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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
REGULAR OPEN MEETING
(PUBLIC UTILITIES)
December 6, 2017
Chicago, Illinois

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

- PRESENT:
- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
 - SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner (telephonically)
 - MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
 - JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner
 - SHERINA MAYE-EDWARDS, Commissioner

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1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open
2 Meetings Act, I call the December 6th, 2017 Regular
3 Open Meeting to order. Commissioners del Valle,
4 Edwards, and Rosales are with me in Chicago. We have
5 a quorum.

6 Commissioner Oliva, are you with us?

7 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Yes, I am.

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I vote to allow Commissioner
9 Oliva to participate by phone.

10 Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Seconded.

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All of those in favor say
15 "aye".

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed say "nay".

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The ayes have it, and
20 Commissioner Oliva is granted permission to
21 participate by phone.

22 We have two requests to speak this

1 morning. As a reminder, you will have 3 minutes.
2 We'll let you know when you have 2 minutes left, 1
3 minute left, and when your time has expired.

4 Please be aware that the Commission
5 affords the opportunity to the public to make
6 comments. However, we will not respond directly to
7 your comments nor can we they relied on to resolve
8 disputed issues of fact in contested cases.

9 Our two speakers are Paul Hammond and
10 Danny Waggoner. Paul Hammond is first.

11 Sir, are you here?

12 MR. PAUL HAMMOND: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Please have a seat, and make
14 sure the microphone is on.

15 MR. PAUL HAMMOND: Paul Hammond, 511 Beverly,
16 Lake Forest.

17 May I approach the Commissioners to
18 hand out a sketch that I believe will help clarify
19 the issue?

20 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Why don't you hand it to one
21 of our assistants?

22 MR. PAUL HAMMOND: (Complying.)

1 ComEd met with 14 residents that live
2 on Beverly Place in Lake Forest to inform them that
3 they were responsible for maintaining high voltage
4 power lines rated at 4,160 volts, based on current
5 rules and regulations approved by the Illinois
6 Commerce Commission.

7 The current policy is unworkable
8 because, during winter storm conditions, Commonwealth
9 Edison hires the very few high voltage contractors,
10 making electrical power restoration by the homeowner
11 to their home almost impossible. There's a big
12 difference between hiring a residential contractor
13 that uses this type of stranded building wire
14 (demonstrating) and this type of high voltage cable
15 that ComEd expects residents to maintain.

16 The problem arises when the resident's
17 home is more than 400 feet from the property line;
18 and under the current rules and regulations the
19 resident is required to maintain a high voltage line
20 past the 150-foot point from the property line.

21 From 1955 to 1990, almost 35 years,
22 everything worked fine. When a branch fell on a high

1 voltage line on residential property -- normally,
2 about once every 10 to 15 years -- ComEd would send
3 one of their crews to open up their switch to
4 de-energize the line. Commonwealth Edison would then
5 spend about 15 minutes fixing a splice on the line.
6 Commonwealth Edison would then close the Commonwealth
7 Edison switch to re-energize the line. Work was
8 complete. Everything was fine.

9 Not anymore. The current rules and
10 regulations require Crew 1: Commonwealth Edison must
11 send out a crew to open up the ComEd switch to
12 de-energize the line. Crew 2: The homeowner hires
13 the high voltage crew to fix the splice in the line.
14 The homeowner then calls Commonwealth Edison to close
15 the Commonwealth Edison switch. Crew 3: Commonwealth
16 Edison must send out a crew to close the Commonwealth
17 Edison switch.

18 There is no way that the current rules
19 and regulations that require sending three crews to
20 complete what one high voltage crew could complete
21 initially makes any sense.

22 During the recent storms in Florida

1 ComEd high voltage crews were sent down to Florida;
2 but when Illinois experiences winter storms, then
3 Florida sends their crews to Illinois. So if the
4 closest crew for ComEd is Florida, then a homeowner
5 might have to resort to finding crews in California.
6 So imagine how difficult it is for an elderly
7 homeowner or someone like your mom to arrange for a
8 crew from California or Florida for a 15-minute job
9 to repair a splice on an overhead high voltage line
10 because a branch fell on it during a winter storm.

11 The solution for the Illinois Commerce
12 Commission is requiring ComEd to service all overhead
13 high voltage lines on residential properties to the
14 transformer. The resident would maintain all
15 electrical power lines rated at 600 volts or less
16 because there are hundreds of contractors that can
17 perform that work.

18 Thank you for your time. And are
19 there any questions for me?

20 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir. We don't do
21 questions.

22 MR. PAUL HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you very much.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

2 Our second public comment is from
3 Danny Waggoner with AEE.

4 Mr. Waggoner?

5 MR. DANNY WAGGONER: Good morning. I am the
6 Senior Manager for Regulatory Transformation at
7 Advanced Energy Economy.

8 Advanced Energy Economy is a national
9 association of businesses that are working together
10 to make the electricity grid cleaner, more reliable,
11 and more affordable. Today I am speaking on the
12 proposed rulemaking on the accounting treatment of
13 cloud-based solutions.

14 AEE and its members would like to
15 commend the Commission for taking up this important
16 issue. Cloud-based are currently at a disadvantage
17 because it means that the utility must forego the
18 profit that it would have received on an onsite
19 capital investment if the utility instead chooses a
20 cloud-based solution.

21 Placing capital investments and
22 service-based cloud solutions on a level playing

1 field will allow these solutions to compete based on
2 their merits and their cost-effectiveness rather than
3 the mode of delivery or ownership. We believe these
4 changes will better align customer utility interests
5 by making sure the utility is rewarded by meeting
6 customer needs in the best and most cost-effective
7 manner, regardless of the deployment approach.

8 Today I'm submitting a letter into the
9 record that has been co-signed by Advanced Energy
10 Economy, Amazon Web Services, CPower, EnergyHub,
11 EnergySavvy, FirstFuel, General Electric, Itron, Nest
12 Labs, Oracle, Salesforce, Siemens, and Simple Energy
13 that commends and supports the Commission, hopefully,
14 for taking up this proposal.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir.

16 Now, moving into the Public Utilities
17 Agenda, there are edits to the November 8th, 2017
18 Regular Open Meeting.

19 Are there any objections to approving
20 the minutes as edited.

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the minutes

1 are approved.

2 Item E-1 concerns MidAmerican's filing
3 to update its Nuclear Decommissioning Factor under
4 Rider 12.

5 Are there any objections to not
6 suspending the filing?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the filing is
9 not suspended.

10 Item E-2 concerns American
11 Transmission Company and ATC's Management's Petition
12 for Approval of Certain Guarantee Agreements.

13 Are there any objections to granting
14 the motion to withdraw?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the motion is
17 granted.

18 Item E-3 concerns a consumer complaint
19 against Ameren.

20 Are there any objections to granting
21 the Joint Motion to Dismiss?

22 Hearing none, the Joint Motion is

1 granted.

2 Item E-4 concerns a consumer complaint
3 against Liberty Power Holdings.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 the proposed Order dismissing the proceeding?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
8 approved.

9 Item E-5 concerns ComEd's
10 reconciliation of revenues collected under coal tar
11 riders.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the proposed Order approving the reconciliation?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
16 approved.

17 Item E-6 concerns Ameren's
18 reconciliation of revenues collected under Hazardous
19 Materials Adjustment Rider.

20 Are there any objections to approving
21 the proposed Order approving the reconciliation?

22

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
3 approved.

4 Item E-7 concerns ComEd's Annual Rate
5 Formula Update and Reconciliation.

6 Is there a motion to approve the
7 proposed Order approving the Rate Update and
8 Reconciliation?

9 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: Seconded.

12 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Seconded.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioner del Valle, I
14 believe you have a comment?

15 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: Yes. Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 I will be voting to approve the Final
18 Order, but I disagree with the Commission's findings
19 concerning ComEd's online marketplace pilot program.

20 In this docket, ComEd presents this
21 pilot as a web-based -- and I quote -- "platform for
22 commercial exchange". It is an early example of what

1 the Company describes as its innovative initiative to
2 increase customer choice, control, and education in
3 the future. This platform concept is a crucial part
4 of the Company's preferred, new business model for
5 the utility of the future, a topic of the
6 Commission's ongoing NextGrid initiative.

7 Cost-recovery for this platform pilot
8 is, however, already before us, and it raises
9 important legal and policy questions. Unfortunately,
10 the results of this Order have given me substantial
11 cause for concern on whether ratepayers will be
12 adequately protected.

13 First, the Attorney General's Office
14 is the only party besides ComEd to engage with this
15 issue in a docket with only two contested issues. As
16 ComEd implements the components of its platform
17 initiative and questions of cost recovery come to the
18 Commission, everyone's engagement is critical.

19 But, most importantly, the Order's
20 far-reaching findings are based on a parade of
21 conclusory statements without any analysis or
22 scrutiny of ComEd's inadequate evidence.

1 As a threshold matter, now and in any
2 iteration of the utility of the future, any recovery
3 for important experimentation should be supported by
4 a clear presentation of empirical pilot design, using
5 quantified and ongoing cost benefit analysis to
6 verify clearly defined and articulated customer
7 benefits. It is not sufficient for ComEd to try to
8 support its rapidly expanding definition of "customer
9 service" and delivery services merely based on the
10 raw numbers of site visits and product purchases,
11 which likely include consumers outside of ComEd's
12 territory.

13 The Commission cannot become an
14 uncritical rubber stamp just because an initiative is
15 labeled as "innovative". Change is neither
16 inherently good nor bad, but all change comes with
17 risk. In order to protect ratepayers' access to
18 affordable and equitable service, the Commission must
19 be vigilant and demanding when presented with these
20 proposals.

21 The Commission should not be accepting
22 ComEd's arguments without properly engaging with the

1 longer-term implications of their meaning. In this
2 Order, the Commission does not have a standard for
3 determining whether a third-party website selling
4 electronics, including doorbell webcams and outdoor
5 speakers, is an energy-related customer service. The
6 Commission cannot be arbitrary and passive, but must
7 provide guidance as to what is in the public
8 interest. Absent this scrutiny, we could tread down
9 a path where the utility costs are unnecessarily high
10 and where benefits are inequitably going to those
11 most able to afford them.

12 Of course, a future with a platform
13 that prioritizes monetizing access to customers and
14 their data without clearly defined, quantified, and
15 verified customer benefits and savings is not
16 acceptable.

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

18 Any other discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All of those in favor of
21 approving the proposed Order say "aye"?

22 (Chorus of ayes.)

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed say "nay".

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The "ayes" have it, and the
4 Order is approved.

5 JUDGE KIMBREL: Mr. Chairman, just for the
6 record, I'd like to note that one public comment was
7 filed on e-docket.

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

9 Item E-8 concerns Ameren's Annual Rate
10 Update and Reconciliation.

11 Is there a motion to approve the
12 proposed Order approving Ameren's Rate Update and
13 Reconciliation?

14 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: Seconded.

17 COMMISSIONER OLVIA: Seconded.

18 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion? Commission
19 del Valle?

20 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: Thank you,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 I will be voting No on this order. I

1 believe the Order errs in waiting for the internal
2 audit of Ameren Services Company's costs pursuant to
3 its General Services Agreement.

4 As I explained in my dissent on the
5 Order approving the General Services Agreement:
6 "Under no circumstances should a regulator rely upon
7 a regulated utility to inform that regulator when and
8 how that regulated utility is engaging in the
9 inappropriate activity which the regulator exists to
10 prevent.

11 The internal audit required by the
12 General Services Agreement merely confirms that the
13 amounts charged to Ameren are what the affiliated
14 Services Company tells the utility it costs to
15 provide service. This does not, however, provide the
16 Commission with the necessary information to
17 determine whether those costs are just and
18 reasonable. That requires a well-structured and
19 thorough independent third-party audit.

20 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

21 Any other discussion?

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1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor of
3 approving the proposed Order say "aye".

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Opposed say "nay."

6 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: "Nay".

7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The vote is 4 to 1, and the
8 "ayes" have it.

9 JUDGE KIMBREL: Mr. Chairman, there was also a
10 public comment filed on e-docket.

11 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

12 Item E-9 concerns MP2 Energy NE's
13 petition for confidential treatment of its annual
14 report.

15 Any there objections to approving the
16 proposed Order granting the petition?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
19 approved.

20 Item E-10 concerns Clark Roof
21 Company's Application for Certification as an
22 Installer of Distribution Generation Facilities.

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

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the
5 application is approved.

6 Items E-11 through E-79 concern
7 Applications for Certifications to Install Energy
8 Efficiency Measures.

9 Are there any objections to
10 considering these items together and approving the
11 proposed Orders?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are
14 approved.

15 Moving on to our Gas Agenda, Item G-1
16 concerns Consumer Gas Company's reconciliation of
17 revenues collected under gas adjustment charges.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the proposed Order approving the reconciliation?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
22 approved.

1 Item G-2 is Illinois Energy, USA's
2 petition for the confidential treatment of its annual
3 report.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 the proposed Order granting the petition?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
8 approved.

9 Item T-1 under our Telecommunications
10 Agenda concerns setting the rates of operator service
11 providers.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the rates set forth in the petition -- in the
14 proposed Order?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
17 approved.

18 Item T-2 concerns the Universal
19 Telephone Assistance petition to determine the
20 amounts and form of assistance to be provided by
21 local telecommunications carriers.

22 Are there any objections to approving

1 the proposed Order approving the petition?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
4 approved.

5 Items T-3 through 8 concern petitions
6 for the confidential treatment of the annual reports.

7 Are there any objections to
8 considering these items together and approving the
9 proposed Order?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are
12 approved.

13 Items T-9 through 11 concern various
14 petitions to cancel or withdraw certain service
15 authority to provide various telecommunications
16 services.

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

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are
22 approved.

1 Items T-12 and 13 concern applications
2 to operate as resellers of telecommunications
3 services.

4 Are there any objections to
5 considering these items together and approving the
6 proposed Orders?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, these Orders
9 are approved.

10 Moving on to our Water Agenda,
11 Item W-1 concerns Illinois-American Water's Annual
12 Reconciliation of Purchase Water and Purchase Sewer
13 Treatment surcharges.

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

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
18 approved.

19 Item W-2 concerns Utility Services of
20 Illinois's Petition to Provide Service to a Parcel in
21 the Village of Oakwood.

22 Are there any objections to approving

1 the proposed Order granting the petition?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
4 approved.

5 Under our Miscellaneous Agenda,
6 Item M-1 concerns initiating a proposed rulemaking
7 related the regulatory accounting treatment of
8 cloud-based solutions.

9 Are there any objections to approving
10 the proposed Order initiating the rulemaking?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
13 approved.

14 We have two items of Other Business.
15 The first is our own motion to adopt a Resolution to
16 approve the formation of a Retail Market Advisory
17 Committee.

18 Are there any objections to adopting
19 the Resolution?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Resolution
22 is adopted.

1 The second concerns initiating a
2 proposed rulemaking to implement consumer protection
3 provisions of the Alternative Gas Supplier Law.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 the proposed Order initiating the rulemaking?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
8 approved.

9 That concludes our business on the
10 agenda.

11 Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other
12 matters to bring before the Commission this morning?

13 JUDGE KIMBREL: No, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do any of you
15 have any other business you'd like to discuss?

16 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: If I may,
17 Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioner Edwards?

19 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: Thank you.

20 Good morning. It is with bittersweet
21 emotion that I announce today will be my last day as
22 a Commissioner on the Illinois Commerce Commission.

1 It has been almost 5 years since I walked into this
2 role and into this building, but it has been a
3 phenomenal 5 years indeed. I'm thankful for the
4 appointment by Governor Quinn and the continuous
5 support from Governor Rauner.

6 From the implementation of EMA or the
7 deployment of smart meters, making Illinois a
8 trailblazer in its grid modernization efforts, to the
9 establishment of our own cyber security office to the
10 launch of NextGrid, the ICC has been quite busy.

11 My learning about this great industry,
12 which started on the very first day, has not ended
13 and it never will. I have learned and grown so much
14 professionally and personally in this role, and I
15 credit it to making me the woman that I am today.

16 There have been a lot of ups and
17 downs, challenges and opportunities, tears of joy and
18 tears of sadness, but I look back over the last 5
19 years with a great fondness for it all because I am
20 now a better person.

21 I am particularly thankful for all of
22 the wonderful people that I have met and the many

1 colleagues that I now consider dear friends and
2 others a part of my family. You see, when you are
3 somewhere for 5 years -- and my mother reminds me
4 that this is the longest that I've held a job. But
5 when you are somewhere for 5 years, you meet people
6 who do become integrated into your daily habit, your
7 daily life, and your daily ritual, and people whose
8 relationships that you can't imagine your life
9 without; and that starts with the dynamic people on
10 this bench.

11 Brien, we could not be any more
12 different, but we could also not be any more of the
13 same. You walked in 3 years ago with a mission, and
14 you are accomplished every bit of it. But some how,
15 in the midst of that mission, you took the time to
16 mentor and sponsor me in a way that I have never been
17 before and to always let me and everyone around us
18 know that you had my back and not to mess with me.
19 You taught me that being a good leader means everyone
20 won't like me, and that it is okay. And you taught
21 me that sometimes you have to let things and -- even
22 harder -- sometimes people go; and you taught me how

1 politic. But, for all of those lessons, above
2 anything, I thank you for your friendship, and I
3 appreciate you more than you will ever know.

4 Miguel, you are a legend; and serving
5 on this bench beside you will be something I'll be
6 proud of for the rest of my life. You taught me how
7 to stand for what I believe in and to always use my
8 voice. Thank you for allowing me to be me even when
9 we did not see eye to eye. And your support over the
10 years has been incredible, and I am blessed to know
11 you.

12 John, you are the jokester of the
13 family.

14 (Laughter.)

15 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: You taught me that
16 nothing is ever so serious that you can't laugh. You
17 have never been shy about your support and love for
18 me, and I could not be luckier to have such an
19 amazing cheerleader in my corner.

20 Thank you for also making us shine at
21 the State with the MARC conference that could not and
22 would not have been such a success without your

1 dynamic leadership.

2 And, Sadzi, I am so glad that you're
3 not here today. But you would have told me, if you
4 were here, not to wear mascara, so I kind of wish you
5 were.

6 (Laughter.)

7 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: But thank you for
8 being you. When you walked in a year ago, I was
9 convinced that I had made all of my closest friends
10 in life at that point, but I was so very wrong. You
11 have quickly become one of my best friends; and to
12 find that in a work colleague is nothing but a
13 blessing. You are beautiful inside and out,
14 intelligent, hardworking; and to top it all off, you
15 are the best mom in the whole wide world.

16 More than anything, I'm glad we showed
17 the world that two women working together hard as
18 friends can accomplish way more than women working
19 against each other. I cannot wait to see what you do
20 in this industry and at the ICC. Continue to mark it
21 up with your stiletto footprints. And I'm so proud
22 of you in advance.

1 I always say that the ICC staff are
2 the people who make the bus go round and round, and
3 we truly have a brilliant team here. And I think
4 I've interacted with every single one of you in some
5 capacity and received help, assistance, and guidance
6 from every single one of you. Thank you. Words
7 cannot express my gratitude for the opportunity to
8 work with and learn from each of you.

9 Lastly, thank you, thank you, thank
10 you to all of my advisers for their hard work over
11 the last 5 years. There was a reason each of you
12 were brought into my life, and I am grateful. You
13 see, without you there was no Commissioner Edwards.
14 You kept me on my toes, and you kept the balls in the
15 air.

16 Danisha, you taught me that it is okay
17 to bring your faith to work. Nakiha, you taught me
18 that you should always stand for what you believe in.
19 Joe, you taught me that brilliance comes from the
20 inside not the outside. And, Annie, you taught me
21 that loyalty has no color. Thank you all.

22 And for those that I didn't list

1 individually, know that you are loved and cherished
2 by me. It has been a blessing to know and work with
3 you all, and I just hope that I touched you all in
4 just a little bit of the way that you have touched my
5 life.

6 I'm looking forward to this next
7 chapter professionally and personally, but for now
8 I'm looking forward to just a few weeks off to
9 decompress. I miss you all already, but know that
10 it's not goodbye; it's to see you soon.

11 Thank you for having me in this role.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

14 Are there any other comments?

15 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Yes, Chairman, I have a
16 comment.

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Thank you, Chairman
19 Sheahan.

20 On behalf of my colleagues and the ICC
21 staff, I'd like to wish Commissioner Edwards all of
22 the best in her post-ICC career. I know you will

1 continue to be a big star in this industry. You've
2 been so giving with your knowledge, advice, and
3 kindness. Your determination to make Illinois a
4 leading state in the nation's energy sector serves as
5 an example to all of us.

6 I'm so sorry that I can't be there in
7 person, but I will close by saying that whoever sits
8 in your office next will have big and very stylish
9 shoes to fill.

10 (Laughter.)

11 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: You have made a tremendous
12 impact at the ICC. And I'm going to stop before I
13 get emotional again.

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.
15 Commissioner, del Valle?

16 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: Thank you.

17 We came in together, and we're leaving
18 together, because I have three bench sessions left.
19 So it's been a pleasure working with you.

20 I want to just point out a couple of
21 things that I really truly appreciate, in terms of
22 your tenure here. One was your forceful and

1 aggressive approach in dealing with the supplier
2 diversity issue. I felt like we were a tag team, and
3 I think we really made a big difference. And to me
4 it's always exciting when African-Americans and
5 Latinos come together to fight a good battle --
6 battles that need to be fought. So your skills, your
7 knowledge, your professionalism have all made a
8 tremendous difference. That's one area.

9 The other areas is the Women's Summit
10 that you organized -- the Energy Summit; a major,
11 major contribution trying to make sure that women are
12 at the forefront of all of the wonderful things that
13 are happening in this industry. That's very
14 important.

15 And then the last thing that I want to
16 mention is -- and you covered this -- your ability to
17 judge character and bring in some wonderful staff. I
18 said that to you. I said, "You really know how to
19 pick 'em". And I think Annie's here and others who
20 are working in different parts of the agency that I
21 think have been great and very talented people that
22 you've brought in, and the Commission is stronger

1 because of their employment here at this Commission.
2 And I hope they'll stick around for a while because
3 there's a lot happening.

4 So, again, thank you for your service
5 to the public, to the Illinois citizens, and
6 residents. And lots of luck.

7 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 Just quickly, this will be short and
10 totally to the point. But I don't think there is a
11 greater honor than the respect that all of us in this
12 room have for you. Congratulations.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, John.

14 Sherina, let me just add my thanks and
15 appreciation and congratulations. I could not be
16 prouder -- I'm going to need that Kleenex myself.

17 (Laughter.)

18 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I could not be prouder to
19 serve on the most diverse State Public Utility
20 Commission in the United States, and could not be
21 prouder of what we've achieved in the last 3 years
22 with the help of all of you, but with especially your

1 encouragement and support.

2 When you think about the difference
3 that the, literally, billions of dollars that the
4 utilities are spending in our communities on diverse
5 businesses, it is really impressive to think about
6 the difference that that makes in real people's
7 lives; and in many, many ways that's why we're here
8 and the reason that we've achieved as much is because
9 of your leadership. And whether it's innovation, or
10 diversity, thought leadership -- not just leadership
11 in Illinois, but national leadership -- and
12 leadership around the Women's Energy Summit, you've
13 really got a lot to be proud of.

14 And I love the fact that it's not
15 goodbye, it's "See you around"; and we all wish you
16 the you best. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER MAYE-EDWARDS: Thank you so much.
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: With that, if there are no
20 other comments, we'll stand adjourned. Thank you.

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