodity cost have pushed that balance
17 almost 80 percent this year.

18 The Company makes no profit on the sale
19 of gas itself and continues to manage its purchase of
20 gas to get the best price available for our customers.
21 Last year, we directed more than \$47 million in energy
22 assistance through various local, federal, and the

1 Company's sharing in energy aid programs that provided
2 income qualifying households with monetary relief on
3 their natural gas bills. This year, our shareholders
4 through the Nicor Gas foundation will contribute almost
5 \$1 million to support education, social justice, arts
6 and education, and community initiatives in our service
7 territory.

8 And at the end of last year, Nicor Gas
9 expanded its partnership with the Salvation Army
10 through a 5 million dollar shareholder contribution to
11 create the Shield of Caring. And the Shield of Caring
12 is to help with families with energy assistance and
13 support with basic needs. And what makes this program
14 so special is that it offers bill payment assistance to
15 eligible residential customers in need by expanding
16 eligibility beyond current low-income thresholds and
17 allowing for income self certification to get help to
18 our customers as quickly as possible.

19 In its first year, Shield of Caring
20 distributed \$1.75 million of funds, supporting
21 approximately 8,000 families with bill payment
22 assistance, and 9,500 families received basic needs

1 support, including warm winter coats, food boxes, and
2 emergency disaster services. We expect that the 5
3 million dollar contribution will help more than 57,000
4 families in need.

5 The Northern Illinois Community
6 Initiatives, NICI, was founded through \$20 million in
7 shareholder funds in 2021 to deepen our commitment to
8 underserved communities. Our target service area
9 includes communities in Northern Illinois outside of
10 the City of Chicago that do not have access to the
11 resources available through the City's public and
12 nonprofit organizational network. In 2022, NICI has
13 granted 300,000 to initiatives focused on community
14 stabilization, economic development and support for
15 minority and women entrepreneurs.

16 Additionally, the Company's community
17 connection center, C3, is a new resource to help
18 connect our customers with energy assistant payment
19 options and other basic needs. C3 was created in
20 response to increased customer request for assistance
21 and provides more detailed, personalized access to
22 resources for both their monthly utility bill payments

1 and other basic needs, such as food and housing.

2 Safety remains a top priority to Nicor
3 Gas; both the safe delivery of natural gas to our
4 customers in the communities we serve, as well as the
5 safety of our employees. We safely and reliably
6 deliver 4.6 billion therms annually through 34,000
7 miles of pipe that we build, modernized, and maintain.
8 Even on the coldest days of the year, our customers
9 have reliable and safe natural gas service. And a good
10 example of this is during the 2019 polar vortex, Nicor
11 Gas delivered more than 4.8 billion cubic feet of
12 natural gas, and our customers never went without
13 natural gas to heat their homes or sustain their
14 businesses.

15 Our qualified infrastructure program,
16 Investing in Illinois, has been a cornerstone to our
17 success in safety and reliability by allowing us to
18 accelerate the modernization of our natural gas
19 infrastructure. By the end of 2022, we expect to
20 replace approximately a 120 miles of natural gas main,
21 and 12,500 natural gas service lines. This work
22 consists of about 75 projects in about 75 communities,

1 employing over 1,300 labor employees.

2 Nicor Gas continues to face new and
3 ongoing challenges together with our customers in our
4 communities. We remain focused on supporting our
5 customers through these financially challenging times
6 and continue to balance our investments to ensure
7 safety and reliability, environmental progress, and
8 fueling equity in our community and workforce. Thank
9 you, Chairman and Commissioner, for your time. Kim and
10 I are happy to address any questions you may have now
11 or following our time together today.

12 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Ms. Greene and Mr.
13 Dallas. We appreciate you being here in person today.
14 I'll open up to questions if Commissioners have them.

15 COMMISSIONER MCCABE: Could you speak a little
16 more about how you've expanded assistance to customers
17 through eligibility and in other ways?

18 MR. DALLAS: Anne, I think you might be referring
19 to our C3, our community connection center. Well, what
20 we've done there is, based upon the what we're hearing
21 from customers, we understand it's a challenge how to
22 navigate in terms of how to access the resources

1 available to them. And so our team is really making
2 sure that when customers call in for assistance, we
3 look at all the elements that are available to them,
4 whether it's our programs or the programs that are
5 through the local federal level.

6 But it -- what we've done is we've made
7 sure that that need -- making them feel comfortable,
8 being able to change how we provide that information to
9 them, whether it's through our -- through the
10 technology, through the internet, the people on the
11 phone, they're specifically trained to be able to help
12 our customers. And so as we learn more over time, we
13 continue to implement that best practice that continues
14 improvement in the process.

15 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Madam Chair, if I could
16 please?

17 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Of course.

18 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: And if you know, in
19 condition 12, it relates to the cost incurred in
20 accomplishing Nicor and Southern Company's
21 reorganization. And as has already been stated, it's
22 been some many years have past. Are these types of

1 costs still being incurred? The reorganization costs?

2 MS. GREENE: No, they are not. We have completed
3 the integration.

4 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Very good. Thank you.

5 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Final call for questions.

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Okay. Thank you. We appreciate it.

8 Okay. So we now are moving on to
9 Item 0-2, which concerns a report by the president and
10 chief executive officer of Peoples Gas and North Shore,
11 Mr. Torrence Hinton, on the status of compliance with
12 the order in Docket 14-0496. Docket 14-0496 concerns
13 Peoples Gas and North Shore's corporate reorganization
14 into WEC Energy Group. If there are no objections,
15 then for logistical reasons, we will hear this item
16 now.

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Hearing none, Mr. Hinton, you may
19 proceed.

20 MR. HINTON: Good morning, Chairman,
21 Commissioners Kimbrel, McCabe, Carrigan. It's a
22 pleasure to be with you this morning and today. This

1 is my first time appearing before the Commission to
2 provide our annual update and our eighth time as a
3 company since WEC Energy Group acquired Peoples Gas and
4 North Shore Gas in 2015.

5 I am pleased report we remain in
6 compliance with all the conditions in the Commission's
7 order authorizing the acquisition. I'll be happy to
8 respond to questions after my remarks.

9 This year has been a time of transition
10 for us, not simply in terms of leadership, but also in
11 terms of getting back to normal both at work and in the
12 community.

13 At North Shore Gas, for instance, we
14 welcomed our community partners back for our annual
15 stakeholders event, which was canceled in each of the
16 past two years.

17 At our shop locations, we are excited
18 to collaborate once again with Gas Workers Local 18007,
19 and IBEW Local 2285 on our employees safety fairs.

20 At our downtown offices, our employees
21 are once again providing after school tutoring from the
22 Washington Park neighborhood through our partnership

1 with Chicago youth programs.

2 And last month, our Women's Development
3 Network led our participation in the making Strides
4 Against Breast Cancer walk in-person for the first time
5 in three years.

6 As we transition back to more familiar
7 ways of doing business, we remain focused on investing
8 in how we serve our customers, investing in our
9 employees, who are truly our greatest asset, and
10 investing in communities we are privileged to serve
11 every day. That investment includes making critical
12 upgrades to our delivery system to enhance safety,
13 reliability, and environmental sustainability.

14 We have made significant progress
15 already, replacing hundreds of miles of outdated iron
16 gas main, but much work remains to be done. We are
17 excited to be modernizing the way we collect data from
18 our at natural gas meters through a cutting edge
19 initiative with ComEd. Our automated metering project
20 will save money, increase efficiency and reduce the
21 environmental impact of our data collection and billing
22 operations. I'll tell you more about these two

1 initiatives later in my remarks.

2 But with the heating season upon us,
3 let me first speak to the high prices and volatility
4 we're seeing in the natural gas market and the
5 potential impact on winter heating bills. As you know,
6 natural gas prices spiked last year and have remained
7 well above where they were several years ago. These --
8 there are several factors pretty pressure on natural
9 gas prices.

10 To begin with, the economic recovery
11 from the pandemic has increased demand for natural gas
12 across all consumer sectors, both domestically and
13 globally. Additionally, there's even greater reliance
14 on natural gas for power generation as coal fire power
15 plants are retired. And at the same time, we've seen
16 an increase in exports that liquify natural gas to form
17 markets in Europe and Asia.

18 Natural gas reduction has returned to
19 pre-pandemic levels, but it's not enough to keep pace
20 with the increased demand. That has effected gas
21 storage nationwide, although I'm happy to report our
22 Manlove Field storage facility is full and ready to

1 meet the needs of our customers this winter.

2 So what does that mean for heating
3 bills? We expect heating bills will be higher this
4 winter than they were last winter, but how much depends
5 whether the trend towards lower prices continues or
6 reverses. Our best estimate today on current market
7 conditions and the normal weather is that residential
8 customers of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas will see
9 an increase somewhere between \$25 and \$35 on their
10 monthly bills compared to last winter.

11 We understand that will be a burden for
12 our customers, particularly those already struggling to
13 pay their bills. That's why we will be encouraging all
14 eligible customers to apply for energy assistance and
15 working closely with our community partners throughout
16 the winter to get that word out.

17 Information about financial assistance
18 is being provided through e-newsletters, bill inserts,
19 social media, our websites and the news media. We're
20 also reaching out to customers through ads online, on
21 bus shelters, and on the radio, and with targeted
22 communications such as e-mails and outbound dialers.

1 We continue to offer payment plans for
2 residential customers that exceed the state
3 requirements. And as you know, our moratorium on
4 service disconnection begins December 1st and runs
5 through March 31st.

6 Last year, Peoples Gas and North Shore
7 Gas customers received \$54 million in Energy Assistance
8 through LIHEAP, plus another \$16 million in special
9 LIHEAP assistance and 10.5 million through the PIPP
10 program. The Illinois Department of Commerce and
11 Economic Opportunity has allocated \$314 million in
12 LIHEAP funds for utility customers this year. That
13 allocation will be supplemented with Illinois share of
14 an additional 1 billion in federal LIHEAP assistants
15 recently announce by President Biden.

16 In addition to LIHEAP, Peoples Gas and
17 North Shore Gas customers can apply for assistance
18 through our Share the Warmth program. Over the past
19 five years we've awarded over \$10 million of Share the
20 Warmth grants to help customers pay their gas bills.
21 We believe the assistance provided through LIHEAP and
22 the Share the Warmth program will easier for our most

1 vulnerable customers this winter. Customers can apply
2 for both programs at the same time through the
3 Community and Economic Development Association for
4 Peoples Gas, or the Community Action Partnership of
5 Lake County for North Shore Gas.

6 Turning to our work in the field, as I
7 mentioned, our Safety Modernization Program continues
8 to bring safety, reliability and environmental benefits
9 in the neighborhoods throughout Chicago. SMP is on
10 schedule and is now 35% complete. Since 2011, we have
11 installed more than 1300 miles of modern natural gas
12 main, more than 22 miles of high pressure main, more
13 than a 112,000 new service lines, 212,000 natural gas
14 meters, and more than 364,000 explosion prevention
15 devices.

16 The retirement of outdated gas main,
17 some installed as far back as the 1800's, have
18 dramatically reduced leaks in the Peoples Gas delivery
19 system. In fact, leaks are down by 50% in addition to
20 improving safety, the upgrades to our delivery system
21 already have provided clearer environmental benefits.
22 Our parent company, WEC Energy Group has set an

1 industry-leading global -- industry leading goal of
2 net-zero methane emissions from its natural gas
3 distribution systems by the end of 2030. And SMP has
4 been the largest single driver to reach that goal.

5 Since 2016, SMP has reduced methane
6 emissions by 1,100 metric tons, equivalent to the
7 greenhouse gas emissions of 71 million miles driven by
8 the average gasoline powered car. Last year alone, SMP
9 reduced methane emissions in Chicago by 250 metric
10 tons. SMP is also updating our delivery system to
11 accommodate the possible use of renewable natural gas
12 in the future as we increasingly convert to sustainable
13 forms of energy.

14 Let me turn to our project about which
15 we are very excited. Our collaboration with ComEd on
16 automated metering will provide significant benefits
17 for customers while paying environmental benefits as
18 well. Currently, we read gas meters by driving down
19 each block in both our service areas to collect data
20 via radio signal.

21 By using ComEd's existing communication
22 network to read gas years, we can get those vehicles

1 off the street. That will eliminate 580,000 driving
2 miles and 626 tons of carbon emissions annually. It
3 will also help reduce traffic and save an estimated
4 \$5.5 million a year.

5 Automated metering will also have our
6 customers manage their natural gas by allowing them to
7 track it over the course of the month. I want to thank
8 the Commission for supporting this innovative
9 collaboration with ComEd. We believe it will become a
10 national model of efficiency and environmental
11 sustainability for utility companies. We plan to fully
12 convert our meter reading to AMI by the end of next
13 year at North Shore Gas and by the end of 2024 at
14 Peoples Gas.

15 While SMP and AMI are reducing our
16 carbon footprint, our energy-efficiency programs our
17 helping customers reduce their own carbon footprints.
18 Since the program's launch in 2011, our customers have
19 received more than a \$150 million in incentives to make
20 energy efficient upgrades. Those upgrades have helped
21 customers reduce their natural gas use by more than a
22 114 million therms, an amount equal to the natural gas

1 used annually by more than 76,000 homes. So far this
2 year, the programs have provided incentives for more
3 than 1,800 residential upgrades, such as
4 high-efficiency furnaces, condensing boilers, water
5 heaters, and smart thermostats.

6 Over the past 18 months, we've provided
7 nearly \$3 million in incentives to Chicago Public
8 Schools for upgrades that have saved more than 2
9 million therms of natural gas in schools throughout the
10 City. We also worked with Cook County on upgrades that
11 have saved 900,000 therms in county courthouses,
12 offices, Stroger Hospital, the county jail, and other
13 facilities since 2021. Earlier this fall we held
14 forums for businesses and public sector customers
15 interested in learning more about energy efficiency and
16 how to reduce their energy use. There are just a few
17 of the many ways our energy-efficiency programs are
18 helping customers save energy while improving the
19 comfort and environmental sustainability of their
20 facilities.

21 In our customer service area we've made
22 a number of improvements to help our self-service

1 channels this year. Customers can now initiate
2 long-term payment plans by phone or online without
3 speaking with a customer service representative. We
4 have also eliminated fees for credit card payments and
5 improved how customers can access energy assistance
6 information.

7 Use of our online platforms continue to
8 grow. At Peoples Gas, 64 percent of our customers now
9 have online profiles and at North Shore Gas, that
10 figure is at 58 percent. Overall, 35% of our customers
11 have now transitioned to paper free billing. And we
12 continue to promote paperless billing as an
13 environmentally friendly way to receive and pay your
14 gas bill.

15 As in the years past, we continue to
16 make follow-up calls to customers after service
17 appointments. So far this year we've contacted more
18 than a 120,000 customers. Of those, with whom we
19 speak, almost all reported being satisfied with the
20 service that they received. We recently expanded our
21 follow-up calls to include customer receiving their
22 first bill and those calls have found high satisfaction

1 rates as well. And for a third year in a row, Peoples
2 Gas was named an environmental champion in a national
3 survey of utility customers by Escalent, a leading
4 behavior and analytics firm.

5 I want to briefly turn to our work
6 force. Earlier this year, two of our employees on a
7 routine call in Logan Square noticed a vehicle running
8 inside a locked garage. They could see a man in the
9 car, but couldn't give him to respond. They
10 immediately called the fire department, which forced
11 entry to the garage and rescued the man, avoiding an
12 almost certain tragedy.

13 The only reason or two employees came
14 upon the garage is that they had gone into the
15 customer's backyard to double check the basement
16 through an exterior door. They were following our
17 procedures to the letter, and their dedication saved
18 that man's life that night.

19 This is what I meant earlier when I say
20 our employees are our greatest asset. I mentioned this
21 because investing in and staying engaged with our
22 employees are priorities for us as a company and for me

1 personally. That's my pledge to our employees and it's
2 my pledge to you as well.

3 One of the areas we've already improved
4 is our work force training. This summer we partnered
5 with Gas Workers Local 18007 to create a new program
6 that offers seasonal project workers an opportunity to
7 train for full-time utility worker jobs. Last month
8 our first class of 20 project workers graduated from
9 the program. They are now starting their new careers
10 as utility workers with regular step increases and a
11 chance to move up as they receive more experience.

12 We also continue to hire new employees
13 through our Utilities Workers Military Assistance
14 Program. As you may recall, that program is a
15 partnership with Local 18007 and City Colleges of
16 Chicago that trains veterans for careers in the natural
17 gas industry. Since 2012, it has resulted in jobs for
18 nearly -- I'm sorry, nearly 500 veterans.

19 These new hires have created the most
20 diverse workforce in the history of our company. 80
21 percent of our hires over the past two years have been
22 diverse employees, and our work force is now 66 percent

1 diverse.

2 Earlier this fall I spoke to you about
3 our Supplier Diversity Initiative. As I mentioned, at
4 that time in 2021, we spent over a \$120 million on
5 diverse suppliers. Spending with diverse suppliers
6 represented 25 percent of our total procurement
7 spending for the second year in a row. Our Safety
8 Modernization Program remains the key driver of our
9 Supplier Diversity Initiative and represented 44% of
10 our diverse spending in 2021. Going forward, SMP will
11 continue to play a key role in our Supplier Diversity
12 Program and in creating economic opportunity throughout
13 our service area.

14 Finally, we continue to support the
15 work of our many community partners in the areas of
16 education, arts and culture, health and human services,
17 the environment, and community and neighborhood
18 development. Supporting the quality of life of our
19 communities is a key corporate value for us, and as
20 leaders, my team and I hope to lead by example through
21 our volunteer service on boards of organizations like
22 the March of Dimes, La Casa Norte, the Chicago urban

1 League, and many others.

2 Last year, Peoples Gas provided \$1
3 million to support united as United Way's United
4 Neighborhoods Equity Fund as a founding sponsor. The
5 fund supports small Black and Brown led non-profits on
6 Chicago's South and West sides and connects them to new
7 funding opportunities. In addition to our significant
8 corporate support, our employees pledge more than a
9 \$100,000 to United Way every year during our annual
10 employee giving campaign.

11 So far this year, Peoples Gas and North
12 Shore Gas have awarded more than 2.5 million in grants
13 to non-profit organizations in our service areas.
14 Additionally, the Company has awarded nearly \$100,000
15 in matching gifts made to area organizations by our
16 employees. That includes more than 130,000 raised for
17 Special Olympics at the Chicago Polar Plunge in March
18 and more than 64,000 raised to fight breast cancer last
19 month at the Making Strides walk.

20 We look forward to continuing to work
21 with you to serve our customers, to provide economic
22 opportunity throughout our service areas, and to raise

1 the quality of life in all our communities. Thank you
2 for the opportunity to provide the update, and happy to
3 answer any questions you may have.

4 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Are there any
5 questions for Mr. Hinton?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 It sounds like there are not.

8 Thank you. We appreciate you being
9 here today. With no further questions, then, we'll
10 just go ahead and move on with the rest of our agenda.
11 But thanks again for making the effort to be here. We
12 appreciate it.

13 MS. GREENE: Thank you.

14 MR. DALLAS: Thank you.

15 MR. HINTON: Thank you.

16 Moving on to our public utilities
17 agenda. There are no minutes to approve.

18 Under the Electric Utility Items, Items
19 E-1 through E-15 concern the initiation of proceedings
20 to terminate licenses to operate as electric retail
21 agents, brokers, or consultants. The orders initiate
22 the proceedings to terminate the licenses unless the

1 companies appear and show cause why their license
2 should not be terminated. Are there any objections to
3 consider these items together and approving the orders?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders are
6 approved.

7 Item E-16, concerns Ameren's complaint
8 against GridLiance Heartland LLC regarding its status
9 as a public utility in Illinois. The interim order
10 finds that GridLiance meets the definition of a public
11 utility as defined in section 3-105 of the Public
12 Utilities Act, and should seek a certificate of public
13 convenience and necessity for its transmission assets
14 located in Illinois within 60 days of the order. Are
15 there any objections to approving the interim order?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
18 approved.

19 Item E-17, concerns an application for
20 certification to install, maintain or repair electric
21 vehicle charging station facilities. The order grants
22 the certificate finding that the applicant meets the

1 requirements. Are there any objections to approving
2 the order?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
5 approved.

6 Item E-18 concerns MidAmerican's
7 request to reconcile revenues under its power
8 procurement riders for the 12-month period of June 1,
9 2020 to May 31, 2021. The order approves
10 reconciliation as set in the appendix to the order,
11 finding that the costs during the reconciliation period
12 were prudently incurred. Are there any objections to
13 approving the order?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
16 approved.

17 Item E-19 concerns a request for oral
18 argument in Docket 22-0138 relating to ComEd's proposed
19 new revenue balancing adjustment rider, or Rider RBA.
20 ComEd requests that the Commission grant oral argument
21 under Section 9-201(c) of the Public Utilities Act and
22 Section 200.850(A)2 and 3 of Commission rules regarding

1 the subject of the appropriate interest rates for the
2 components of the revenue balancing adjustments under
3 ComEd's proposed Rider RBA. The administrative law
4 judge notes that this issue has been fully addressed in
5 testimony and briefs. The ALJ also notes that since
6 the writer RBA was not filed under section 9-201(c) of
7 the act, the Commission has discretion whether to grant
8 the oral argument. The ALJ recommends denying the
9 request. Are there any objections to denying the
10 request for oral argument?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the request is
13 denied.

14 Item E-20 concerns Ameren Illinois'
15 proposed Utility-Owned Solar and Storage Adjustment
16 Rider, Rider USS. The rider allows Ameren to recover
17 the costs of planning, constructing, installing,
18 controlling, owning, managing or operating the
19 photovoltaic electricity generation facilities and
20 energy storage facilities that Ameren is constructing.
21 The order approves rider finding that it is reasonable
22 and appropriate. Are there any objections approving

1 the order?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
4 approved.

5 Item E-21 concerns ComEd's proposed
6 Coal to Solar Rider or Rider CTS. The rider provides
7 funding for the procurement of renewable energy credits
8 from new renewable energy facilities to be installed at
9 or adjacent to the sites of electric generating
10 facilities that burned coal as their primary fuel
11 source as of January 1, 2016 and meet other
12 requirements. The order approves the rider, finding
13 that it is reasonable and appropriate. Are there any
14 objections to approving the order?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
17 approved.

18 Item 22, concerns ComEd's annual
19 formula rates update and revenue requirement
20 reconciliation. The order approves ComEd's formula
21 rate update and revenue requirement reconciliation as
22 specified in the appendices to the order. Are there

1 any objection to approving the order?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
4 approved.

5 Item E-23 concerns a certificate of
6 service authority granted to Abode General Contracting
7 LLC, Solar Earth, On October 6 of 2022, the Commission
8 entered an order granting a certificate of service
9 authority to the Company that contained an error in the
10 Company name. The amendatory order corrects the error.
11 Are there any objections to approving the amendatory
12 order?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
15 approved.

16 Items E-24 through 31 concern petitions
17 for certificates to install energy efficiency measures
18 in Illinois. The orders grant the certificates,
19 finding that the applicants meet through requirements.
20 Are there any objections to considering these items
21 together and approving the orders?

22 (No verbal response.)

1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders are
2 approved.

3 Moving on to our gas items. Item G-1
4 concerns Nicor Gas's filing to revise the definition of
5 low income customer in accordance with Public Act
6 102-0662, as applied to the deposits and establishment
7 of credit and late payment charges. Commission Staff
8 has reviewed the filing and recommends not suspending
9 it. Are there any objections to not suspend in the
10 filing?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the filing is not
13 suspended.

14 Moving on to our telecommunications
15 items. Item T-1 concerns a proposed amendment to Part
16 710 of the Commission rules that amends the
17 incorporation of the uniform system of accounts
18 contained in rules of the Federal Communications
19 Commission. The joint committee on administrative
20 rules considered the amendments at its August 2022
21 meeting and issued a certificate of no objection. The
22 order now adopts the amended rules. Are there any

1 objections to approving the order?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
4 approved.

5 Item T-2 concerns an application for
6 designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier
7 in the State of Illinois for the limited purpose of
8 offering low income lifeline service to qualified
9 households. The order grants application. Are there
10 any objections to approving the order?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Here none, the order is
13 approved?

14 Item T-3 concerns a complaint against
15 Frontier North, Inc. regarding a phone service
16 disconnection from July of 2020 to April of 2022. The
17 parties have filed a joint motion to dismiss,
18 indicating that this matter has been settled and
19 requesting that this docket be dismissed. Are there
20 any objections to granting the motion to dismiss?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the motion to

1 dismiss is granted.

2 Item T-4 concerns an application for a
3 certificate of wireless authority to operate as a
4 reseller of telecommunications services throughout
5 Illinois. The order grants the certificate, finding
6 that the applicant meets the requirements. Are there
7 any objections approving the order?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
10 approved.

11 Now, moving on to our water and sewer
12 items. Item W-1 concerns the complaint against
13 Illinois American Water. There are substantive edits
14 to the order. The edits grants the complaint as
15 indicated in the order, finding that the service
16 connection and service line is in violation of section
17 600.37(c)2, of the Commission rules. The order directs
18 the Company to relocate the water meter back to the
19 complainant's property and ensure the service
20 connection and service line comply with rules.
21 Finally, the order finds that the complainant's sewage
22 balance owed to the Greater Peoria Sanitary and Sewage

1 Disposal District is beyond the scope of this
2 proceeding.

3 I move the edits. Is there a second?

4 COMMISSIONER MCCABE: Second.

5 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Are there any objections to
6 approving the edits to the order?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the edits are
9 approved.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the order as edited?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
14 approved.

15 Item W-2 concerns Prairie Path Water
16 Company's petition to reconcile revenues under Rider
17 QIP for the 2021 calendar year. The order approves the
18 reconciliation as set in the appendix to the order.

19 Are there any objections to approving the order?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
22 approved.

1 Item W-3 concerns Illinois American
2 Water's petition to reconcile revenues under the
3 Company's purchased water and purchased sewage
4 treatment surcharge for the 2021 calendar year. The
5 order approves reconciliation as set in the appendices
6 to the order. Are there any objections to approving
7 the order?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order is
10 approved.

11 Item W-4 concerns a request for oral
12 argument in Docket 22-0210, which is the Illinois
13 American Water's proposed rate increases for water and
14 sewer service. The Company requests the opportunity to
15 present oral argument in this proceeding on the subject
16 of the reallocation of a portion of the central
17 wastewater revenue requirement to water customers. The
18 ALJ notes that because the Company filed the docket
19 under section 9-201, the Commission must grant oral
20 argument. Are there any objections to granting the
21 requests of oral argument?

22 (No verbal response.)

1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the request for
2 oral argument is granted. Notice of oral argument will
3 be issued shortly.

4 Item W-5 concerns an application for a
5 certificate of public convenience and necessity by
6 Illinois American Water to expand its service to an
7 additional customer in the Company's Chicago metro
8 district. The Company is also seeking an interim order
9 for a temporary emergency certificate of public
10 convenience and necessity to allow the Company to
11 provide water service immediately to the additional
12 customer. The interim order grants the emergency
13 certificate, finding that an emergency need exists for
14 the temporary provision of water service. Are there
15 any objections to approving the interim order?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the internal order
18 is approved.

19 Moving on to other business, items O-1
20 and O2 concern reports by Southern Company Gas, Nicor
21 Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas and we've already
22 heard at the start of the meeting.

1 So we are moving on to item O-3, which
2 concerns approval of batches, contracts, and
3 confirmations under the Illinois Adjustable Block
4 Program. Are there any objections to approving the
5 program administrator submissions?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the submissions
8 are approved.

9 Item O-4 concerns December 2023
10 solicitation of bids to sell index renewable energy
11 credits from new utility scale solar, new utility scale
12 wind, and new brown field photovoltaic projects. Are
13 there any objections to approving the procurement
14 administrator's benchmark methodology?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the methodology is
17 approved.

18 This concludes our public utility
19 agenda.

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

22 JUDGE TEAGUE-KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Do other commissioners have
2 business to discuss?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, and without
5 objection. The meeting is adjourned. Thanks.

6 (WHEREUPON, the above-entitled matter
7 was adjourned at 12:12 PM.)

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