1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
3	BENCH MEETING
4	PUBLIC UTILITY
5	Wednesday, November 18, 2015
6	Chicago, Illinois
7 8 9	Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 A.M., at 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.
10	PRESENT:
11 12	BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
13	ANN MCCABE, Commissioner
14	SHERINA E. MAYE EDWARDS, Commissioner
15	MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
16	JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner
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19	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
20	PATRICIA WESLEY CSR NO. 084-002170
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- 1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. Are we ready
- 2 to proceed in Springfield?
- 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SMITH: Yes, we are,
- 4 Mr. Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings
- 6 Act, I call to order the November 18, 2015 Bench
- 7 Meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission.
- 8 Commissioners McCabe, del Valle,
- 9 Edwards and Rosales are present with me in Chicago.
- 10 We have a quorum.
- We have no requests to speak.
- Moving on to our Public Utility
- 13 Agenda, we have no Minutes to approve today.
- 14 Item E-1 concerns updates to Ameren's
- 15 tariffs complying with the new Illinois
- 16 Administrative Code Part 280.
- 17 Are there any objections to not
- 18 suspending the filing?
- 19 (No response.)
- Hearing none, the filing is not
- 21 suspended.
- 22 Items E-2 and 3 concern various

- 1 complaints filed against ComEd.
- 2 Are there any objections to
- 3 considering these items together and granting the
- 4 Joint Motions to Dismiss?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 Hearing none, the Joint Motions to
- 7 Dismiss are granted and the complaints are
- 8 dismissed.
- 9 Item E-4 concerns a complaint filed
- 10 against Ameren. Are there any objections to
- 11 granting the Motion to Dismiss?
- 12 (No response.)
- Hearing none, the motion is granted
- 14 and the complaint is dismissed.
- 15 Item E-5 concerns the Commencement of
- 16 Reconciliation Proceedings regarding MidAmerican's
- 17 Fuel Adjustment Charges.
- 18 Are there any objections to approving
- 19 the proposed Order?
- 20 (No response.)
- Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 22 Item E-6 concerns Illinois Department

- of Transportation's Petition to Authorize Use of
- 2 Eminent Domain.
- 3 Are there any objections to approving
- 4 the proposed Order?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 7 Item E-7 concerns SmartEnergy
- 8 Holdings' Application for a Certificate of Service
- 9 Authority.
- 10 Are there any objections to approving
- 11 the proposed Order?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 14 Item E-8 concerns CMC Electric's
- 15 Application for Certification of an Installer of
- 16 Distributed Generation Facilities.
- 17 Are there any objections to approving
- 18 the proposed Order?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 21 Item E-9 concerns a Joint Petition for
- 22 Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Service Area

- 1 Agreement between EIEC and Ameren Illinois.
- 2 Are there any objections to approving
- 3 the proposed Order?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 6 Items E-10 through 14 concern various
- 7 Joint Petitions for Approval of Residential Customer
- 8 Releases.
- 9 Are there any objections to
- 10 considering these items together and approving the
- 11 proposed Orders?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.
- 14 Item E-15 involves Ameren's Request to
- 15 Authorize the Issuance of up to \$200 million in
- 16 principal amount of Senior Secured Notes.
- 17 Are there any objections approving the
- 18 proposed Order?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 21 Moving on to our Gas Agenda, Item G-1
- 22 concerns Peoples Gas' motion to modify its Gas

- 1 Tariff to comply with Code Part 280.
- 2 Are there any objections to not
- 3 suspending the filing?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 6 Item G-2 concerns North Shore Gas'
- 7 Filing to Modify its Gas Tariff to Comply with Code
- 8 Part 280.
- 9 Are there any objections to not
- 10 suspending the filing?
- 11 (No response.)
- Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 13 Item G-3 concerns a penalty assessed
- 14 to Peoples Gas for violation of the Illinois Gas
- 15 Pipeline Safety Act.
- 16 Commissioner del Valle, I believe you
- 17 have some questions.
- 18 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Yes. Thank you,
- 19 Mr. Chairman.
- 20 I believe Mr. Smith is available to
- 21 answer questions.
- MR. BEYER: This is Gene Beyer and not

- 1 Matt Smith of the Pipeline Safety Program.
- 2 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Good morning.
- 3 MR. BEYER: Good morning.
- 4 Commissioner del VALLE: Gene, we discussed this
- 5 at length yesterday, and, as I indicated to you, I
- 6 have a couple of questions.
- 7 We did forward some questions to you
- 8 and you indicated that you will get a response to
- 9 us, because at the time Mr. Smith wasn't available,
- 10 but let me ask you these three questions, and if you
- 11 don't have a response, I will be glad to wait for a
- 12 written answer when it's possible.
- 13 In the March 24th letter the company
- 14 indicates it will modify the engineering basis for
- 15 the blocking procedure. The question is how has
- 16 Staff confirmed that the new engineering procedures
- 17 satisfies the intent of Staff's corrective action
- 18 number three?
- 19 MR. MATT SMITH: This is Matt Smith, and I can
- 20 answer that by saying that on July 31st 2015 Peoples
- 21 Gas submitted a letter to us that included new
- 22 procedures and with that the attachments had the

- 1 procedure that engineering basically included the
- 2 weight of the thrust log and the pressure of the
- 3 exhibit on the end cap, and this clearly identified
- 4 that the new procedure met the requirement.
- 5 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: You say the new
- 6 procedure met the requirement, but this case before
- 7 us demonstrates that the procedures surrounding the
- 8 blocking mechanism is not adequate. This issue was
- 9 brought up after the first case. I'm talking about
- 10 the case that led to a death; is that correct?
- 11 MR. MATT SMITH: These procedures -- the
- 12 procedures that were in place when this incident
- 13 occurred were adequate. The problem that we
- 14 identified is that they failed to follow the
- 15 procedures. There was an issue, and the supervisor
- 16 and personnel they did reference in one of the
- 17 letters inadequate procedures, but that was
- 18 referencing a shutdown procedure instead of a
- 19 locking and braking procedure.
- 20 So their letter did appear to kind of
- 21 confuse the situation by talking about a different
- 22 procedure that was inadequate.

- 1 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So what mechanisms do we
- 2 have in place for ensuring ongoing compliance?
- 3 MR. MATT SMITH: Currently what we would do is to
- 4 conduct field audits and construction audits at
- 5 Peoples Gas in Chicago to verify that the procedures
- 6 are followed as they evolve. That is the mechanism
- 7 that we are using.
- 8 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Again, if Peoples agreed
- 9 with Staff's recommendations and penalties as
- 10 recorded in the letter dated April 29, 2015, that
- 11 was the \$200,000 penalty amount as well as the
- implementation of four out of five recommendations,
- 13 can you explain why we are seeing this more than six
- 14 months later if there's a general agreement? Staff
- 15 had reached the agreement with Peoples and Peoples
- 16 and indicated they were ready to pay the fine.
- 17 MR. BEYER: This is Gene Beyer. Allow me to
- 18 address that. By getting these matters in before
- 19 you for your action is ultimately my responsibility.
- 20 I think our track record for previous
- 21 submissions involve them timely, and I have no doubt
- we are going to be timely down the road.

- 1 For this one, for whatever reason, I just didn't
- 2 submit in a timely manner.
- 3 Again, that's not indicative of past
- 4 or future practice, and I believe I could have
- 5 gotten it to you probably the July Bench Session. A
- 6 few months late isn't acceptable. I will make sure
- 7 that I correct that. That is primarily my
- 8 responsibility to get it on the Bench.
- 9 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.
- 11 Are there any objections to approving
- 12 the proposed Order?
- 13 (No response.)
- 14 Hearing none, the Order is approved.
- 15 Items G-4 and 5 involve complaints
- 16 filed against Peoples Gas regarding billing in
- 17 Chicago.
- 18 Are there any objections to
- 19 considering these items together and approving the
- 20 parties' Joint Motions to Dismiss?
- 21 (No response.)
- Hearing none, the motions are granted.

- 1 Item G-6 concerns an Order Initiating
- 2 an Investigation Concerning Alleged Violations of
- 3 Section 5-202.1 of the Public Utilities Act.
- 4 Today the ICC will initiate a formal
- 5 investigation into whether Peoples Gas and its
- 6 parent companies knowingly misrepresented or
- 7 withheld material facts to the Commission concerning
- 8 the estimated long-term cost of the Accelerated
- 9 Replacement Program.
- 10 While the Commission must refrain from
- 11 prejudging the case, the allegation first raised by
- 12 an Illinois Commerce Commission auditor is serious
- 13 and goes to the fundamental issue of public trust
- 14 and integrity of companies that provide vital
- 15 service to Illinois ratepayers.
- Since 2013, the Commission has worked
- 17 diligently with the Attorney General, CUB, and
- 18 others to oversee this necessary public works
- 19 project, and we welcome their continued interest and
- 20 participation.
- I also would like to thank our Staff
- 22 for their thoughtful and vigilant work over the

- 1 years. The Commission will ensure that Peoples Gas
- 2 is forthcoming and that the process is transparent.
- 3 Today's action will provide all
- 4 parties the opportunity to seek answers the
- 5 Commission and public deserve.
- I move that we approve the Initiating
- 7 Order.
- 8 Is there a second?
- 9 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I believe we have some
- 11 discussion. Commissioner del Valle.
- 12 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 13 I believe the most important question to be answered
- is whether the Commission was knowingly misled in
- 15 the merger proceeding. The Initiating Order before
- 16 us purposefully avoids this question.
- 17 The Attorney General and CUB petition
- 18 that was filed last week asks the question whether
- 19 the Commission was knowingly misled in the 14-0496
- 20 Merger Docket and the May 20, 2015 Open Meeting.
- 21 This Initiating Order dismisses that petition.
- In its place this Initiating Order

- 1 states: "It is, therefore, ordered that, pursuant
- 2 to Section 5-202.1 and 10-101 of the Public
- 3 Utilities Act, a proceeding of a specified scope and
- 4 duration be initiated to determine whether Peoples
- 5 Gas, Integrys or WEC or any employee, agent or
- 6 representative thereof knowingly misled or withheld
- 7 material information from the Commission at its May
- 8 20, 2015 Open Meeting." That's it.
- 9 The Merger Docket has been
- 10 specifically excluded from the scope. While the
- 11 Initiating Order directs Peoples and Wisconsin
- 12 Energy Corporation to provide a broad range of
- 13 information, if that information is not directly
- related to the May 20, 2015 Open Meeting, it is
- 15 immaterial and falls outside the scope of this
- 16 investigation.
- By reducing the scope of this
- 18 investigation to exclude an 11-month proceeding and
- only include a 30-minute Open Meeting, the
- 20 Commission is disregarding the most important
- 21 question and redirecting the focus to whether two
- 22 individuals made knowing misrepresentations

- 1 specifically at the May 20, 2015 Open Meeting.
- 2 Staff's report and the Initiating
- 3 Order names Wisconsin Energy and its agents as part
- 4 of the investigation, despite the fact that
- 5 Wisconsin Energy did not own Peoples Gas at the time
- of the May 20 meeting and had no legal authority,
- 7 liability, responsibility over the AMRP program, its
- 8 costs or representations thereof at that time.
- 9 Wisconsin Energy and its agents were,
- 10 however, parties to and witnesses to an ongoing
- 11 proceeding, and their representations in that
- 12 proceeding are relevant to the underlying question
- 13 of whether the Commission was knowingly misled.
- 14 I'm afraid that by initiating this
- investigation and dismissing AG/CUB's petition, we
- are frustrating the purpose of a Section 5-202.1
- investigation, which is to root out knowing
- 18 misrepresentations that impedes the Commission's
- 19 ability to exercise its duties under the Act.
- 20 The Attorney General and CUB's
- 21 petition spells out the scope and breadth of such an
- 22 investigation. This Initiating Order does not.

- 1 I had proposed a change to this
- 2 Initiating Order that would have addressed the
- 3 concerns I have just outlined; however, it was
- 4 refused by a simple majority. Instead, we have an
- 5 Initiating Order for a proceeding whose scope is
- 6 excessively limited, and dismisses the AG/CUB
- 7 petition which would have allowed the Commission to
- 8 get at the truth of whether we were misled in the
- 9 merger docket.
- 10 I, therefore, cannot vote to accept
- 11 this Initiating Order and will be voting no.
- 12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.
- 13 Commissioner Edwards, I believe you
- 14 would like to make a comment.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: I do. Thank you,
- 16 Mr. Chairman.
- 17 I echo the comments and definitely
- 18 speak to the seriousness of the allegations.
- I would like to briefly add though
- 20 that given the history and the ongoing nature of
- 21 this issue, time is of the essence and I'm confident
- 22 that the investigation will lead to a fair and

- 1 expeditious resolution of this important matter.
- I just want to stress that I do hope
- 3 we can move forward quickly, efficiently, and to use
- 4 as little of the resources of our consumers as
- 5 possible. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.
- 7 Commissioner McCabe.
- 8 COMMISSIONER McCABE: While I share some of
- 9 Commissioner del Valle's concerns, I support this
- 10 investigation to determine whether the Commission
- 11 was misled about the estimated long-term cost of
- 12 Peoples' Accelerated Main Replacement Program, or
- 13 AMRP.
- 14 Staff's report and the proposed Order
- 15 calls for information to be provided within 14 days
- and the inquiry to be completed within 180 days.
- 17 Given the recent notice of a
- 18 \$8 billion AMRP cost estimate and the findings by
- 19 Liberty, the larger issues, which will not be
- 20 resolved in this investigation, are (1) how to
- 21 handle pre-merger cost overruns and possible
- 22 mismanagement in future rate case and QIP dockets

- 1 and (2) how to refocus and restructure the AMRP's
- 2 goals and timelines to ensure safety and minimize
- 3 rate impacts on Peoples' customers. Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.
- 5 Commissioner Rosales.
- 6 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 7 It is extremely concerning when we hear allegations
- 8 that parties before us have made misrepresentations
- 9 to the Commission.
- 10 As a regulatory body, we can only make
- 11 decisions based on the information that is put
- 12 before us. It is our job to ensure that Illinois
- 13 utility customers receive adequate, efficient,
- 14 reliable, environmentally safe, and least cost
- 15 service, and that job is virtually impossible when
- 16 the parties involved do not give us all of the
- information necessary to make a sound decision.
- I want to be clear, we will not
- 19 tolerate such behavior from parties before this
- 20 Commission, and we plan to do a thorough and fair
- 21 investigation into these allegations.
- 22 If our investigation reveals that the

- 1 parties involved made misrepresentations to the
- 2 Commission, there will be repercussions.
- 3 During this process, we expect all
- 4 parties involved to cooperate fully and to be
- 5 forthcoming with information that we request.
- Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.
- Is there any other discussion?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 All those in favor, say aye.
- 11 Aye.
- 12 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Aye.
- 13 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.
- 14 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.
- 15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed, say nay.
- 16 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: No.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The vote is 4 to 1 and the
- 18 motion is approved.
- 19 Item T-1 involves a complaint filed
- 20 against AT&T regarding billing in Oak Park.
- 21 Commissioner Edwards, I believe
- 22 you have a question for the ALJ.

- 1 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: I do. Thank you.
- So in reading this Order, I see the
- 3 complaint was filed on June 22nd of this year and
- 4 between that date and October 6th there was quite a
- 5 bit of motion practice, and between June and October
- 6 is not necessarily a long time, but my concern was
- 7 there was, as I said, motion practice after motion
- 8 practice, then the case was dismissed for want of
- 9 jurisdiction.
- 10 So my concern is if you could just
- 11 walk me through the process of when the complaint
- 12 was filed and then the Order.
- 13 JUDGE CARDONI: Sure, Commissioner.
- 14 As you stated, the complaint was filed
- 15 by Ms. Pierce on June 22nd of this year, and I sent
- 16 a notice for a hearing about a month later on June
- 17 25th. The company filed a Motion to Dismiss on June
- 18 26th, and so I continued the status until July 28th,
- 19 a week later, to allow for a response by the
- 20 complainant and a reply by the company later that
- 21 month.
- I was not present on the July 28th

- 1 hearing. ALJ Jorgenson covered for me. I had my
- 2 child that day. And at that hearing the complainant
- 3 represented that she had not received the Motion to
- 4 to Dismiss, so ALJ Jorgenson gave an additional
- 5 month for her to respond and then reply.
- During that time period, Ms. Pierce
- 7 had some difficulty making her filings to the
- 8 Clerk's Office and there was a lot of back and forth
- 9 between her, and the Clerk's Office, and Judge
- 10 Jorgenson about procedurally how to make those
- 11 accurate. So by the time the complaint or the
- 12 responses were completed to that Motion to Dismiss,
- 13 it was October 2nd.
- 14 ALJ Jorgenson filed her proposed Order
- on October 6th, and then there were no exceptions or
- 16 replies to the exceptions, and then when I returned,
- 17 I handled the proposed Order at that time.
- 18 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: I want to be clear.
- 19 I don't have an issue with it so long as it sounds
- 20 reasonable. My only issue is that for this case to
- 21 settle and ultimately dismiss for want of
- jurisdiction, that's not something that could have

- 1 been determined in June when we received the
- 2 complaint?
- 3 MS. CARDONI: When we received the complaint,
- 4 keep in mind it's a one-page-kind-of form that
- 5 complainant fills out and they only have the top
- 6 portion to handwrite usually what that issue is.
- 7 A lot of times we don't really have a
- 8 good sense of what that complaint is until we get
- 9 though the first status hearing. It said
- in Ms. Pierce's complaint that it was an issue with
- 11 her 1495 Internet service, and, of course, that does
- 12 look like it would be something that we don't deal
- 13 with here at the Commission, but until we have that
- 14 first status, a lot of times we find out the
- 15 complainant has an issue with overbilling by a
- 16 utility, but then we get to hearing and there's a
- 17 tampering issue or a mixed-meter issue. We don't
- 18 have full information until we have that first
- 19 status hearing.
- 20 So in this case I think it was
- 21 appropriate to give some time to figure out what the
- real issue was even though the company did file a

- 1 Motion to Dismiss right away.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: But then when you got
- 3 to the status hearing, you were able to get more
- 4 information -- I can't recall if you were at a
- 5 status hearing or not at that point in time -- then
- 6 it wasn't enough information to determine you have
- 7 jurisdiction?
- 8 MS. CARDONI: Not completely, and certainly we
- 9 wanted to afford Ms. Pierce due process. She filed
- 10 a complaint and there was a Motion to Dismiss and
- 11 she hadn't really responded at all to that Motion to
- 12 Dismiss, so it seemed reasonable to give her that
- 13 time to reply, and she did, in fact, file two
- 14 replies to that Motion to Dismiss.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: It just seems to me
- if they're in the actual commission of due process,
- 17 you should be able to respond, but if it's a
- 18 procedural issue that's not in your jurisdiction, I
- 19 guess I'm not sure, and, again, I have never
- 20 practiced before the Commission. I'm not an
- 21 administrative law judge, and it just seemed to
- 22 me -- I know that over at the Daley Center this

- 1 would never work. At the time the complaint is
- 2 filed and there's no jurisdiction, there would not
- 3 be several briefs, you know, even for a defendant.
- 4 I mean, she's spent -- I know she was pro se, but
- 5 she still spent time going back and forth only to
- 6 determine that we were not the correct venue.
- JUDGE CARDONI: Ultimately, I agree with you,
- 8 Commissioner, that there was some back and forth and
- 9 there was some time spent, but, you know, the
- 10 company had laid out their issue in the Motion to
- 11 Dismiss and why there was no jurisdiction for the
- 12 Commission.
- 13 We still allow Ms. Pierce to respond
- 14 to those specific issues that the company brought up
- 15 and I'm not certain that she would have had the
- 16 wherewithal to do that at the status hearing. I
- 17 think more about what her response would be.
- 18 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: So it's the standard
- 19 procedure of this Commission -- of our
- 20 Administrative Law Division even if we determined
- 21 from the start from looking at the complaint that we
- don't have jurisdiction, that's standard procedure

- 1 to allow briefing?
- 2 MS. CARDONI: I'm not sure if it's the standard
- 3 procedure. I think every complaint is taken as it
- 4 needs to be. I think there needs to be a lot of
- 5 leeway. We are dealing with a lot of different
- 6 kinds of complainants with a lot of different
- 7 abilities to make responses and appear and
- 8 participate using our rules.
- 9 I think we always err on the side as
- 10 much due process as possible. I think that was done
- 11 in this case.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Okay.
- 13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Other questions?
- 14 Commissioner del Valle.
- 15 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: I agree totally with
- 16 Commissioner Edwards, because I had the same kind of
- 17 questions when I read this, and I have asked this
- 18 question before. How many individuals that file
- 19 with us have legal representation? What's the
- 20 percentage?
- JUDGE CARDONI: I would think it would be very
- 22 slim.

- 1 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Very slim. So most
- 2 represent themselves?
- JUDGE CARDONI: Yes.
- 4 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: How are they suppose to
- 5 figure all this out and know what the different
- 6 hoops are? I know it's got to be frustrating for
- 7 many that are up against lawyers, on top of that,
- 8 too, then at the end of it all say, well, you don't
- 9 have jurisdiction. After having jumped through all
- 10 kinds of hoops, I think it just, you know, leads me
- 11 to thinking there has to be a better way, so I just
- want to support us looking for a better way.
- 13 JUDGE KIMBREL: I would just comment that the
- 14 complainants are not very sophisticated, so we do
- 15 give them more leeway.
- 16 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: I appreciate that, I
- 17 really do, and I guess if we are going to make it
- 18 better to be one that could eventually benefit the
- 19 complainant, but when it's just obvious that we
- 20 don't -- I wish we had jurisdiction, because we
- 21 would see a ton of those complaints.
- I know a lot of people talk to me all

- 1 the time about problems they have with AT&T, and
- U-verse, and all kinds of things, and so I wish we
- 3 had jurisdiction. We don't. So we ought to let it
- 4 be known from the beginning when it's kind of
- 5 obvious. I'm speaking as a non-lawyer.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: I speak as a lawyer.
- 7 I agree with you.
- 8 JUDGE KIMBREL: I just think it's -- when a
- 9 company's engaged in motion practice, the
- 10 complainants are at a complete disadvantage, and
- oftentimes we know when we have a reasonable course,
- 12 but we still try to give them the leeway to file
- 13 appropriately to have their day in court, but --
- 14 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: I see what you are
- 15 saying, but to me if it's only to say that you don't
- 16 have jurisdiction anyway, that just doesn't sit well
- 17 and maybe it was something we can discuss
- 18 procedurally somehow. Outside of this, this doesn't
- 19 make sense.
- 20 JUDGE KIMBREL: We are certainly willing to
- 21 follow recommendations.
- 22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Are there any comments?

1 (No response.) 2 Are there any objections to approving 3 the proposed Order dismissing the complaint? 4 (No response.) 5 Hearing none, the Order dismissing the 6 complaint is approved. 7 Item T-2 involves the Village of 8 Barrington's Petition for Approval of a Modification 9 to its existing 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System. 10 Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order? 11 12 (No response.) 13 Hearing none, the Order is approved. 14 Item W-1 concerns Illinois-American 15 Water's Application seeking Approval to Purchase the 16 Water System Assets of the Village of Ransom and 17 seeking issuance of a Certificate of Public 18 Convenience and Necessity to provide water service 19 to the areas in La Salle County. 20 Are there any objections to approving the Interim Order? 21

(No response.)

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- 1 Hearing none, the Interim Order is
- 2 approved.
- 3 We have an item under other business
- 4 regarding the Approval of the Procurement
- 5 Administrator's Recommendations on Selection of
- 6 Winning Bids as set forth in the Procurement
- 7 Administrator's Confidential Report.
- Is there a motion to approve the
- 9 recommendations?
- 10 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So moved.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?
- 12 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.
- 13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any comments or questions?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 All those in favor of approving the
- 16 recommendation, say aye.
- 17 (No response.)
- Opposed, say nay.
- 19 (No response.)
- The vote is 5 to 0 and the
- 21 recommendations are approved.
- Judge Kimbrel, do we have any other

- 1 matters to come before the Commission today?
- JUDGE KIMBREL: There's nothing further.
- 3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do we have any
- 4 business to discuss?
- 5 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, if I
- 6 could make a comment, I just would like to put in
- 7 front of you tomorrow's policy forum. I know we
- 8 don't like to admit it but winter is coming. The
- 9 first half of the policy session will be winter
- 10 readiness and we'll have our RTOs, as well as our
- 11 gas utilities, represented on that, and the second
- 12 half of the policy forum will be on resource
- 13 adequacy which is a very large issue not just in the
- 14 Midwest but specifically for Illinois. So we look
- 15 forward to you all here tomorrow for that.
- Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.
- 18 Without objection, we are adjourned.
- 19 (Whereupon, the above matter
- was adjourned.)

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