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## ICC Calls ComEd Executives to Appear at Public Meeting to Discuss Ethics Reforms

Chicago, IL – In response to the Deferred Prosecution Agreement revealed by the Department of Justice on Friday, the Illinois Commerce Commission requested Commonwealth Edison executives to appear before the Commission during its Open Meeting on July 29, 2020. Since the beginning of the new administration, the Commission has been committed to fostering a culture of transparency, accountability and inclusivity at the agency. This includes holding utility companies accountable for their compliance with ethics reforms required by a law enforcement agency. At the open meeting on July 29th, the Commission will have an opportunity to ask ComEd executives about the ethics reforms that the company says it has implemented.

The Illinois Commerce Commission is the state agency charged with reviewing all utility costs on behalf of consumers to make sure those costs are allowed under the law and reasonable. Pursuant to that duty, the Commission will take action to ensure that ComEd is not paying the \$200 million criminal penalty at the expense of Illinois' electricity consumers. Additionally, under Illinois law, utilities like ComEd cannot charge consumers for the costs of the company's lobbyists. The Commission will continue to take steps to ensure that law is followed.

Under the current administration, the Commission has implemented a number of changes to improve transparency and inclusivity at the agency, and has led the charge on numerous consumer protection efforts:

- In an effort to improve transparency and inclusivity from the bench, decisions by the Commission are given a more robust explanation at open meetings for the public's understanding. Additionally, commissioners openly discuss and provide comments from the bench on controversial cases.
- To increase communication and education to the public, the ICC created a Citizens' Guide to help consumers navigate the agency. The ICC also began livestreaming open meetings and policy sessions, and started a consumer education campaign to engage Illinois rate payers through social media posts, flyers, and videos.
- In furthering the ICC's commitment to consumer needs, the ICC initiated a Notice of Inquiry proceeding regarding energy affordability for Illinois consumers. The ICC also took swift action to protect consumers by issuing emergency moratoriums on service disconnections and fee impositions, and subsequently approving a historic stipulated agreement with the state's largest utilities offering unprecedented consumer protections in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The Regular Open Meeting of the ICC will be held at 10:30 a.m. on July 29, 2020 and will be available for public viewing via live video stream on the ICC website.

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### ***About the Illinois Commerce Commission***

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is a quasi-judicial body made up of five Commissioners. Through its Public Utility Program, the Commission oversees the provision of adequate, reliable, efficient and safe utility services at the least possible cost to Illinois citizens served by electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and sewer public utility companies. Through its Transportation Regulatory Program, the Commission oversees public safety and consumer protection programs with regard to intrastate commercial motor carriers of general freight, household goods movers, relocation towers, safety towers, personal property warehouses and repossession agencies. The Commission's Rail Safety Program also inspects and regulates the general safety of railroad tracks, facilities and equipment in the state.

To learn more about the Commission, its offices and bureaus, [click here](#). If you are a consumer who needs help resolving a utility dispute call 800-524-0795 or file an online complaint [here](#). For a complaint related to transportation, call 217-782-6448.

