1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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4	REGULAR OPEN MEETING
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7	Springfield, Illinois Tuesday, August 2, 2011
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9	Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. in
10	the Audiovisual Conference Room, Second Floor, Leland
11	Building, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield,
12	Illinois.
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14	PRESENT:
15	MR. DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, Chairman
16	MS. LULA M. FORD, Commissioner
17	(Via audiovisual conference)
18	MS. ERIN M. O'CONNELL-DIAZ, Commissioner (Via teleconference)
19	MR. SHERMAN J. ELLIOTT, Commissioner
20	MR. JOHN T. COLGAN, Acting Commissioner
21	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
22	Carla J. Boehl, Reporter CSR #084-002710

1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Pursuant to the provisions of
- 3 the Illinois Open Meetings Act, I now convene a
- 4 Regular Open Meeting of the Illinois Commerce
- 5 Commission. With me in Springfield are Commissioner
- 6 Elliott and Acting Commissioner Colgan. Joining us
- 7 from Chicago is Commissioner Ford. I am Chairman
- 8 Scott. We have a quorum.
- 9 We should also have Commissioner
- 10 O'Connell-Diaz available by phone. Are you there,
- 11 Commissioner?
- 12 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Yes, I am,
- 13 Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Very good. We will take a
- vote to allow Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz to
- 16 participate by phone.
- 17 I move to allow Commissioner
- 18 O'Connell-Diaz to participate by phone. Is there a
- 19 second?
- 20 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.
- 21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.
- 22 All in favor say aye.

- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 The vote is four to nothing and
- 5 Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz may participate by
- 6 telephone.
- Before moving into the agenda,
- 8 according to Section 1700.10 of Title II of the
- 9 Administrative Code this is the time we allow members
- 10 of the public to address the Commission. Members of
- 11 the public who wish to address the Commission must
- 12 notify the Chief Clerk's Office at least 24 hours
- 13 prior to the Commission meeting. According to the
- 14 Chief Clerk's Office we have no requests to speak at
- 15 today's Regular Open Meeting.
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 Up first today are the minutes from
- 17 prior Commission meetings and we will begin with
- 18 consideration of minutes from our July 7 Bench
- 19 Session. I understand amendments have been
- 20 forwarded. Is there a motion to amend the minutes?
- 21 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved.
- 22 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?

- 1 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: 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 amendments to the July 7 Bench Session are adopted.
- 9 Is there a motion to approve the
- July 7 minutes as amended?
- 11 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.
- 12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?
- 13 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.
- 15 All in favor say aye.
- 16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 The vote is five to nothing and the
- 20 minutes from our July 7 Bench Session as amended are
- 21 approved.
- Next up are minutes from our July 12

- 1 Regular Open Meeting. Is there a motion to approve
- 2 the minutes?
- 3 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved.
- 4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?
- 5 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded.
- 7 All in favor say aye.
- 8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 The vote is five to nothing and the
- 12 minutes for the July 12 Regular Open Meeting are
- 13 approved.
- Our third item today is Docket Number
- 15 10-0133. This is ComEd's reconciliation of revenues
- 16 collected under coal tar riders with costs prudently
- 17 incurred for 2009. ALJ Jones recommends entry of an
- 18 Order approving the reconciliation as adjusted by
- 19 Staff.
- Is there any discussion?
- 21 (No response.)
- Is there a motion to enter the Order?

- 1 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?
- 3 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: 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 Order is entered.
- 11 We will use this five to nothing vote
- 12 for the remainder of today's Regular Open Meeting,
- 13 unless otherwise noted.
- 14 Item 4 is Docket Number 10-0138. This
- is ComEd's proposal to establish Rider PORCB and to
- 16 revise other related tariffs. This matter is
- 17 currently on rehearing, and before us today is a
- 18 request for oral argument made by RESA and ICEA. ALJ
- 19 Sainsot recommends granting the oral argument
- 20 request.
- Is there any discussion?
- 22 (No response.)

- 1 Is there a motion to deny the oral
- 2 argument request?
- 3 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: So moved.
- 4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a second?
- 5 ACTING COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Second.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded
- 7 to deny the oral argument request. All in favor say
- 8 aye.
- 9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 The vote is five to nothing and the
- 13 request for oral argument is denied.
- Our fifth item today is Docket Number
- 15 11-0482. This is ConocoPhillips' application for
- 16 amendment to its ARES Certificate of Service
- 17 Authority which would allow the company to serve
- 18 large retail customers. ALJ Wallace recommends entry
- 19 of an Order granting the application.
- Is there any discussion?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 Any objections?

- 1 (No response.)
- 2 Hearing none, the Order is entered and
- 3 the amendment is approved.
- 4 Item 6 is Docket Number 11-0504. This
- 5 is Reliant Energy Northeast's application for an
- 6 amendment to its ARES Certificate of Service
- 7 Authority which would allow the company to provide
- 8 service to all retail customers in ComEd's service
- 9 territory. ALJ Wallace recommends entry of an Order
- 10 approving the amendment but denying the company's
- 11 request for confidential treatment of employee
- 12 information.
- 13 Is there any discussion?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 Any objections?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 Hearing none, the Order is entered and
- 18 the amendment is approved.
- 19 Item 7 is Docket Number 11-0510. This
- 20 is Verde Energy USA's application for a Certificate
- 21 of Service Authority allowing it to operate as an
- 22 alternative retail electric supplier. The company

- 1 has now moved to withdraw its petition and ALJ
- 2 Wallace recommends granting the Motion to Withdraw.
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 Is there any discussion?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 Any objections?
- 6 (No response.)
- 7 Hearing none, the Motion to Withdraw
- 8 is granted.
- 9 Item 8 is Docket Number 11-0121 and it
- 10 concerns proposed amendments to Title 83.590 of the
- 11 Administrative Code updating the Commission's rules
- 12 as required by the Commission Gas Pipeline Safety
- 13 Act. ALJ Albers recommends entry of an Order
- 14 adopting the proposed amendments with an effective
- 15 date of August 15, 2011.
- Is there any discussion?
- 17 (No response.)
- 18 Any objections?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 Hearing none, the Order is entered.
- 21 Item 9 is Docket Number 11-0520. This
- 22 item concerns a request for authority by Consumers

- 1 Gas Company to incur indebtedness in the amount of
- 2 \$1.5 million as part of a refinancing. ALJ Wallace
- 3 recommends entry of an Order approving the proposed
- 4 financing arrangement.
- 5 Is there any discussion?
- 6 (No response.)
- 7 Any objections?
- 8 (No response.)
- 9 Hearing none, the Order is entered.
- 10 Item 10 is Docket Number 11-0507.
- 11 This is Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation's
- 12 request for a Commission determination on the amount
- 13 and form of supplemental assistance to be provided by
- 14 Illinois local exchange carriers under the Universal
- 15 Telephone Service Assistance Program. ALJ Albers
- 16 recommends entry of an Order granting the company's
- 17 requested relief.
- 18 Is there any discussion?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 Any objections?
- 21 (No response.)
- Hearing none, the Order is entered.

- 1 Items 11 through 16 (11-0561, 11-0562,
- 2 11-0563, 11-0564, 11-0565, 11-0566) can be taken
- 3 together. These items are proposed increases in
- 4 water and sewer rates by Charmar Water Company,
- 5 Cherry Hill Water Company, Clarendon Water Company,
- 6 Killarney Water Company, Ferson Creek Utilities
- 7 Company and Harbor Ridge Utilities. In each case
- 8 Staff recommends that the Commission enter a
- 9 Suspension Order suspending the filing and setting it
- 10 for hearing.
- Is there any discussion?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 Any objections?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 Hearing none, the Suspension Orders
- 16 are entered.
- 17 Lastly, our final item today concerns
- 18 an upcoming Commission report to the General Assembly
- 19 regarding future technological and financial needs of
- 20 9-1-1 systems. Our deadline for voting this Report
- on to the General Assembly is August 20, so we will
- 22 take that action at our August 17 Bench Session.

- 1 However, I believe Staff is available today should we
- 2 have any questions about the Draft Report that we
- 3 have received.
- Are there any questions from
- 5 Commissioners about the Draft Report or any briefing
- 6 that Staff would like to give on the draft?
- 7 Mr. Harvey, I see you are there.
- 8 MR. HARVEY: I am available to take questions,
- 9 Mr. Chairman, but we don't have any briefing other
- 10 than what's set forth in the cover memo.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I just had one question, if I
- 12 could. Other than -- obviously, there is a lot of
- 13 places, if you read through it, where there is
- 14 placeholders and blanks that need to be filled in.
- 15 Are there other issues or other items that we are
- 16 still looking for that Staff is still working with
- 17 the consultant to try to flesh out in the last
- 18 version?
- MR. HARVEY: There are, indeed. It is my
- 20 understanding that we are still working with the
- 21 vendor on evolving recommendations to the General
- 22 Assembly that reflect what we believe the General

- 1 Assembly directed the Commission to do.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Okay. And because this isn't
- 3 a docketed item, we have the ability to interact with
- 4 Staff on this. So if we want to be in contact before
- 5 the 17th, we have the ability to do that, correct?
- 6 MR. HARVEY: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.
- 7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Okay, thanks. Anything else,
- 8 Commissioners?
- 9 (No response.)
- 11 Commission Ford?
- 12 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Mr. Chairman, if
- 13 I might.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Sure.
- 15 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: With regard to
- 16 the Report, so what we have before us is a draft and
- 17 will there be another addition that we will look at
- 18 prior to what is sent to the General Assembly or
- 19 recommended to be sent?
- 20 MR. HARVEY: There certainly will, Commissioner
- 21 O'Connell-Diaz, and that will be circulated -- well,
- 22 I believe we have one additional iteration of it.

- 1 Ms. Schroll can correct me if I am wrong, but I
- 2 believe we have received quite late last night
- 3 another iteration of the Report which we can
- 4 circulate, if you like, although we intend to work
- 5 with the vendor a little more on the report, if
- 6 that's acceptable to the Commission.
- 7 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: Absolutely. 1
- 8 just want to know that I would be receiving something
- 9 else that will kind of be our Final Draft Report that
- 10 we will be looking at and obviously with any input
- 11 from any Commissioners that would have exceptions or
- 12 whatever to this draft. So thank you.
- 13 MR. HARVEY: Thank you very much, Commissioner.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Ms. Schroll, did you want to
- 15 add?
- 16 MS. SCHROLL: If I might, I would just further
- 17 clarify that, yes, we did receive, we will call it, a
- 18 final draft late last night. Staff will be looking
- 19 at that today. We actually do have a conference call
- 20 set up with the consultant tomorrow morning at 8:30
- 21 where we will probably be giving them our final -- if
- 22 we have any, I quess, anything that we would like

- 1 clarified a little bit further. We just wanted to
- 2 make sure that they were completing a full analysis
- 3 and making sure they were meeting all of our
- 4 deliverables.
- 5 And, you know, they have had a short
- 6 time frame to complete the study so it's been really
- 7 tough, and we have worked with them, they have worked
- 8 with us, just trying to get it where it needs to be.
- 9 And they have been really good to work with. It has
- 10 just been a pretty short turnaround time to complete
- 11 the study.
- 12 So we do look to give them kind of our
- 13 final. If there is something that you might be
- 14 concerned with and you would like to talk to me
- 15 directly today, we are going to be talking with them
- 16 tomorrow. Hope to have their Final Draft by the end
- 17 of the week, copies and everything really ready for
- 18 the General Assembly. This will be scheduled
- 19 probably to be on the Bench for the 17th for all of
- 20 you to vote on. It does have to be given to the
- 21 General Assembly on the 20th of August.
- 22 So that was kind of the game plan. So

1	if you do have anything that you are concerned about
2	if you want to talk with me today, that would be
3	great.
4	CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Anything else on that item?
5	(No response.)
6	Okay. Judge Dolan, are there any
7	other matters to come before the Commission today?
8	JUDGE DOLAN: No, Chairman.
9	CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you very much, sir.
10	Hearing none, this meeting stands adjourned.
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