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2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
3	REGULAR OPEN MEETING
4	(PUBLIC UTILITIES)
5	Springfield, Illinois
6	Tuesday, June 17, 2014
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8	Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. at 527 East
9	Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.
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12	PRESENT:
13	MR. DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, Chairman
14	MR. JOHN T. COLGAN, Commissioner
15	MS. ANN McCABE, Commissioner
16	MS. SHERINA E. MAYE, Commissioner
17	MR. MIGUEL del VALLE, Commissioner (by video)
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23	MIDWEST LITIGATION SERVICES, by Angela C. Turner, Reporter
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is everything ready in
- 3 Chicago?
- 4 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: We're all set.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Pursuant to the provisions
- of the Open Meetings Act, I now convene a Regular
- 7 Open Meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission.
- 8 With us in Chicago is Commissioner del Valle. With
- 9 me in Springfield are Commissioner Colgan,
- 10 Commissioner McCabe, and Commissioner Maye. I am
- 11 Chairman Scott. We have a quorum.
- Before moving into the agenda, according to
- 13 Section 1700.10 of Title 2 of the Administrative
- 14 Code, this is the time we allow members of the public
- 15 to address the Commission. Members of the public
- 16 wishing to address the Commission must notify the
- 17 Chief Clerk's office at least 24 hours prior to
- 18 Commission meetings. According to the Chief Clerk's
- 19 office, we have no requests to speak at today's
- 20 meeting.
- The first item of business on today's agenda
- 22 is Docket Number 12-0548. This is our reconciliation
- of revenues collected under Ameren's power
- 24 procurement riders with actual costs associated with

- 1 power procurement expenditures. ALJ Yoder recommends
- 2 entry of an Order approving the reconciliation.
- 3 Is there a motion to enter the Order?
- 4 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?
- 6 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Second.
- 7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner
- 8 Colgan; second by Commissioner Maye.
- 9 Is there any discussion?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: All in favor say aye.
- 12 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to
- 16 nothing, and the Order is entered.
- We will use this five to nothing vote for
- 18 the remainder of today's Regular Open Meeting agenda
- 19 unless otherwise noted.
- 20 Item 2 is Docket Numbers 13-0501 and 13-0517
- 21 consolidated. This is the People of the State of
- 22 Illinois' complaint to suspend tariff changes
- 23 submitted by Ameren and to investigate Ameren's Rate
- MAPP pursuant to Sections 9-201, 9-250, and 16-108.5

- 1 of the Public Utilities Act. ALJs Albers and Yoder
- 2 recommend we grant AIC's request for oral argument
- 3 and enter an Order clarifying the formula rate
- 4 process.
- 5 The request for oral argument has been
- 6 granted and the Order clarifying the formula rate
- 7 process will be held for disposition at a future
- 8 Commission proceeding. We will set a date for oral
- 9 argument in the near future.
- 10 Item 3 is Docket Number 13-0546. This is
- 11 the Illinois Power Agency's Petition for Approval of
- 12 the 2014 IPA Procurement Plan pursuant to Section
- 13 16-111.5(d)(4) of the Public Utilities Act. ALJ
- 14 Wallace recommends entry of an Order on Rehearing.
- 15 Is there any discussion?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Are there any objections?
- 18 COMMISSIONER McCABE: I just note there's a
- 19 few non-substantive edits.
- 20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And those will be forwarded
- 21 to the ALJ following today's meeting.
- 22 Any further discussion?
- JUDGE WALLACE: Mr. Chairman.
- 24 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Yes.

- 1 JUDGE WALLACE: It would be helpful if we
- 2 would get -- it would be helpful if we, the ALJs,
- 3 would get the edits before, you know. We do
- 4 appreciate that you actually include them in your
- 5 vote. Just to avoid any problems on our -- not
- 6 problems. But, you know, so we won't be accused of
- 7 anything.
- 8 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Even non-substantive?
- 9 JUDGE WALLACE: Non-substantive.
- 10 We don't -- you know, I think it's just
- 11 better form. And I guess this is just as good a
- 12 place as any to bring it up. We would prefer that
- 13 you vote on them or at least all five of you know
- 14 that they're being made.
- 15 And if we get a non-substantive -- say
- 16 here's some non-substantive edits, we have no real
- 17 way of knowing if all five of you are in on it or
- 18 not. I mean, it's just a slight concern, and my
- 19 judges would feel better doing it this way that
- 20 they're all included in the vote.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Just so I understand,
- 22 Chairman.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner.
- COMMISSIONER MAYE: So you're saying that we

- 1 would get you the non-sub edits, let's say, the day
- 2 before?
- 3 JUDGE WALLACE: If you want to make them
- 4 like you do your other ones just so that you all five
- 5 know.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Oh, on the Bench that we
- 7 talk about them?
- 8 JUDGE WALLACE: You don't have to talk about
- 9 them. If you say there are some non-substantive
- 10 edits and they're included in the Order that is being
- 11 voted on.
- 12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: We could do this a couple
- of ways. It's probably easier just -- the deadline
- on this is not until I believe the 5th, so we have
- 15 one more meeting.
- JUDGE WALLACE: I am fine. I would actually
- 17 prefer you go ahead and vote it out. I just --
- 18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Just in the future?
- JUDGE WALLACE: Huh?
- 20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: In the future?
- JUDGE WALLACE: I mean, you brought up there
- 22 would be some non-substantive edits that would be
- 23 coming down. That's fine.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MAYE: I think you're saying

- 1 can we vote on it?
- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Just include those in the
- 3 vote, you're saying?
- 4 JUDGE WALLACE: Yeah.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Okay. Well, let me ask it
- 6 this way then. Is there any further discussion then?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there any objection to
- 9 the Order with the non-substantive edits in them?
- 10 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: No.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order on
- 12 Rehearing with the non-substantive edits is entered
- 13 then.
- 14 Thank you for bringing that to our
- 15 attention, Judge.
- 16 Item 4 is Docket Number 14-0146. This is
- 17 Richard Fowler's complaint against ComEd as to
- 18 billing and/or charges in Roselle. The Complainant
- 19 has filed a Motion to Dismiss, which ALJ Riley
- 20 recommends we grant.
- Is there any discussion?
- (No response.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 24 (No response.)

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1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion is
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- 2 granted and the complaint dismissed.
- 3 Item 5 is Docket Number 14-0345. This is
- 4 IDOT's petition on behalf of the People of the State
- 5 of Illinois for approval of the taking or damaging of
- 6 certain properties owned by ComEd in Kendall County
- 7 by exercising the right of eminent domain. ALJ
- 8 Hilliard recommends entry of an Order granting the
- 9 requested relief.
- 10 Is there any discussion?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 13 (No response.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 15 entered.
- 16 Item 6 is Docket Number 14-0134. This is
- 17 Trademark Merchant Energy LLC's Petition for
- 18 Withdrawal of its Alternative Retail Electric
- 19 Supplier Certificate, which ALJ Kimbrel recommends we
- 20 grant.
- Is there any discussion?
- 22 (No response.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 24 (No response.)

- 1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 2 entered.
- 3 Items 7 through 10 can be taken together.
- 4 These items are Petitions for Confidential and/or
- 5 Proprietary Treatment of petitioners' various
- 6 reports. In each case, the ALJ recommends entry of
- 7 an Order granting the requested relief.
- 8 Is there any discussion?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders
- 13 are entered.
- 14 Items 11 and 12 can be taken together.
- 15 These items are Applications for Licensure of Agents,
- 16 Brokers and Consultants under Section 16-115C of the
- 17 Public Utilities Act. The ALJ in each case
- 18 recommends entry of an Order granting the requested
- 19 certificate.
- Is there any discussion?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 23 (No response.)
- 24 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders

- 1 are entered.
- 2 Item 13 is Docket Number 14-0391. This is
- 3 Park Power LLC's Application for Certificate of
- 4 Service Authority under Section 16-115 of the Public
- 5 Utilities Act. ALJ Sainsot recommends entry of an
- 6 Order granting the requested certificate.
- 7 Is there any discussion?
- 8 (No response.)
- 9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 12 entered.
- 13 Item 14 is Docket Number 14-0392. This is
- 14 Ameren's request pursuant to Section 6-102(d) of the
- 15 Public Utilities Act to incur indebtedness by
- 16 undertaking the obligation to pay the principal
- 17 interest and redemption premium, if any, on up to
- 18 \$300,000,000 principal amount of Senior Secured Notes
- 19 for the purpose of refunding, redeeming and/or
- 20 refinancing outstanding evidences of indebtedness.
- 21 ALJ Von Qualen recommends entry of an Order granting
- 22 the requested relief.
- Is there any discussion?
- 24 (No response.)

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1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
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- 2 (No response.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 4 entered.
- 5 Item 15 is Docket Number 14-0028. This is
- 6 Nicor's application pursuant to Section 8-104 of the
- 7 Public Utilities Act for consent to and approval of
- 8 revised therm savings goals for its Energy Efficiency
- 9 Plan. ALJ Sainsot recommends entry of an Order
- 10 granting the requested relief.
- Is there any discussion?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 16 entered.
- 17 Item 16 is Docket Number 14-0167. This is
- 18 ENCOA's Petition for Confidential and/or Proprietary
- 19 Treatment of its 2013 Dekatherm Report. ALJ Yoder
- 20 recommends entry of an Order granting the requested
- 21 relief.
- Is there any discussion?
- 23 (No response.)
- 24 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

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1 (No response.)
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- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 3 entered.
- 4 Item 17 is Docket Number 14-0295. This is
- 5 Interstate Gas Supply of Illinois' Petition to Cancel
- 6 its Certificate of Service Authority to operate as an
- 7 alternative gas supplier under Section 19-110 of the
- 8 Public Utilities Act. ALJ Riley recommends entry of
- 9 an Order granting the requested relief.
- 10 Is there any discussion?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 13 (No response.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 15 entered.
- 16 Item 18 is Docket Number 14-0297. This is
- 17 AT&T and RCLEC, Incorporated's Joint Petition for
- 18 Approval of an interconnection agreement dated
- 19 April 4, 2014, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252.
- 20 ALJ Riley recommends entry of an Order approving the
- 21 agreement.
- Is there any discussion?
- 23 (No response.)
- 24 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

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1 (No response.)
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- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 3 entered.
- 4 Item 19 is Docket Number 14-0288. This is
- 5 Legent Communication LLC doing business as Long
- 6 Distance Service's Petition for a Certificate of
- 7 Interexchange Authority to operate as a reseller of
- 8 telecommunications services in Illinois and Legent
- 9 Communication LLC doing business as Long Distance
- 10 America's Petition to Cancel its Certificate of
- 11 Service Authority.
- This item will be held for disposition at a
- 13 future Commission proceeding.
- 14 Items 20 and 21 can be taken together.
- 15 These items are Petitions for the Confidential and/or
- 16 Proprietary Treatment of petitioners' various
- 17 reports. In each case, the ALJ recommends entry of
- 18 an Order granting the requested relief.
- 19 Is there any discussion?
- 20 (No response.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- (No response.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders
- 24 are entered.

- 1 Item 22 is Docket Number 14-0330. This is
- 2 CenturyLink Communications' verified Petition for
- 3 Waiver of the equal access scripting requirements of
- 4 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 773.140(b),
- 5 which ALJ Albers recommends we grant.
- 6 Is there any discussion?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is
- 11 entered.
- 12 Item 23 is Docket Number 06-0703. This item
- 13 concerns our revision of 83 Illinois Administrative
- 14 Code Section 280. ALJ Hilliard recommends entry of
- an Order authorizing the Second Notice Period.
- This item will be held for disposition at a
- 17 future Commission proceeding.
- 18 Item 24 is Docket Number 13-0602. This is
- 19 Phillips 66 Pipeline's Application for Issuance of a
- 20 Certificate in Good Standing as a common carrier by
- 21 pipeline pursuant to the Illinois Common Carrier by
- 22 Pipeline Law.
- This item will also held for disposition at
- 24 a future Commission proceeding.

- 1 Item 25 is Docket Number 14-0060. This is
- 2 Maurice Perkins of Inner City Youth Foundation's
- 3 complaint as to billing and/or charges in Chicago.
- 4 Complainant has filed a Petition for Rehearing, which
- 5 ALJ Hilliard recommends we deny.
- 6 Is there any discussion?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections to denying
- 9 rehearing?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the request
- 12 for rehearing is denied.
- 13 Item 26 is a meeting to address
- 14 administrative matters before the Commission. Before
- that, we're going to move to the video conference
- 16 room on the second floor. And Commissioner del Valle
- 17 will be moving to the video conference room on the
- 18 eighth floor in Chicago.
- 19 So we will not adjourn. We will just recess
- 20 for a couple of minutes and then we'll reconvene in
- 21 the video conference room.
- 22 (Recess taken.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: We will now reconvene.
- 24 We're in the video conference rooms in Springfield

- 1 and Chicago. This is the meeting to address
- 2 administrative matters before the Commission. The FY
- 3 15 budget, the SB 274 Interfund Borrowing, ICC budget
- 4 long term, legislation from the Spring Session, and
- 5 the Illinois Finance Authority short-term sharing of
- 6 some of our unused Chicago office space.
- 7 I assume we'll take those in order. And
- 8 Jane Fields, do you want to start with the budget?
- 9 You can move up to the table, please.
- 10 MR. FEIPEL: And I sent around some briefing
- 11 materials on the budget and some of the legislative
- 12 stuff on Friday to give you some background. The
- 13 budget, overall, is kind of a mixed kind of split
- issue in terms of where we're at. The appropriation
- 15 authority turned out better than we expected. There
- 16 was no real push to scale back on a lot of unused
- 17 appropriation, as the General Assembly and OMB
- 18 thought about it.
- 19 Ours stayed the same in all categories that
- 20 were critical to us. You will note some of these
- 21 reductions like the reduction for the Wireless
- 22 Carrier Reimbursement Fund transfer, we had a
- \$9,000,000 transfer last year. That was eliminated
- 24 this year. So appropriately, that appropriation

- 1 level was reduced.
- 2 So the appropriation levels are fully fine.
- 3 Our issue continues to be on the public utilities
- 4 side, the cash shortfall. And without additional
- 5 transfer this year, it's going to lead us into some
- 6 issues. We'll come back to that budget fix in a
- 7 little bit here.
- 8 But the Public Utilities Fund budget
- 9 continues to face significant structural deficit.
- 10 Out of a \$30,000,000 operating budget, we're short,
- 11 roughly, ten. And transportation budget is
- 12 approaching that same point where we're now starting
- 13 to run a little high on cost versus our revenue that
- 14 we're taking in on an annual basis. So some
- discussions have moved afoot to fix both looking
- 16 toward veto session, potential lame duck session end
- 17 of the year.
- That's an overall. Head count levels also
- 19 stayed the same. We're operating well below our
- 20 authorized head count. So we have got plenty of
- 21 space. There again, the issue continues to be cash
- 22 across the board.
- That's the overall. Any questions or any of
- 24 the detail?

- 1 (No response.)
- 2 MR. FEIPEL: Okay.
- 3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Jane, did you want to add
- 4 anything?
- 5 MS. FIELDS: No. I think he covered it.
- 6 Cash is our issue.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MAYE: I have a question, I
- 8 guess, for Jane. With our C & C budgets for each
- 9 respective Commissioner's office, do we -- when we're
- 10 traveling intrastate, we don't have to get approval
- 11 from GOMB, that's just approval from your office, is
- 12 that right?
- MS. FIELDS: Correct.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MAYE: So technically, what is
- it that you look for when approving or rejecting
- 16 requests?
- MS. FIELDS: Mostly, we look at your
- 18 allocation that you had for travel. As long as you
- 19 stay within your allocation, we wouldn't ask any
- 20 questions, as long as the expenditures are
- 21 appropriate according to the state travel regs.
- 22 Those are the two things we look at.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MAYE: If we're traveling
- 24 within the state within our realms of responsibility,

- 1 we should never have a rejection?
- 2 MS. FIELDS: As long as you're within your
- 3 allocation for travel.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Right.
- 5 MS. FIELDS: In your particular job.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MAYE: If I have \$6,000, and I
- 7 have a \$1,000 travel expense within the state, that
- 8 will be fine?
- 9 MS. FIELDS: Uh-huh.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: But they are checking for
- 11 appropriateness of, you know, the travel modes, the
- 12 hotels you stay at, and things like that.
- MS. FIELDS: Right.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Just to make sure it stays
- 15 within the state travel guidelines.
- MS. FIELDS: You have to use the lowest cost
- 17 method of travel.
- 18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: When it goes outside, when
- 19 it goes to OMB, that's where you get more qualitative
- 20 type of decisions about whether they think it's
- 21 worthwhile for us to be doing that.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Okay.
- MR. FEIPEL: Other questions?
- 24 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Commissioner del Valle,

- 1 anything on this?
- 2 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: No, no questions.
- 3 MR. FEIPEL: And I think, across the board,
- 4 if people have followup on any of these points, feel
- 5 free to give me a call and we can talk more too off
- 6 line.
- 7 The second, this is just kind of a note.
- 8 Senate Bill 274 included the same interfund borrowing
- 9 authority for the Governor and the Office of
- 10 Management and Budget. This has been standard
- 11 practice for the last few years. The one fund, as we
- 12 talk about cash shortages, this really doesn't impact
- 13 us much at all. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund,
- 14 however, is running a significantly high balance,
- primarily because a lot of the projects, we have
- 16 obligated almost double of the money that's in the
- 17 fund. But because of lags in getting the engineering
- in place or projects commenced and then completed, we
- 19 have run a bit of a balance.
- So it's a potential that this one would be
- 21 noticed by people in other agencies looking to do
- 22 borrowing. Now, these funds are always paid back,
- 23 and with interest, so it's less scary and less of a
- 24 concern than a sweep used to be. At the same time

- 1 though, we have a really strong argument against
- 2 borrowing these funds, because they're all fully
- 3 obligated in the projects. And that's the one real
- 4 reason that states our borrowing requests in the
- 5 future. That's something to keep in the back of your
- 6 mind.
- 7 Next --
- 8 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: I have a question.
- 9 MR. FEIPEL: Please.
- 10 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So they can borrow
- 11 from the fund?
- MR. FEIPEL: No. There's been no borrowing
- 13 so far. This is just a kind of a heads up that that
- 14 authorization has been given again, so it's something
- 15 that we're paying close attention to.
- 16 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Okay.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Should we ever be
- 18 concerned -- this is not about the interfund, but you
- 19 mentioned a sweep. Should we ever be concerned about
- 20 getting our budget swept for having a sufficient
- 21 amount of surplus at the end of our fiscal year?
- 22 MR. FEIPEL: That was an issue. And it's
- 23 partly the reason that we ran into kind of the
- 24 financial situation we're in, a couple of these funds

- 1 back even ten years ago at this point. The Public
- 2 Utilities Fund was raided pretty strongly by sweeps by
- 3 the prior administration.
- 4 Sweeps have become kind of a thing of the
- 5 past. This administration has really shifted policy
- 6 away from that. That's why we see this borrowing.
- 7 That's not nearly as problematic as a sweep. It's, I
- 8 think, some people are significantly less concerned
- 9 with today.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: There is the one tax though
- 11 that we -- they just appropriated for their own
- 12 purposes that was originally supposed to go to us.
- 13 And that's about \$5,000,000 a year that we haven't
- 14 gotten for ten years, something like that.
- MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 16 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: So I mean, that's also
- 17 contributed to the -- but that was one where the
- 18 General Assembly just said, no, we're going to take
- 19 that for our own purposes.
- MR. FEIPEL: And we really, because of the
- 21 cash shortages, we don't really have a balance that
- 22 we're really maintaining year over year that looks
- 23 attractive enough for those kind of purposes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Oh. Which is good

- 1 though.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: In that sense, it's good.
- 3 MR. FEIPEL: Other questions there?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 MR. FEIPEL: Okay.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The budget fix.
- 7 MR. FEIPEL: The budget fix. And this is
- 8 something we have been looking at now for some time
- 9 at different options to actually get both the Public
- 10 Utility Fund and the Transportation Regulatory Fund
- 11 to a sustainable long-term level.
- 12 Kind of different options on both sides
- 13 given the different parameters of the two separate
- 14 funds. The Public Utilities Fund, been in
- 15 conversations with all of the entities who would pay
- 16 that fee, the standard usual suspects. The utilities
- 17 that we regulate, obviously. But looking to broaden
- 18 that also to the other entities who cause work here
- 19 that currently don't pay into our fund. But at the
- 20 same time, we do lots of work for. Not even
- 21 necessarily that we regulate, per se, but that drive
- 22 work for the Commission Staff and the administrative
- 23 budget.
- The overall concept would be to do this as

- 1 kind of like a formula ratemaking process, right. So
- 2 we would estimate at the beginning of each year what
- 3 our needed operating expenses are in the public
- 4 utilities side for the upcoming fiscal year. That
- 5 amount would then be assessed to different parties
- 6 based on a formula allocation that we set out in law,
- 7 potentially in administrative rules so it could be
- 8 updated. And then work through that year over year
- 9 with a reconciliation at the end, where if we've
- 10 over- or under-collected, that money is credited or
- 11 moved back and forth as need be.
- 12 The concept has seen, overall, some very
- 13 positive response by folks in the General Assembly
- 14 still working through it with, obviously, the parties
- we'd be assessing this too. And back to timing.
- 16 Really looking strongly at veto session or a
- 17 potential lame duck session at the end of this year.
- 18 So in essence, trying to get this locked in the next
- 19 six months, because that would allow us to, next
- 20 fiscal year, shift on to the new funding source
- 21 completely, which would alleviate the significant
- 22 stress that the Public Utility Fund is under.
- 23 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Could you give an
- 24 example of what some cost drivers would be that

- 1 aren't paying into the Public Utility Fund?
- 2 MR. FEIPEL: You think of a lot of the ABCs
- 3 are a perfect example. Some of the gas supplier --
- 4 gas marketers, we do quite a bit of work certifying,
- 5 complaints, rules --
- 6 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Filing fee or
- 7 something?
- 8 MR. FEIPEL: Right. And obviously, the way
- 9 we would set up the formula would be the more work
- 10 you drive, the more you pay. The less -- and trying
- 11 to do it on a proportionate scale.
- 12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And in your discussions, do
- 13 you think that there's pretty good recognition from
- 14 the General Assembly, A, that this needs to be done;
- and B, that they will take care of it either in veto
- or in lame duck in January?
- 17 MR. FEIPEL: Right. And not only that too,
- 18 but also the entities that we work with on a regular
- 19 basis, utilities and the others, have all said across
- 20 the board, we understand that you have a significant
- 21 problem and we're going to try to help you fix it.
- 22 Whether they, right now, fully embrace the proposal
- 23 we put forward, we're still in discussions and
- 24 working through that. But not one has said, oh,

- 1 look, you can just cut your way out of this. They
- 2 all understand that there's no voicemail on the
- 3 Springfield phones. There's nothing left to cut.
- 4 There is a broad recognition of that.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Really, the only opposition
- 6 to that would come from people who haven't been
- 7 paying before and are going to be paying now?
- 8 MR. FEIPEL: Right. Right.
- 9 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So is our whole
- 10 case based on having proportional responsibility? Or
- 11 what other arguments are we making besides the
- 12 structural problems with the budget and the need for
- 13 proportion?
- MR. FEIPEL: The primary is, look, we need
- 15 to fix this. It's been a problem for some time now
- 16 and we have been relying on -- we have been the
- 17 beneficiary of sweeps and transfers the last few
- 18 years just as much as we were the detriment of sweeps
- 19 and transfers ten years ago.
- We have been living off of other transfers
- 21 from other funds. That's, obviously, not ideal for
- 22 either us or the other funds that were being
- 23 transferred. Getting us on to a long-term
- 24 sustainable plan so we don't have to keep going back

- 1 and begging for things year over year, which is
- 2 obviously not the efficient way to do things.
- 3 Also, looking at this in terms of a bigger,
- 4 broader pool of different folks who would pay the fee
- 5 as opposed to now, those really haven't been updated
- 6 in years. They don't really track kind of the
- 7 different entities that we deal with now that some of
- 8 them didn't even exist last time these were updated.
- 9 So broadening the base. Looking at that
- 10 proportion of who drives the work is another strong
- 11 argument. Also including getting away from -- right
- 12 now, there's the three main fees that support our
- 13 budget. There are a variety of others that we
- 14 collect. There's a real simplicity and
- 15 administrative efficiency argument to be made to say,
- 16 look, this is going to be one number. We'll let you
- 17 know before the fiscal year, and that's how you
- 18 submit the payment. As opposed to now, a lot of
- 19 these entities have to track multiple different fees,
- 20 it's multiple different checks. And obviously, that
- 21 increases administrative costs for those paying under
- 22 the current fee structure.
- 23 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So all those
- 24 arguments make a lot of sense.

- 1 MR. FEIPEL: Yes.
- 2 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Why have we had
- 3 such a hard time accomplishing this?
- 4 MR. FEIPEL: I think two reasons. One,
- 5 given the atmosphere in the General Assembly last
- 6 year, there was really no one interested in talking
- 7 to us about working out our budget issue. Now that's
- 8 corrected.
- 9 But again, I think you've look at the
- 10 overall politics of what was going on this past
- 11 session, and there wasn't a lot of interest in
- 12 readdressing our utility structure -- fee structure
- in this past session. It seems to be that we're
- 14 going forward now. You get past both of those and
- 15 now we have got a much better chance of getting it
- 16 done.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And two, Commissioner del
- 18 Valle, I think there's two reasons. Jonathan is
- 19 being a little kinder. But you and I both know the
- 20 value of doing something in veto session or in lame
- 21 duck as opposed to doing it in the General Session
- 22 that ends in June before November. So we both
- 23 understand that.
- 24 And the second part of it is that now

- 1 they've back themselves into a corner. Now they have
- 2 sort of taken away, you know, through other
- 3 legislation that they have done, the ability to just
- 4 keep going back to the same source for sweep for
- 5 internal sweeps. It was all within the ICC. But
- 6 they have now eliminated that as a possibility for us
- 7 to keep going back to year after year. So they've
- 8 sort of backed themselves into a corner and
- 9 understand now, if I have got that right, now they
- 10 have actually got to do something. And veto or lame
- 11 duck makes the most sense from a timing standpoint.
- 12 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Sure.
- MR. FEIPEL: Other questions?
- On the transportation side, we're exploring
- 16 other options to get that structure reestablished
- 17 into a way that gets us some more security on the
- 18 transportation fund. Again, that structural deficit
- 19 is much smaller on the transportation side. So at
- 20 this point, we don't need on overall -- like an
- 21 overhaul of how we do the transportation fee
- 22 assessments.
- 23 And those are spread out across a wider
- 24 array of industries. It's not as tied together as

- 1 the public utility side. So looking at some
- 2 different options there, again, with the potential
- 3 look toward a veto session or a lame duck in order to
- 4 readjust that side too. So more on that as we kind
- 5 of coalesce around some options there.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Okay. Legislation.
- 7 MR. FEIPEL: The spring legislation, there
- 8 were two different things we sent around. The key
- 9 one is the one that -- there's the chart and then the
- 10 one that looks more like a narrative with paragraphs.
- 11 The narrative page, the two-pager, goes through all
- 12 of the key initiatives that were passed and either
- 13 sent to the Governor or now some signed. The chart
- 14 is back up that let's you know all of the different
- 15 legislation that we followed and had discussions and
- 16 negotiations in, most of which you'll see didn't
- 17 pass.
- The key kind of focus areas, we talked about
- 19 the budget. We were successful in passing our
- 20 initiative for getting us compliant with the Supreme
- 21 Court rules on how out-of-state attorneys are handled
- 22 here in front of the Commission. So we got that
- 23 taken care of.
- The big two, I would say, pieces of

- legislation that passed, the first that's already
- 2 signed is the 911 funding rewrite. It's on the
- 3 second page. That one, for the most part, was really
- 4 a measure to readjust how 911 funding is dispersed.
- 5 We have handled the disbursements from the Wireless
- 6 Carrier Reimbursement Fund for a number of years now.
- 7 The formula for how those are given out to the 911
- 8 systems has changed substantially, including, and
- 9 potentially most importantly, an absolute adder for
- 10 small systems in counties of 100,000 people and less.
- 11 So from there, there were also, we take on
- more authority to review the financials of the 911
- 13 systems to have them report better and more realistic
- 14 data to us. We have also got authority now to
- develop a universal system of accounts for the 911
- 16 systems, so we have better financial data. The main
- 17 kind of focus is this is a one year only change,
- 18 because it appears that a permanent, more long-term
- 19 change to those 911 funding structure overall will be
- 20 rolled into the telecom rewrite that takes place next
- 21 year. So this is a short-term kind of fix to getting
- 22 911 systems better in place to then next year we take
- 23 a look at the whole broad funding for 911 as an
- 24 entire state. So that takes place next year. So

- 1 that was the 911 side.
- 2 The second, probably, you know, we have got
- 3 this supplemental procurement for the IPA, the power
- 4 agency, to go out and procure a one time using
- 5 \$30,000,000 from the ARES alternative compliance
- 6 payment money to go out and buy solar, both new and
- 7 current from existing systems. It puts in place a
- 8 set of procedures that we'll actually be looking at
- 9 those once those plans are fully developed by the
- 10 IPA, they get filed here and we take a look at them
- 11 through a standard process. But it's kind of on the
- 12 side from the standard procurement processes.
- 13 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: What is the timeline
- on the filing of that and our internal process?
- MR. FEIPEL: In essence, the whole thing
- 16 takes about a year to complete. We should see
- 17 something in a matter of months. The IPA has to go
- 18 through a series of workshops and discussions on the
- 19 front end first. It should fairly closely coincide
- 20 with the standard IPA process.
- 21 And the last is of the big, most important
- 22 ones, is the Supplier Diversity Bill that adds
- 23 some --
- 24 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Can I go back to

- 1 the supplemental procurement? The language in that
- 2 bill regarding the installers --
- 3 MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 4 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: That IBEW is able
- 5 to get included in that bill does not aline with our
- 6 current rules.
- 7 MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 8 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: What is the
- 9 discussion around that issue?
- 10 MR. FEIPEL: I think it seems to be that in
- 11 the General Assembly, there is a real desire. That's
- 12 the way they see the world working in terms of what
- installers for distributed generation, as well as
- 14 electric vehicles, they see that the language that
- 15 they have included here for the IPA, that's really
- 16 the way they want to see the world work.
- 17 So I think that was kind of the overall
- 18 impetus here was to say, okay, look, all of the solar
- 19 panels that are installed pursuant to the IPA
- 20 procurement will use the standards and criteria that
- 21 they pretty much want to see across the board for
- 22 installation of distributed generation.
- 23 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: It applies only to
- the activity around these \$30,000,000?

- 1 MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 2 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Not beyond that?
- 3 MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MAYE: With that, Director
- 5 Feipel, that was kind of last minute, because I know
- 6 we kind of found out about it. Right?
- 7 MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MAYE: That was kind of sneaky.
- 9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The whole solar thing,
- 10 well, much of the discussion during the spring was
- 11 about the whole renewable portfolio standard fix.
- 12 That's the way it had been talked about. And that
- 13 came about kind of at the last minute as a substitute
- 14 for it. Not necessarily the greatest substitute for
- 15 it, but as a substitute for it. And the folks that
- 16 were pushing the RPS fix wanted to get at least
- 17 something out of that. And so that was what they
- 18 settled on and knew that they could get passed, so
- 19 they did that.
- 20 MR. FEIPEL: That whole process for getting
- 21 the IPA supplemental procurement language put
- 22 together was all done in like the last week or two of
- 23 session. So a lot of those -- I think a lot of those
- 24 kind of changes and pushes took place at the last

- 1 minute just by merit of how the whole thing came
- 2 together.
- 3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Some of the discussion,
- 4 really, was -- and I think we can share this, because
- 5 we were saying it down the street. Is that didn't
- 6 necessarily think they needed this to be able to --
- 7 that the IPA necessarily needed. In fact, in our
- 8 last Order to them, we sort of suggested that they do
- 9 this anyway.
- 10 So I mean, having that legislative obviously
- 11 cements that. But that's what I am saying. I am not
- 12 sure as a substitute for the other bill it really is
- 13 much, because I am of the opinion that they could
- 14 have done this anyway. But having it in law
- 15 obviously solidifies that.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Right.
- 17 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Does this \$30,000,000
- 18 have a dedicated revenue stream to fund it?
- MR. FEIPEL: Yes. And remember, because the
- 20 -- this all goes back to the crux of dealing with
- 21 this in the IPA cases, which we're in a much better
- 22 place now than we were then.
- Because the IPA has made the argument that
- in conjunction with language, they say that they

- 1 spend the ACP money in conjunction with the
- 2 procurement on the utility side of their portfolio.
- 3 And because they haven't bought renewables on the
- 4 utility side, IPA has made the argument that they
- 5 can't spend the ACP side of the funding. So that
- 6 fund balance has grown dramatically in the last
- 7 several of years.
- 8 So the dollars are there and just kind of
- 9 sitting. That's what one of the main points of
- 10 issue, especially with the environmental community,
- 11 has been, look, we have got tens of millions of
- 12 dollars just sitting around in a fund at a time when
- 13 state resources are next to nothing. And this is
- 14 ludicrous that we can't spend it because the RPS is
- just broken, it's not working, because it won't let
- 16 the IPA spend this money.
- 17 So the dollars are all there. It was
- 18 supposed to be part of the overall RPS fix that was
- 19 negotiated and was supposed to be passed last veto.
- 20 That got hung up and delayed. And so this was kind
- 21 of a "We need to do something to help the cause
- 22 along. We'll do this." But everybody fully
- 23 recognized the RPS still has to be fixed. And that's
- 24 coming back, presumably, next session.

- 1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Along with lots of other
- 2 generation-type legislation.
- 3 MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And then you were saying
- 5 that Representative Davis's bill that we talked about
- 6 in Policy Session passed.
- 7 MR. FEIPEL: Right. The Supplier Diversity
- 8 Bill passed both Houses. And it's got, of course, a
- 9 significant expansion of what, you know, kind of
- 10 criteria and direction for the entities for filing
- 11 reports, what they need to follow. As well as now
- 12 including some of the water companies. So that was a
- 13 good, solid expansion. And that's passed too.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Good.
- 15 Want to talk about the resolution --
- 16 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Just that it also
- 17 quantifies the role of the Commission.
- 18 MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: In terms of
- 21 requiring the annual process for repaying the
- 22 reports, conducting reports.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Right. Yeah.
- 24 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: This is an inadequate

- 1 report. Here's what you need.
- 2 MR. FEIPEL: Right. It's a really good step
- 3 in the right direction, yes.
- 4 And I think I should back up and say on the
- 5 911 Bill, the Governor signed that two Fridays ago.
- 6 And we have already started working on implementing
- 7 all of the reporting and the reviews and the
- 8 accounting side of it, as well as reaching out to the
- 9 911 systems to start getting their feedback on what
- 10 that will like look.
- 11 We've also started reaching out to the
- 12 utility side in terms of what those new minority
- 13 diversity -- supplier diversity requirements will
- 14 look like. The Governor hasn't signed it. We're not
- 15 prejudging his decision. But keeping in mind too
- 16 that there are some things to put in place to get
- 17 ready for.
- The resolution is that it's House Resolution
- 19 1146. Actually, there were two resolutions, and
- they're tied together, so we can talk about both
- 21 quickly. One is to talk about and requires some
- 22 reports by four different state agencies in looking
- 23 at the potential closure of nuclear plants in the
- 24 state of Illinois. There's a series of factual

- 1 whereas clauses. And it gets to requiring ICC to
- 2 look at reliability and some rate impact issues. EPA
- 3 would look at the impact on climate issues and
- 4 societal impacts. IPA is looking at the reliability
- 5 from the standpoint of their portfolio as they kind
- of do every year with their procurement process
- 7 anyway.
- 8 And the last piece is DCEO is required --
- 9 it's a resolution, but suggested that DCEO go look at
- 10 the economic impacts of nuclear plant closures in the
- 11 state. With that, we have been in talks with the
- 12 other agencies involved, the other agency directors,
- 13 to figure out how best to respond to this, because
- 14 this is one that kind of we're not on our own. We're
- going to need to coordinate with the other three
- 16 agencies.
- 17 It sounds like, at this point, things we
- 18 like the idea of is responding with one report as
- 19 opposed to four separate. Obviously, it talks about
- 20 some modeling issues. That each agency is asked to
- 21 do different things and with different agencies have
- 22 different resources. So we're talking through what
- 23 makes the most sense there.
- The report really has a due date that points

- 1 toward November 15th. So for something that could be
- 2 pretty intense, it's not a lot of time. And
- 3 certainly, cuts us out of anything that would look
- 4 like a procurement -- we don't have money for it
- 5 anyway. But a procurement for some kind of contract
- 6 to do the work for us. It just would take way too
- 7 long past the November 15th.
- 8 So that's the overall. The other, the tie
- 9 in is this companion, I would say, coal resolution
- 10 that passed that was also looking at similar --
- 11 different approach, but it says, hey, look, you know,
- 12 the shutdown of coal plants as a result of the new
- 13 USEPA rules is going to be problematic from a number
- 14 of different standpoints and urges folks to take a
- 15 look at ways to not just shut down the coal plants of
- 16 Illinois.
- 17 So there is obviously a linkage here where
- 18 one is saying we like nuclear power and we need to
- 19 take a look at it. And the other says we like coal
- 20 and need to take a look at it too. So there's an
- 21 interplay.
- 22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: But the coal one doesn't
- 23 require us to do anything.
- MR. FEIPEL: Right. Right. Only the

- 1 nuclear one does.
- 2 Again, it's not a requirement. But clearly,
- 3 it was an initiative of the Speaker and Leader
- 4 Durkin. It passed unanimously, if I can remember
- 5 properly. So there would be no reason not to respond
- 6 and put the report together.
- 7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And honestly, given what is
- 8 happening with the USEPA regs and the response that
- 9 us and EPA and DCEO and IPA and others are going to
- 10 have to make to that, doing this work probably makes
- 11 sense anyway. That we can use it as we're doing that
- 12 at the same time.
- MR. FEIPEL: Right. EPA is already looking
- 14 at a lot of those issues. Nuclear is embedded in the
- 15 USEPA 111D rules anyway. So a lot of this work's
- 16 already been done.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Or will need to be, one of
- 18 the two.
- 19 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: We're not required
- 20 to do a formal report on the coal.
- 21 MR. FEIPEL: Right. The coal resolution is
- 22 broader.
- 23 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So what are we
- 24 going to do exactly to address the coal issue raised

- 1 by the resolution? How are we going to do that?
- 2 MR. FEIPEL: We have got some options there.
- 3 And again, as we continue to talk with the other
- 4 agencies and see how broadly we want to take this.
- 5 The nuclear resolution talks specifically about the
- 6 agencies putting together some findings with specific
- 7 recommendations on, quote, market-based solutions
- 8 that would, you know, help the industry in Illinois.
- 9 So we could look at that as a very narrow issue and
- 10 what is a market-based solution that works for
- 11 nuclear.
- 12 Nuclear only, it seems to be looking at the
- 13 USEPA back to the 111D rules. It contemplates a much
- 14 broader energy solution for the state. So it would
- 15 make quite a bit of sense to say, here's a
- 16 market-based solution that works for nuclear coal,
- 17 wind, solar, and gets us to where we need to be by
- 18 2030, when we would have to comply with the rules as
- 19 proposed.
- 20 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So the market-based
- 21 solution, does that include some kind of cost of
- 22 carbon?
- 23 MR. FEIPEL: There are a number of different
- 24 ways from carbon tax to cap and trade to like a clean

- 1 energy standard like the renewable portfolio
- 2 standard. I think by market-based, they mean like
- 3 not a direct substantive bailout, by finding some way
- 4 with competitive forces.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And I think this is an
- 6 issue just kind of larger than the resolution calls
- 7 for. And you know, we'll join with the other
- 8 agencies and do that, that work that was being asked
- 9 of us.
- But I think this is a good area for us to
- 11 start talking in terms of policy meetings, because
- 12 it's a huge issue that affects everything we do on
- 13 the power side. And so -- and will be an issue for
- 14 us for the next at least two plus years while we're
- 15 trying to figure out, as a state, what plan we submit
- 16 to comply with the EPA regs.
- 17 So I'll come around and talk individually to
- 18 you, but I am going to suggest, I think, that we do
- 19 this from a policy committee standpoint and really
- 20 delve into these issues fairly deeply.
- 21 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: It could be a
- 22 multi-state initiative.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It could be a multi-state
- 24 initiative as well, right. And there is some work

- 1 going on in that as well. I think it's probably the
- 2 right time to do that. And we'll try to -- finding
- 3 dates is always fun, but we'll try to find some
- 4 dates, if people agree with that, and kind of move
- 5 forward on that. Because it really does affect.
- 6 We can't be talking about nuclear and
- 7 whether or not they're clearing an auction and what
- 8 the market base solution for that would be without
- 9 tying it into renewable portfolio standard and what
- 10 happens on the 111D compliance. They're all
- 11 interrelated. I think we have got to start talking
- 12 about all of those, even though we don't do
- 13 generation.
- MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 15 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Agree to do resource
- 16 --
- 17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Which we could do, even
- 18 though we don't do generation. That may be a good
- 19 legislative issue at some point.
- I'll come around and talk individually to
- 21 everybody about this and see, A, if that makes sense
- 22 to you; and B, if it does have a structure.
- 23 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: I think that's an
- 24 excellent major argument, isn't it, that they don't

- 1 get credit for the benefit, the lack of carbon?
- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's kind of weird. When
- 3 you read that, the nuclear piece we thought was
- 4 really confusing. And then in talking to some other
- 5 folks, it turns out that it was only confusing
- 6 because it was actually fairly simple. And in that
- 7 rule, there really isn't much length in it.
- 8 The EPA takes -- there are 23 states that
- 9 have nuclear capacity. And they made a judgment of
- 10 how much of that was quote/unquote, at risk, by their
- 11 own definition of what "at risk" means. It could be
- 12 age of the plant. It could be economic drivers, like
- 13 the plant in Wisconsin or what we're seeing here in
- 14 Illinois with the not clearing. So it could be for a
- 15 lot of reasons.
- 16 They assign that as a rate of just about six
- 17 percent. And so what they did is, on the front end,
- 18 they took six percent away from us in terms of
- 19 compliance. So that's six percent we would have to
- 20 get in terms of reductions. But if we keep the coal
- 21 plant -- or the nuclear plants open, we get that six
- 22 percent back on the back end. So it ends up being a
- 23 wash.
- So yes, there is incentive to keep them open

- 1 the way that that rule is written right now. Again,
- 2 it's just a draft rule. So there is incentive to
- 3 keep that open. And then if you were to do something
- 4 that would open new nuclear plants -- nobody is
- 5 talking about that here, but in the states where they
- 6 are talking about that, then there is credit that
- 7 could come for that.
- 8 You sort of do get credit, because they're
- 9 looking at your emissions rate as of 2012. And so if
- 10 that's part of your fuel mix in 2012, you sort of do
- 11 get credit for having nuclear be part of your fuel
- 12 mix in 2012. It's there, but it's probably not there
- 13 to the extent that the Exelons and Southerns and
- 14 other big nuclear folks may want it to be.
- Sorry. That was longer-winded than it
- 16 needed to be.
- 17 MR. FEIPEL: Other questions?
- 18 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Another question on
- 19 the resolution in the report. The due date on the
- 20 nuclear plant report is November 15th.
- 21 MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 22 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Veto starts
- November 16th, right?
- MR. FEIPEL: Right.

- 1 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Any connection
- 2 there?
- 3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: What do you think?
- 4 MR. FEIPEL: You might very well think that.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: You don't believe in
- 6 coincidences, Commissioner?
- 7 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: The other shoe will
- 8 drop.
- 9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: And actually, I think that
- 10 going back to doing some policy things, and not only
- 11 doing the report, I think that it is a further good
- 12 reason to be doing that, because you can guess that
- 13 there may be some discussions about these issues. So
- 14 the more work we have done, maybe the better.
- 15 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: And I am glad you
- 16 stated that, Mr. Chairman. That's one of the reasons
- 17 I ask the question. Is if we anticipate that there
- 18 may be some action, then we need to get these policy
- 19 sessions in.
- 20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Absolutely.
- 21 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So that we're
- 22 prepared to deal with it.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Agreed.
- 24 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: In whatever way we

- 1 have to.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Right. Absolutely.
- 3 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So I think I agree
- 4 that we need to do these sessions and we need to move
- 5 on them quickly.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Appreciate that. Thanks.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Who will be preparing
- 8 the report, Director Feipel?
- 9 MR. FEIPEL: Because we have got the four
- 10 agencies, it will be agency staff with the four
- 11 agencies, and then folks here.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MAYE: So here, who will do it
- 13 here, or you don't know?
- MR. FEIPEL: Still working through that.
- 15 There's two issues, because we've got to look at rate
- 16 issues. And it makes sense to help support the
- 17 reliability issues in conjunction with IPA. So
- 18 that's between engineering, FAD, and policy, it's
- 19 Public Utilities Bureau kind of stuff.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MAYE: I got you. Okay. Thank
- 21 you.
- 22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Anything else on the
- 23 legislation?
- 24 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Randy did such a good

- 1 job sharing the 911 task force. Does he get to do
- 2 the telecom rewrite too?
- 3 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: He's not raising his hand.
- 4 MR. FEIPEL: I will say it's a good time to
- 5 congratulate Randy. He's going to continue his
- 6 excellent service as the head of the 911 services.
- 7 MR. NEHRT: Thank you.
- 8 MR. FEIPEL: You're most welcome.
- 9 Anything else on legislation?
- 10 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: What about, did you
- 11 mention the Poison Control Center?
- MR. FEIPEL: That's a really good point.
- 13 That was not passed specifically as part of the
- 14 911 -- this 911 rewrite that was done for this year.
- 15 It's my understanding that was taken care of in
- 16 another part of the budget with some, I believe,
- 17 hospital funds that came down to. The Hospital
- 18 Assessment Fund. So they took some money from there
- 19 for this year. And again --
- 20 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: That was changed.
- 21 It was amended at the end, right?
- MR. FEIPEL: Right.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: That was a last week or
- 24 last two-week kind of thing too.

- 1 MR. FEIPEL: Yes.
- 2 The bill that originally passed out of the
- 3 Senate, that Senator Harmon had been the lead
- 4 negotiator on, included redistribution of some of
- 5 those Wireless Carrier Reimbursement Funds for Poison
- 6 Control. When it got over to the house, the house
- 7 shifted the way that was done and they found this
- 8 other pot of money to take care of Poison Control.
- 9 That's a good question.
- 10 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you.
- 11 MR. FEIPEL: Other things there? Or are we
- 12 good?
- 13 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: IFA.
- MR. FEIPEL: This is doing a favor for one
- of our sister agencies. We have quite a bit of
- 16 unused office space in the Chicago offices.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Where?
- 18 MR. FEIPEL: Eighth and ninth floor
- 19 combined. And if you look at a lot of that cubed
- 20 space that's up. And then some of the offices along
- 21 the sides there. IFA was going to, basically, be
- 22 homeless for about three months because of some --
- 23 the way that their leases were working. They're
- 24 going to be moving from their current space into

- 1 space that's actually there in the Bilandic Building.
- 2 So they needed someplace to share for about three
- 3 months.
- 4 So from September 1st to about the end of
- 5 the year, they will be cohabitating with us for a
- 6 little bit. It will be easy to find. Chris Meister,
- 7 whose the executive director, will be in my office
- 8 for those three months. So easy to find and locate.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Will anyone be in
- 10 Commissioner Colgan's office?
- 11 COMMISSIONER COLGAN: I will be.
- MR. FEIPEL: We're working on, obviously,
- 13 lots of interagency agreements for how we're going to
- 14 share space and do stuff.
- 15 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: You can tell Chris
- 16 Meister I am willing to put a little desk in the
- 17 corner of my office.
- 18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: One of those short ones,
- 19 right, like in grade school?
- 20 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Are we sure -- is there
- 21 a contractual end date or we're just saying we think
- it will be three months?
- 23 MR. FEIPEL: Well, part of it is dealing
- 24 with CMS and getting things in place.

- 1 COMMISSIONER MAYE: So nine months then?
- 2 MR. FEIPEL: Or five years, it could be.
- I am thinking it's more like the three,
- 4 four months that they need. They have another agency
- 5 that's got to move out of the space that they're
- 6 moving into, and things just kind of stacked up, out
- 7 of whack.
- 8 Even if we were able to do some hiring in
- 9 some key spots, we've still got plenty of office
- 10 space to do that hiring.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MAYE: I need a tour. I just
- don't know where these empty offices are.
- MR. FEIPEL: Right. And I am working on
- 14 floor plans that will show IFA where they're going.
- Once we get that locked in, we can circulate that
- 16 too.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Anything else on the admin
- 19 side?
- MR. FEIPEL: I think I am good.
- 21 Other questions?
- (No response.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Anything else to come
- 24 before the body today?

COMMISSIONER MAYE: No. Just thanking Director Feipel for his leadership and the Staff. That definitely is the backbone of what we do. So thank you. CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Absolutely. And thank you, Commissioner Colgan, for pinch hitting for me last week. I was listening intently from our Washington D.C. office. COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Not a problem. CHAIRMAN SCOTT: There's nothing else to come before the body. The meeting stands adjourned. Thank you, everyone. REGULAR OPEN MEETING ADJOURNED.

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