

1 (The Transportation
2 portion of the proceedings
3 was held at this time and
4 is contained in a separate
5 transcript.)

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moving on to the Public
7 Utility agenda, we will begin today with approval of
8 minutes from our February 23 Bench Session. I
9 understand amendments have been forwarded.

10 Is there a motion to amend the
11 minutes?

12 COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

16 All in favor say aye.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 The ayes have it. The vote is five to
21 nothing, and the amendments are adopted.

22 Is there a motion to approve the

1 February 23 minutes as amended?

2 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER FORD: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

5 All in favor say aye.

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 The vote is five to nothing, and the
10 February 23 Bench Session minutes as amended are
11 approved.

12 Turning now to the Electric portion of
13 today's agenda, Item E-1 (12-0211) concerns
14 commencing a reconciliation proceeding for revenues
15 collected by Ameren under its Hazardous Materials
16 Adjustment Clause Rider. Staff recommends entry of
17 an Order initiating the reconciliation proceeding.

18 Is there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 Is there a motion to enter the Order?

21 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

3 All in favor say aye.

4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 The vote is five to nothing, and the
8 Order is entered.

9 We will use this five to nothing vote
10 for the remainder of the Public Utility agenda,
11 unless otherwise noted.

12 Items E-2 (12-0212) and E-3 (12-0213)
13 can be taken together. These items concern
14 initiating a rulemaking proceeding pursuant to
15 16-128(a) of the Public Utilities Act regarding the
16 development of certification requirements for vendors
17 who install electric vehicle charging stations and
18 for entities who install and distribute generation
19 facilities. In each case Staff recommends entry of
20 an Order initiating the rulemaking proceeding.

21 Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

1 Any objections?

2 (No response.)

3 Hearing none, the Initiating Orders
4 are entered.

5 Items E-4 through E-6 can be taken
6 together. These items concern tariff changes sought
7 by Ameren and ComEd. In each case Staff recommends
8 granting the company's request by not suspending the
9 filing.

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 Any objections?

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the filings will not be
15 suspended.

16 Item E-7 is Docket Numbers 10-0141
17 through 10-0143 Consolidated. These items concern
18 requests filed by ComEd in 2010 seeking authority to
19 enter into a credit agreement with affiliated
20 interests under Section 7-101 of the Public Utilities
21 Act. ALJs Hilliard and Benn recommend that the
22 Commission enter an Order on Reopening approving the

1 company's recently filed petitions to extend its
2 previously granted authority.

3 Is there any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 Any objections?

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, the Order is entered,
8 and the extension is granted.

9 Item E-8 is Docket Number 11-0113.

10 This is Ameren's reconciliation case for revenues
11 collected under its Hazardous Materials Adjustment
12 Clause Rider 2010. ALJ Jones recommends entry of an
13 Order approving the reconciliation.

14 Is there any discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 Any objections?

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing none, the Order is entered.

19 Item E-9 is Docket Number 11-0434.

20 This item concerns an investigation of ComEd's Rate
21 GAP regarding municipal aggregation protocols. We
22 will be holding this item for disposition at a future

1 Commission meeting.

2 Item E-10 is Docket Number 11-0498.

3 This item concerns investigation of ComEd's supply
4 rate design and non-coincidental peak demand
5 allocation. We will also be holding this item for
6 disposition at a future Commission meeting.

7 Item E-11 is Docket Number 11-0589.

8 This is Shawn O'Farrell and Kazmier Tooling's
9 complaint against ComEd. ALJ Riley recommends entry
10 of an Order granting in part and denying in part the
11 company's complaint.

12 Is there any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 Any objections?

15 (No response.)

16 Hearing none, the Order is entered.

17 Item E-12 is Docket Number 11-0718.

18 This is Linda Benoit's complaint against Ameren.
19 Mrs. Benoit seeks withdrawal of her complaint, and
20 ALJ Albers recommends entry of an Order dismissing
21 the complaint at the complainant's request.

22 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 Any objections?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order is entered,
5 and the complaint is dismissed.

6 Items E-13 and E-14 (12-0056, 12-0057)
7 can be taken together. These items concern petitions
8 by the Illinois Department of Transportation seeking
9 eminent domain authority for easements on property
10 owned by ComEd in connection with roadway improvement
11 projects in Cook County and McHenry County. In each
12 case ALJ Hilliard recommends entry of an Order
13 granting eminent domain authority.

14 Is there any discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 Any objections?

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing none, the Orders are entered,
19 and the requested eminent domain authority is
20 granted.

21 Items E-15 through E-21 (12-0134,
22 12-0139, 12-0147, 12-0148, 12-0156, 12-0165, 12-0172)

1 can be taken together. These items are petitions for
2 the confidential and/or proprietary treatment of the
3 petitioner's reports. In each case the ALJ
4 recommends entry of an Order granting the requested
5 protective treatment.

6 Is there any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 Any objections?

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing none, the Orders are entered.

11 Item E-22 is Docket Number 12-0154.

12 This is Ameren's petition for authority to construct
13 a new transmission line in and around Bloomington,
14 Illinois. Staff has made a motion to extend the
15 deadline associated with this docket by 75 days, and
16 ALJ Von Qualen recommends granting the motion.

17 Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 Any objections?

20 (No response.)

21 Hearing none, the motion to extend the
22 deadline is granted.

1 Item E-23 is Docket Number 12-0105.
2 This is Smart Energy's application for licensure as
3 an alternative retail electric supplier. The ALJ
4 recommends entry of an Order granting the
5 certificate.

6 Is there any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 Any objections?

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing none, the Order is entered.

11 Item E-24 is Docket Number 12-0167.

12 This is Public Power, LLC's, application for a
13 Certificate of Authority under Section 16-115 of the
14 Public Utilities Act. We will be holding this item
15 for disposition at a future Commission meeting.

16 Items E-25 and E-26 (12-0113, 12-0125)
17 can be taken together. These items are applications
18 for licensure as an Agent, Broker and Consultant
19 under Section 16-115C of the Public Utilities Act.
20 In each case ALJ Albers recommends entry of an Order
21 granting the certificate.

22 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 Any objections?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Orders are entered.

5 Turn now to Natural Gas. Item G-1 is

6 Docket Number 09-0538. This is Ameren's

7 reconciliation case for revenues collected under gas

8 adjustment charges in 2009. ALJ Albers recommends

9 entry of an Order approving the reconciliation.

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 Any objections?

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the Order is entered.

15 Item G-2 is Docket Numbers 11-0280 and

16 11-0281 Consolidated. This is North Shore Gas' and

17 Peoples Gas' rate case, and before us today is a

18 motion for a stay or for alternative relief brought

19 by the Attorney General's Office. Pursuant to our

20 discussion at the March 7 Bench Session, we have an

21 Amendatory Order before us which would grant

22 alternative relief to revisions to pages 237 and 238

1 of our Final Order. So we will first take a vote on
2 entering that Amendatory Order.

3 Is there discussion on the Amendatory
4 Order?

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER McCABE: I abstain.

6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections to entering the
7 Amendatory Order?

8 (No response.)

9 Hearing none, the Amendatory Order is
10 entered by a four to nothing vote.

11 As this came up in the context of a
12 motion for a partial stay of the Order, we will also
13 address that motion directly.

14 Is there any discussion on the Motion
15 to Stay?

16 (No response.)

17 Are there any objections to denying
18 the Motion to Stay?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Motion for a Partial
21 Stay is denied by a four to nothing vote, and the
22 Order will not be stayed, although the Commission

1 will enter an Amendatory Order consistent with our
2 prior vote.

3 Item G-3 is Docket Number 11-0476.
4 This is a petition by Peoples Gas seeking approval
5 for the purchase and resale of securities under
6 Section 7-102 of the Public Utilities Act. ALJ
7 Hilliard recommends entry of an Order granting the
8 petition.

9 Is there any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 Any objections?

12 (No response.)

13 Hearing none, the Order is entered.

14 Item G-4 is Docket Number 12-0123.

15 This is a petition by Integrys Energy Services
16 seeking confidential and/or proprietary treatment of
17 its Annual Dekatherm Report. ALJ Yoder recommends
18 entry of an Order granting the requested relief.

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 Any objections?

22 (No response.)

1 Hearing none, the Order is entered.

2 Item G-5 is Docket Number 11-0795.

3 This is Kenneth Cunningham's complaint against Nicor.

4 The parties have apparently settled their differences

5 and brought a Joint Motion to Dismiss which ALJ

6 Teague recommends we grant.

7 Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 Any objections?

10 (No response.)

11 Hearing none, the Joint Motion to

12 Dismiss is granted.

13 Item G-6 is Docket Number 12-0098.

14 This is HIKO Energy's application for a Certificate

15 of Service Authority to operate as an alternative gas

16 supplier. The company is requesting to withdraw its

17 application without prejudice, and ALJ Yoder

18 recommends entry of an Order granting withdrawal.

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 Any objections?

22 (No response.)

1 Hearing none, the Order is entered,
2 and the application is withdrawn.

3 Moving on to Telecommunications, Item
4 T-1 concerns a filing by Illinois Consolidated
5 Telephone Company seeking to add tariff language to
6 clarify on how we determine appropriate rates for
7 Voice Over Internet Protocol and Public Switch
8 Telephone Network traffic. Staff recommends granting
9 the company's request by not suspending the filing.

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 Any objections?

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the filing will not be
15 suspended.

16 Item T-2 is Docket Number 12-0150.

17 This is T6 Communications' petition for the
18 withdrawal of its Certificates of Service Authority
19 previously issued in Docket Number 07-0450. ALJ
20 Riley recommends entry of an Order granting the
21 withdrawal of those certificates.

22 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 Any objections?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order is entered,
5 and the certificates are withdrawn.

6 Item T-3 is Docket Number 11-0799.

7 This is Angela Foster's complaint against Illinois
8 Bell. The parties have apparently settled their
9 differences and have brought a Joint Motion to
10 Dismiss which ALJ Haynes recommends we grant.

11 Is there any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 Any objections?

14 (No response.)

15 Hearing none, the Joint Motion to
16 Dismiss is granted.

17 Item T-4 is Docket Number 12-0019.

18 This is 1 800 Collect's application for a Certificate
19 of Interexchange Authority to operate as a reseller
20 of telecommunication services in Illinois. ALJ
21 Teague recommends entry of an Order granting the
22 requested authority and granting confidential

1 treatment for the company's financial statements.

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 Any objections?

5 (No response.)

6 Hearing none, the Order is entered.

7 Item T-5 is Docket Number 12-0021.

8 This item concerns an investigation into M.T.I.'s
9 compliance with requirements for an eligible
10 telecommunications carrier and into its eligibility
11 for Linkup Subsidy Reimbursement. ALJ Riley
12 recommends entry of an Interim Order terminating
13 M.T.I.'s Wireless Service Certificates issued in
14 Docket Numbers 10-0229 and 10-0230 and terminating
15 its ETC certificates issued in Docket Numbers 06-0038
16 and 10-0524.

17 Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 Any objections?

20 (No response.)

21 Hearing none, the Interim Order is
22 entered.

1 Items T-6 through T-9 (12-0126,
2 12-0135, 12-0137, 12-0143) can be taken together.
3 These items are petitions for the confidential and/or
4 proprietary treatment of the petitioners' Annual
5 Report. In each case the ALJ recommends entry of an
6 Order granting the requested protective treatment.

7 Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 Any objections?

10 (No response.)

11 Hearing none, the Orders are entered.

12 Now on to Water and Sewer. Item W-1
13 is Docket Number 11-0519. This concerns Peter
14 White's complaint against Aqua Illinois. The
15 complainant has filed a Motion to Withdraw its
16 complaint, and ALJ Yoder recommends entry of an Order
17 granting withdrawal.

18 Is there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 Any objections?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the Order is entered,

1 and the complaint is withdrawn.

2 Item W-2 is Docket Number 11-0767.

3 This is Illinois-American Water Company's rate case,
4 and before us today is a Resuspension Order
5 suspending the case for further investigation for an
6 additional six months.

7 Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 Any objections?

10 (No response.)

11 Hearing none, the Resuspension Order
12 is entered.

13 Item W-3 is Docket Number 12-0129.

14 This item concerns an informational statement filed
15 by Sundale Utilities pursuant to Section 6-102(d) of
16 the Illinois Public Utilities Act in conjunction with
17 proposed financing of indebtedness. ALJ Von Qualen
18 recommends entry of an Order approving the proposed
19 refinancing.

20 Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 Any objections?

1 (No response.)

2 Hearing none, the Order is entered.

3 We have one Petition for Rehearing
4 today. Item PR-1 is Docket Number 07-0566 and this
5 is ComEd's 2007 rate case on remand from the
6 Appellate Court. The Commission entered an Order on
7 Remand on this matter on February 23, and ComEd seeks
8 rehearing of that decision. ALJ Haynes recommends
9 denying ComEd's Petition for Rehearing.

10 Is there any discussion?

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER McCABE: I abstain.

12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there any further
13 discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 Are there any objections to denying
16 the Petition for Rehearing?

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing none, the company's Petition
19 for Rehearing is denied by a four to nothing vote.

20 We have three Other Items of Business
21 scheduled for today. Up first is a Resolution
22 (12-0214) regarding the retirement of Meri Sanders.

1 Meri, do you want to come forward, please? I have a
2 resolution that I would like to read in part to you.

3 "By the Commission:

4 WHEREAS, Meri Sanders began her career at the
5 Illinois Commerce Commission in March of 1980 and has
6 been part of the Chief Clerk's Office for her entire
7 32-year career with the Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, Meri has been involved with all aspects
9 of the Clerk's Office, including the monumental
10 appeal in 87-0427, et al., which included more than
11 70 transfer boxes, or approximately 1500 volumes, and
12 required renting a truck for transport to the
13 appellate court; and

14 WHEREAS, Meri Sanders has served as an
15 'unofficial' historian of the Commission, due to her
16 vast knowledge of the Commission's action and
17 background and everything related to the public
18 utility industry, especially the complex subject of
19 tariffs; and

20 WHEREAS, Meri has seen approximately 40
21 Commissioners come and go during her tenure with the
22 Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, Meri Sanders has been unwavering in her
2 dedicated service to the Commission and Staff;

3 IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Illinois
4 Commerce Commission expresses gratitude and respect
5 to Meri L. Sanders for her exemplary work ethic and
6 dedication, and offers best wishes as she begins the
7 next phase of her life where she intends to travel,
8 continue her volunteer service and possibly embark on
9 a new career."

10 Congratulations. Thank you very much.

11 MS. SANDERS: I think I will just stand up
12 here.

13 I would like to thank the Chairman,
14 the Commissioners and also welcome Commissioner
15 McCabe back. Welcome back. I would like to
16 especially thank the Chief Clerk's Office and the
17 members of the Staff that have worked beside me
18 through the years, some of which have been here
19 longer than others.

20 There are two people in my past that
21 were great structures to my career, that being Rose
22 Claggett, Chief Clerk, and also Donna Caton, Chief

1 Clerk, who believed in me and helped me with my
2 career through the Chief Clerk's Office.

3 And, again, I want to thank everyone,
4 including all our Staff and our Chief Clerk's Office
5 Staff in Chicago also and Kenneth Hundrieser.

6 Thank you so much.

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Colgan?

8 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Meri, you are not done
9 yet.

10 As the resolution said, you spent your
11 entire career here in the Chief Clerk's Office. It
12 is my understanding that you served an internship
13 here while you were in high school and I guess your
14 father worked here, right? And then right after high
15 school you started your career here.

16 Over the years the Staff has told me
17 that you have become the go-to person whenever
18 questions were to come up, whether they were from
19 someone outside here or to Staff. And even if they
20 are looking for documents from the '30s and the '40s,
21 that you can somehow put your hand on those. And
22 that's very impressive.

1 But I heard that maybe your greatest
2 achievement is that you have personally hand-stamped
3 close to a billion tariff filings. I bet you have
4 strong hands.

5 So Meri and her husband Harlan, who is
6 already retired from the Springfield Police
7 Department, we are wishing you have a wonderful
8 retirement. And I have heard that you continue to
9 plan your volunteer service at the Abraham Lincoln
10 Museum, and both you and your husband are involved in
11 the Order of the Eastern Star and both of you love to
12 travel, and I hope you can take full advantage of
13 that. And thank you very much and we will truly miss
14 you.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz?

16 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Yeah. Well, I
17 shared many a year with Meri. In my days as an ALJ
18 I knew that she was a person to call to unravel a
19 problem if there was a problem. And, yes, Donna
20 Caton, and I do remember Rose Claggett and the silver
21 bullets that would come at like four o'clock on a
22 Friday afternoon from Steve Claggett. But it is so

1 great to see someone that has spent their life in
2 public service and has done such great work for us at
3 this Commission. And you have just been a great
4 resource for us, an able assistant at any time that
5 we needed you, plus your regular work of stamping and
6 getting those boxes off to the appellate court.
7 Thankfully we don't have to do that any more.

8 But I wish you the best, and don't
9 forget you might be getting calls saying how did we
10 do this, you know. Once you are at the Commission
11 for that many years, I always remind people it is
12 like the mafia; we never let you go. So wishing you
13 the best and thanks for your service.

14 COMMISSIONER FORD: I never had a chance to
15 meet you personally, Meri, but I have certainly heard
16 about your good work. And after having spent 34
17 years at another job myself, I do wish you well after
18 spending 32 years here. But I don't think you should
19 go for another career. I am trying to end this one.

20 Continue to travel and God speed.

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Meri, thanks so much for all
22 your years of service. And whatever you choose to do

1 with your husband, good luck and congratulations and
2 we wish you nothing but the best.

3 Thanks again.

4 MS. SANDERS: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Further resolution, are there
6 any objections to adopting the resolution?

7 (No response.)

8 Hearing none, the resolution is
9 adopted.

10 Thanks again, Meri.

11 Our second item of Other Business
12 concerns a Notice of Inquiry pursuant to Public Act
13 97-0222 regarding retail electric choice customer
14 education for residential and small commercial
15 customers.

16 Is there somebody from Staff who is
17 available to discuss the report?

18 MR. CLAUSEN: Yes, this is Torsten Clausen in
19 the Chicago office.

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hello, Torsten.

21 MR. CLAUSEN: Hello. I can briefly go through
22 some of this report that we sent to you, not covering

1 every single item, but generally the gist of the
2 report.

3 The report is the result of a Senate
4 bill last year that was passed by the General
5 Assembly as Public Act 97-0222 that required the
6 Office of Retail Market Development to seek
7 information from the parties of whether there are any
8 updates necessary to the consumer education
9 information that is out there for residential and
10 small commercial customers. And we have asked
11 formally for such input and received one round of
12 comments and another round of reply comments. And we
13 have put them all together in this report.

14 Briefly summarizing the comments that
15 we have received and the recommendations based on
16 those comments, generally we have received comments
17 from the utilities, several of the suppliers, as well
18 as the Citizens Utility Board, the Attorney General's
19 Office, EMT Energy. And the comments generally were
20 very constructive and helpful, and I want to thank
21 everybody who actually took the time to write what
22 they think are additional items that need to be out

1 there for consumer education purposes.

2 So this report goes through all these
3 comments in a topic by topic basis. And just a
4 couple highlights of what the additional information
5 is that the parties want to see on the website, one
6 of the items is additional information for residents
7 that live in communities where municipal electric
8 aggregation is happening, and that's obviously very
9 timely, given yesterday's election and the election
10 of the referendum on the election ballot.

11 As the Commission is aware, we have
12 organized some of these directly to the
13 municipalities that are involved in municipal
14 aggregation. And what is being talked about in this
15 particular report really is a different target
16 audience than the residents in those communities, and
17 gives them a high level overview of what municipal
18 aggregation is all about and where they can find more
19 information.

20 And we actually have a draft ready of
21 that language for the website at the report stage for
22 many of these items in this report. Instead of

1 asking you, the Commission, to approve specific
2 language, we actually drafted initial language for
3 these items, and then we are sending around to the
4 parties to get input and hopefully reaching consensus
5 on the language for a lot of these items.

6 So that is one particular topic that
7 needs to be addressed. Some others are more
8 information for realtime pricing customers. They
9 currently get some information on the website, but
10 parties wanted to see a little bit more and also
11 maybe a little bit more explanation on how the
12 realtime pricing customers compared to the offers out
13 there by retail electric suppliers, whereas right now
14 the focus is really on comparing the utilities' fixed
15 price bundled service rates to the offers by
16 alternative retail electric suppliers.

17 Another item was to add information
18 about LIHEAP and PIPP, the low income assistance
19 programs, and making customers aware of what they
20 should look out for if they are on such programs when
21 they are considering a switch to a supplier.

22 Again, I won't be going through all of

1 these items in the report that you have read, but a
2 lot of these items are some recommendations where we
3 ask the Commission to direct the Office of Retail
4 Market Development to draft language and seek input
5 from interested parties on the specific language, and
6 then to update that on our website.

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I appreciate the thoroughness
8 of the report, Torsten. I thought it was very good.
9 And I also appreciated the way the recommendations
10 were structured because I think that makes the most
11 sense, to try to get as much consensus as you can on
12 the language.

13 Further discussion? Commissioner
14 O'Connell-Diaz.

15 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Well, I would
16 like to thank Torsten and all the parties actually
17 because this has been a collaborative effort. We
18 have been at this business since, what, 1997 and we
19 are finally seeing the fruits of all the labor that
20 has gone into creating this competitive marketplace
21 in Illinois for residential customers.

22 And I don't know about any of you, but

1 I find myself -- I was at the bank the other day and
2 the lady knows what I do and she was asking me all
3 about it. So I proudly sent her to our website and
4 explained to her, you know, I can't recommend anybody
5 but here is what it is.

6 Because there is confusion out there
7 and especially given the election process yesterday
8 and the referenda that were across our state, which I
9 really don't know what the outcome is yet. There is
10 going to be more questions and, of course, our
11 Commission is in the center place to be able to
12 provide this to our consumers and ratepayers in our
13 state.

14 The one point I would just bring out
15 is that, you know, as I suggested and I have
16 understood this process, it has been a very, very
17 collaborative process with the various alternative
18 suppliers, with any interested parties, with the
19 workshops that have been going on. And I was quite
20 concerned that there is on the website -- there is
21 not concomitant sharing of the Plug-in Illinois
22 information on the C&T and the Converge website. I

1 think it is C&T. That needs to, I believe, happen in
2 order for, if someone is looking, that they can just
3 go to our website. We don't have any ownership here.
4 We are neutral, but it is important for consumers,
5 when they are looking at this, that they go to our
6 Commission website.

7 So I really value that recommendation
8 in the report and am glad that that has been brought
9 out. And certainly that is, from my understanding, I
10 thought that that was going to be on everyone's
11 website when we started on this journey. So I was
12 surprised to hear that that was not in fact a fact.

13 So I appreciate that this is in the
14 report, and that the Commission would look to see
15 that on that website, so that people can have a
16 knowledge base upon which to make their home
17 decisions.

18 So thank you very much, Torsten. We
19 have been working hard for this for so many years and
20 now we are kind of there. And we still have a lot of
21 work to go. It is an evolving process. We will be
22 looking at this on a regular basis with all the

1 market participants. And this is, you know -- what's
2 that clause, "the beginning of a long journey?"

3 So thank you very much.

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Colgan.

5 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Yeah, I just ditto the
6 comments that the Chairman made and Commissioner
7 O'Connell-Diaz. I would just like to also, though,
8 just point out that I am glad that the group in the
9 process has had the foresight to consider low income
10 customers and the potential impact that can have for
11 LIHEAP participants, especially with the PIPP program
12 up and running now. So I think that was a good and
13 insightful decision, to take a closer look at that.

14 And thank you for your work.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner Ford.

16 COMMISSIONER FORD: I certainly want to again
17 echo what my fellow Commissioners have already said
18 and done. You certainly took my plug when you said
19 about LIHEAP and the percentage of income. I know
20 how long you worked on it and I know how long he has
21 worked on that.

22 And also, Torsten, do you have any

1 idea how the referenda went on the municipal
2 aggregation yesterday?

3 MR. CLAUSEN: That's a very good question, and
4 obviously it is very early. And we have actually
5 tried this morning to go -- we have actually
6 contacted the State Board of Elections to see if they
7 have immediate information available on the towns.
8 And it sounds like that is going to be taking awhile
9 to get the official results from the State Board of
10 Election.

11 However, so far we have done the good,
12 old-fashioned Google search and I looked for some of
13 these towns. And, yes, I think it is -- so far it is
14 pretty much a mixed bag. There is some larger towns
15 where the referendum did not pass. I believe in
16 Bloomington and Normal the referendum did not pass.
17 I think in the East St. Louis area a couple of the
18 larger towns also did not pass.

19 But, of course, a lot of towns did
20 pass and, of course, there is the sheer number of
21 towns with the referendum on the ballot yesterday,
22 close to 300 towns. So even if there is a

1 significant percentage of towns not passing the
2 referendum yesterday, that still leaves a lot of
3 towns and, therefore, there are more potential
4 customers who could be potentially going out to that
5 and switching to alternative retail electric
6 suppliers in the near future.

7 COMMISSIONER FORD: I too want to commend you
8 on the easy read for this, especially the
9 recommendation part, and your staff did a fine job.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. CLAUSEN: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Further discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the recommendation?

16 (No response.)

17 Hearing none, the recommendations are
18 approved.

19 The final item is a FERC item which
20 calls for us to go into Closed Session. Is there a
21 motion to go into Closed Session?

22 COMMISSIONER FORD: So moved.

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CONTINUATION OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: In Closed Session the Commission discussed making a filing in FERC Docket Number ER12-1194.

Is there a motion to make the filling with FERC?

COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FORD: Second.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.

All in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

(No response.)

The vote is five to nothing, and the filing will be made with FERC.

Judge Wallace, any other matters to come before the Commission today?

JUDGE WALLACE: No, that's it.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, sir.

Again, welcome, Commissioner McCabe. Glad to have you here and look forward to working

1 with you.

2 And again we want to also thank
3 Commissioner Elliott for his years of service and all
4 that he gave to the Commission as well.

5 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: I just want to
6 note that I think it is the first time that we have
7 had three women Commissioners.

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I wondered who was going to
9 point that out.

10 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Not that we are
11 saying anything, but I think this is the first time.
12 So welcome to our newest Commissioner, and thank you,
13 Commissioner Elliott.

14 COMMISSIONER FORD: We have a majority.

15 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Yeah, better
16 watch out.

17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing no other business to
18 come before the Commission today, the meeting stands
19 adjourned.

20 BENCH SESSION ADJOURNED

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