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A Message from the Chairman

"I look forward to what we can achieve together in 2024."

2023 was a productive year for Illinois Commerce Commission staff and a good year for Illinois energy consumers. Last year, the Commission decided nearly 1,000 public utility and transportation cases including rate and tariff filings, complaints, investigations, license and certification grants, and revocations.

Our agency also continued its progress on many of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) provisions that the ICC is responsible for implementing. I am grateful for the opportunity to return to the ICC at such a critical time and to help guide CEJA implementation as our state continues to work toward a clean energy economy.

The past six months moved at a rapid pace, and I am proud of all the good work done across our agency. This year, the Commission approved the state's first beneficial electrification plans to support widespread adoption of electric vehicles, greenlighted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the Grain Belt Express Power Line, opened a notice of inquiry into a recent Ameren Illinois study examining whether the state should remain split between two regional transmission organizations, established low-income discount rates in its gas utility rate case decisions, and asked relevant electric utilities to dive farther into their proposed multi-year integrated grid plans, among many other significant decisions.

My thanks go out to all the capable staff members and my fellow Commissioners for the many hours they dedicated to working on these challenging cases.

I look forward to what we can achieve together in 2024.

Happy New Year!



Doug Scott

ICC Chairman

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The Illinois Commerce Commission's 2023 in Review

Public Utilities and CEJA

- ✓ In March, the Commission approved the state's first Beneficial Electrification Plans to finance infrastructure upgrades needed to support widespread adoption of electric vehicles across Illinois.
- ✓ In March, the Commission granted Invenergy a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the high-voltage Grain Belt Express Power Line, a transmission line that will extend from Kansas to the East Coast.
- ✓ In April, the ICC was selected to join the Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative, a multi-year cooperative agreement established between the US Department of Energy and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.
- ✓ In May, the Commission approved performance metrics for ComEd and Ameren that establish financial incentives and penalties across six different categories.
- ✓ In August, the ICC opened a Notice of Inquiry into a recent Ameren Illinois study examining the costs and benefits of remaining a Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) member compared to joining PJM Interconnection (PJM), the grid operator that serves the northern part of the state.
- ✓ In November, the Commission ruled to initiate a two-step future of gas proceeding as a part of its rate case decisions that includes a detailed action plan for gas utilities' future infrastructure investments to evaluate the impacts of Illinois' decarbonization and electrification goals on the natural gas system.
- ✓ In December, the ICC rejected Ameren Illinois and ComEd's Multi-Year Integrated Grid Plans finding that both companies failed to comply with several components of CEJA, including transparency and affordability.

- ✓ In December the Commission issued its rate case decisions that approved an 8.715 and 8.905 percent return on equity for Ameren and ComEd respectively, a reduction from the utilities' requested 10.50 percent ROEs.

Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers (ARES)

- ✓ In May, a rule specifying alternative gas supplier (AGS) and ARES disclosure requirements and consumer protections went into effect.

Supplier Diversity

- ✓ In January, the ICC's Office of Diversity and Community Affairs published its 2022 Annual Report that found diverse spending by the state's six largest investor-owned public utilities remained steady for a second year in a row at over \$2 billion.

Transportation

- ✓ In March, the Commission approved its annual five-year Crossing Safety Improvement Program (FY 2024-2028) to implement highway-rail safety projects at local roads across the state. Over \$476 million dollars from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund and Rebuild Illinois is allocated help communities and railroads make improvements at 424 crossing locations.
- ✓ In September, the ICC and Operation Lifesaver held an array education events and safety demonstrations in celebration of the 10th annual Rail Safety Week.
- ✓ ICC Police issued a total of 3,277 administrative citations, collected \$563,184 in fines, and closed 1,302 investigations.
- ✓ The ICC's Rail Safety Division inspected 6,567 miles of train track and responded to 155 complaints.

Meet Chairman Doug Scott

The ICC welcomes back Doug Scott for a second stint as Chairman.



On June 16, **Doug Scott** returned to the ICC as Chairman. Governor JB Pritzker appointed Scott to complete the remainder of former Chairman Carrie Zalewski's term and was reappointed to a five-year term in January 2024. Scott is no stranger to the ICC, having previously served as chairman from March 2011-January 2015.

After leaving the ICC in 2015, Scott went to work as Vice President for Energy Systems at the Great Plains Institute (GPI), a nonprofit working on decarbonization issues. At GPI, he worked with a group of states trying to implement US EPA regulations, helped Illinois with CEJA, and assisted other states to produce their clean energy or climate plans. In addition, he worked on utility business model issues in various states, including performance-based regulations, EV charging build-out, multi-year rate plans, renewable grid interconnection, transition away from natural gas to heat buildings, hydrogen, and many others. He also worked on transmission issues, interacting with MISO and PJM to help states understand how their energy plans fit with the RTO planning process.

"My work at the GPI further prepared me to deal with many of the same concerns we are grappling with today at the ICC. It also enabled me to grow my network of individuals who I can call on to see how issues have played out for them in their state," said Scott.

Earlier in his career, Chairman Scott served as an Illinois state representative and as Mayor of Rockford. He earned his Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of Tulsa, and a Juris Doctorate with honors from Marquette University.

"If the energy transition doesn't work for everyone, it doesn't work for anyone."

Chairman Scott says he wanted to return to the ICC to help Illinois position itself to do best for its residents and businesses in the energy transition and making sure CEJA is implemented in a way that allows everyone to succeed. "If the energy transition doesn't work for everyone, it doesn't work for anyone," said Scott.

As for the biggest challenge facing the agency, Chairman Scott says it's the sheer volume of work and staying ahead of changes in the industry. "Even without CEJA, the shift toward renewables, demand side management, distributed generation, energy efficiency, electric vehicle infrastructure, and other technological advances are moving the energy transition at an incredibly rapid pace. The ICC needs to be ready to respond to the changes and to put Illinois residents and businesses in the best position we can to meet the changes. We also need to let consumers know what the ICC does and how they

can best interact with us. This is especially true for those in disadvantaged and low-income communities, for whom the energy transition needs to work.”

When asked about the collective strength of the current Commission, Scott heaped high praise on all the Commissioners. Commissioner Ann McCabe, who also previously served as a commissioner, has extensive experience with PJM and the energy business. Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan is very knowledgeable about the industry and workforce issues. Commissioner Stacey Paradis spent many years working in the energy efficiency area which is important as the ICC looks at ways to reduce power usage. Commissioner Conrad Reddick brings to the group the experience of practicing in front of the Commission, which brings a unique perspective and an understanding of what the Commission faces.

“This is a tremendous group of individuals each with their own talents and expertise. I am proud to serve with them and look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together,” said Scott.

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New Commission Appointments and Staffing

Conrad R. Reddick, an experienced corporate and regulatory attorney, and **Stacey Paradis**, who has 25 years of experience in government relations, public affairs, and nonprofit management, joined the agency last year. Both were appointed to a five-year term on the Commission by Governor Pritzker, pending Senate confirmation.

Commissioner Conrad R. Reddick



“From a lawyer’s perspective, the overlap of old and new statutory standards stands out, especially for decisions respecting traditional utility service and new utility activities to better prepare the grid for the impacts of climate change. The Commission will have to harmonize, apply, and explain the standards applied in its energy transition decisions. That’s a difficult task, but the Commission is prepared for the challenge.”

Commissioner Stacey Paradis

"I have seen utility planning evolve from draft policies through program development all the way to implementation and evaluation of overall impact. As Commissioner, I want to apply this experience to ensure a robust, affordable, reliable, and efficient utility system that distributes benefits to all customers."



In March, the Illinois State Senate officially confirmed the appointment of **Ann McCabe** as Commissioner after being appointed in February of 2022. In June, Commissioner McCabe became the OPSI Board Member representing Illinois on PJM's regulatory regional state committee.

Marking another key leadership change, the ICC confirmed **Jonathan Feipel** as the Commission's Executive Director in December. Feipel previously served as Executive Director from 2012 to 2015 and worked for the Commission in a variety of roles from 1999 to 2006.

Advanced Nuclear Engagement at the ICC

In March, the ICC was selected to join the Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative (ANSC), a multi-year cooperative agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners designed to bring together public service commissioners and staff from across the country to discuss the barriers and possibilities related to the U.S. nuclear fleet.



Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan is currently representing the ICC in the collaborative. The partnership aims to enable state public service commissioners and commission staff from 23 states to explore deeper issues related to zero-carbon nuclear power. Members engage in programming such as stakeholder dialogue, peer sharing calls, site visits, educational webinars, and briefing papers for NARUC's state members.

"As a member of this partnership, I look forward to forging new relationships and exchanging ideas with my peers from across the nation as we explore the issues surrounding the deployment of advanced nuclear technology."

According to the Nuclear Energy Institute, Illinois has 11 nuclear power reactors—the most of any state in the nation—producing 88 percent of the state's carbon-free electricity and employing more than 5,400 workers.

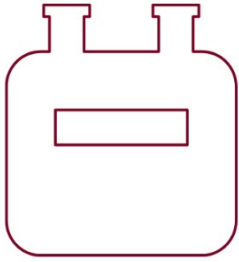


Rate Case Rundown

Illinois' Natural Gas Future

In November, the Commission disallowed \$101.12 million and \$5.57 million to Peoples and North Shore Gas' respective rate requests for their natural gas delivery services in Illinois. The ICC similarly issued rulings disallowing \$96.99 million to Nicor Gas' rate request and \$36.34 million to Ameren's rate request for their natural gas delivery services in Illinois.

Each of the decisions initiated a statewide two-step future of gas proceeding that will commence with public workshops and include a detailed action plan for the utilities' future infrastructure investments to evaluate the impacts of Illinois' decarbonization and electrification goals on the natural gas system. To increase transparency and remedy an information asymmetry between the gas companies, the Commission, and interested stakeholders, each gas utility is required to file their Long-Term Gas



Infrastructure Plans on a biennial basis. The plans should include information related to internal decision making and the aforementioned action plan.

In addition to the future of gas proceedings, these decisions established new low-income discount rates for eligible customers whose incomes are up to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. In December of 2022, the ICC found the implementation of low-income discount rates to be appropriate for Illinois' electric and natural gas residential customers. The utilities will be required to submit annual reports documenting any cost-reduction from the program, and after the program has launched, the ICC will convene a workshop process to assess whether the approved discount rates can be improved.

Grid Plans Still Pending for Illinois' Largest Electric Utilities

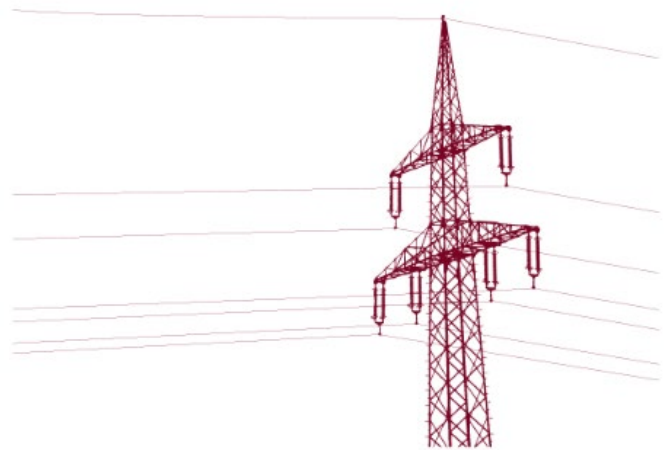
In December, the ICC rejected Ameren Illinois and Commonwealth Edison's Multi-Year Integrated Grid Plans (MYIGP), finding that both companies failed to comply with several components of CEJA, including transparency and affordability. The ICC's decisions require both utilities to file updated grid plans within three months of the Final Order.

As a result of the rejected grid plans, the Commission removed various proposed grid investments from consideration in the companies' rate requests and approved an 8.715 and 8.905 percent return on equity (ROE) for Ameren and ComEd respectively.

In March this year, Ameren and ComEd must refile revised MYIGPs that include distribution system investment programs, policies, and plans.

New Performance and Tracking Metrics for Ameren and ComEd

Earlier in the year, the Commission set the framework for the electric utilities to file optional multi-year rate plans while improving reliability and affordability for all customers. The ratemaking changes utilize incentives and penalties across six different categories: peak load reduction, interconnection timeliness, grid reliability and resiliency, supplier diversity, and customer service to improve the utilities operational performance and ensure equitable benefits to environmental justice and equity investment eligible communities.



The Commission also approved tracking metrics to collect and monitor data for the purpose of measuring and reporting utility performance and for establishing future performance metrics.

These dockets were born from CEJA which required “the Commission to establish performance incentive mechanisms in order to better tie utility revenues to performance and customer benefits, accelerate progress on Illinois energy and other goals, ensure equity and affordability of rates for all customers, including low-income customers, and hold utilities publicly accountable.”



The Commission hears Oral Arguments in Springfield on Ameren Illinois' Multi-Year Grid Plan. Nov. 30, 2023

Struggling to afford winter utility bills?

Apply now through August 15, 2024

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is accepting applications for income-eligible families to access home energy assistance and other essential services. Building on the state's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, the Fiscal Year 2024 State Budget includes funding for eligible Illinoisans seeking financial assistance to cover costs related to utility bills, rent, temporary shelter, food, and other household necessities. To see if you qualify, please visit helpillinoisfamilies.com or call 833-711-0374. Application is free.

LIHEAP helps eligible low-income households pay for home energy services such as natural gas, propane, and electricity. Applications for assistance are now being accepted through **August 15, 2024**, or until funding is exhausted. Eligible households are encouraged to apply through a LIHEAP Local Administering Agency, a list and additional information about the program can be found on the **DCEO website**.



Illinois Winter Preparedness

The state's local distribution companies (LDCs) and two RTOs reported to the Commission in October on their readiness to maintain system reliability over the cold winter months. According to both MISO and PJM, winter temperatures across Illinois are expected to be slightly warmer than normal, but both RTOs reported that they will continue to monitor El Niño for variations in strength.

Both RTOs have plans in place to measure uncertainty and pre-position capacity commitments for extreme weather, coordinate winter assessments with neighboring systems, prepare fuel supplies, coordinate supply chains and communication efforts, and conduct drills to prepare their staff for emergency operations.

The RTOs also reported that sufficient capacity exists to cover peak load forecasts and typical generation outages system wide, however, concerns remain about an energy shortage in the MISO region in the event of extreme weather.

Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican Energy Company, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas, which are responsible for delivering gas to customers, provided insight into their respective gas systems. Specifically, the gas LDCs reported that they expect customer usage to be slightly higher over last year, with winter natural gas prices generally stable and lower due to higher U.S. storage inventories. The gas LDCs also observed that gas production is up, liquefied natural gas exports are slightly below capacity, and hedging and storage will help mitigate rate impacts. They highlighted their communication outreach efforts in instances of extreme weather outages and how outreach on customer safety and energy efficiency programs helps keep costs down, particularly for low-income customers. The gas LDCs also provided information about available financial assistance programs for customers.

The Office of the Attorney General, Citizens Utility Board, and National Consumer Law Center were also in attendance to represent consumer interests and provided insights into existing consumer protection measures in light of rising utility bills.

Thermal Energy Networks

Earlier this year, the Commission was directed to convene a workshop process for the purpose of establishing an open, inclusive, and cooperative forum regarding thermal energy networks to develop a regulatory structure for utility thermal energy networks that scale with affordable and accessible building electrification, protect utility customers, and promote the successful planning and delivery of thermal energy networks.

The workshop process was designed to achieve the following objectives:

1. Determine appropriate ownership, market, and rate structures for thermal energy networks and whether the provision of thermal energy services by thermal network energy providers is in the public interest.
2. Consider project designs that could maximize the value of existing State energy efficiency and weatherization programs and maximize federal funding opportunities to the extent practicable.
3. Determine whether thermal energy network projects further climate justice and emissions reductions and benefits to utility customers and society at large, including but not limited to public health benefits in areas with disproportionate environmental burdens, job retention and creation, reliability, and increased affordability of renewable thermal energy options.
4. Consider approaches to thermal energy network projects that advance financial and technical approaches to equitable and affordable building electrification, including access to thermal energy network benefits by low- and moderate-income households.
5. Consider approaches to promote the training and transition of utility workers to work on thermal energy networks.

The Commission must submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by March 1, 2024, making recommendations regarding thermal energy networks and describing areas of consensus and disagreement from the workshop process.

Visit the ICC's website to view the workshops and learn how to submit written comments.

Cybersecurity & Risk Management

The ICC is a key proponent in Illinois' efforts to raise the bar on cybersecurity for regulated utilities and all critical infrastructure.

Since 2017, the ICC's Office of Cybersecurity and Risk Management (C&RM) has supported the ongoing efforts of Illinois' regulated utilities to improve the resiliency and cybersecurity of their critical infrastructure.

2023 was a strong year for grants awarded to Illinois-based organizations, with the ICC serving as a technical advisor for the Illinois Finance Authority, Illinois Power Agency, and Governor Pritzker's federal grants team. Through our efforts with the 40101(d) grant, millions of dollars in federal grant money will be used to improve the cybersecurity of municipal and cooperative electric utilities.

Each year, C&RM regularly supports the ICC through consulting on rate cases, agency-wide education on various cybersecurity issues, and developing and maintaining the Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan. C&RM planned and participated in many exercises this year, including the Illinois National Guard Homeland Security Exercise with water and electric utilities, ICC'S COOP Exercise, and ICC's 7th annual Cyber Resiliency Joint Exercise, held at Argonne National Labs Advanced Computing Center. In 2023, C&RM also worked on the Illinois Cybersecurity Commission, the Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council, and participated in GridEx. C&RM has collaborated with other state PUCs through discussions on cybersecurity strategy as well as contributions to various Department of Energy and NARUC projects and publications.

Externally, the Commission's efforts involve regulatory oversight, best practices sharing, and support of NARUC policy initiatives. Staff serve on several national policy making and advisory committees, including the Cybersecurity Advisory Team for State Solar (CATSS) of the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), the Department of Energy Cybersecurity Baselines for Electric Distribution Organizations, and the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure.



From left to right: Argonne National Laboratory's Advanced Computing Center, ICC Chairman Doug Scott welcomes 95 attendees to the 2023 annual Cyber Resiliency Joint Exercise at Argonne National Labs

Transportation Topics

Aisha “AJ” Jackson heads Illinois Operation Lifesaver’s public education campaign.

2023 brought changes to Illinois’ Operation Lifesaver leadership. Chicago-native Aisha “AJ” Jackson took over as the ICC’s Education and Outreach Specialist for Illinois Operation Lifesaver (OL). We recently spoke with AJ about her work at the ICC and her vision for train and rail safety education in Illinois.



Q: You joined the ICC on Feb. 1. How is the transition going following your predecessor’s retirement and what are your expectations looking forward?

AJ: It’s been nearly a year since I assumed my role as Rail Safety Specialist for Education & Outreach at the ICC. My predecessor held the position for over 20 years, so being passed the proverbial baton has enabled me to strengthen existing relationships and cultivate new one with stakeholders, partners, and volunteers who are all invested in rail safety education. As I approach my one-year work anniversary, I’m most looking forward to promoting an inclusive rail safety education curriculum, engaging ICC’s vast network of community stakeholders, and saving lives through education.

Q: Why is rail crossing safety education and outreach so important in a state like Illinois?

AJ: In Illinois, rail crossing safety education and outreach are crucial due to the high volume of rail traffic. Understanding the safety surrounding our state’s extensive rail network is important for several reasons: 1) Illinois has over 7,000 rail miles increasing the potential for exposure to risk during daily travels 2) the state has a diverse population that interacts with rail crossings daily, making education important for all road users, 3) Illinois is a major hub for freight

transport, resulting in a high frequency of trains passing through, consequently making safety education essential, 4) there is also passenger rail service in the state, making education important for preventing incidents and ensuring safe travel, and 5) safety education reinforces compliance with state and federal regulations at rail crossings. By prioritizing safety education, Illinois can work toward eliminating incidents, protecting lives, and promoting a safer environment for all.

Q: You're only one person. How do you plan to reach students, motorists, truck drivers, and others across Illinois?

AJ: While I may be an individual, I'm fortunate to have a team of 150 dedicated Illinois Operation Lifesaver authorized volunteers working across the state on behalf of our organization. Our main goal is to save lives and emphasize the significance of safety near tracks and trains. Thanks to the unwavering commitment of our volunteers, we remain able and determined to reach students, motorists, truck drivers, and individuals throughout the state, and I am immensely thankful for the support of our strong and united community in this endeavor. Together, we have the power to prevent track tragedies.

Q: If a class or group is interested in an Operation Lifesaver presentation, how do they go about lining it up?

AJ: If your organization is seeking an Operation Lifesaver presentation, we invite you to visit our official website at oli.org [LINK] and request a complimentary presentation. Alternatively, you may choose to have us host an event table for your group. To schedule these activities, please feel free to contact me directly at illinois@oli.org. Kindly provide your contact details, along with suggested dates and times that would work best for your group. We look forward to collaborating with you.

Q: What inspired you to work in trains and rail safety?

AJ: I have a decade of experience in the rail industry, having worked in various roles. However, nothing brings me more satisfaction than being able to save lives. My passion for transportation, whether it involves goods or people, has always been a driving force in my career. As I progressed in my career, I shifted my focus toward training and developing individuals for leadership roles. A key aspect of this training was promoting safety, not only for our employees but also for the public, which naturally led me to working with OL.

Q: As a woman in a male dominated industry, what advice would you give other young women interested in a career involving the railroads?

AJ: I have a few pieces of advice for young women interested in a career in a male-dominated industry like the railroads:

1. Believe in yourself and your abilities.
2. Seek mentorship and support from both male and female professionals.
3. Continuously educate yourself and enhance your skills.
4. Network and connect with others in the industry.
5. Embrace challenges and learn from setbacks.
6. Advocate for yourself and others to create a more inclusive environment.

Remember, your gender doesn't define your potential for success. With determination and a supportive network, you can thrive in any industry.

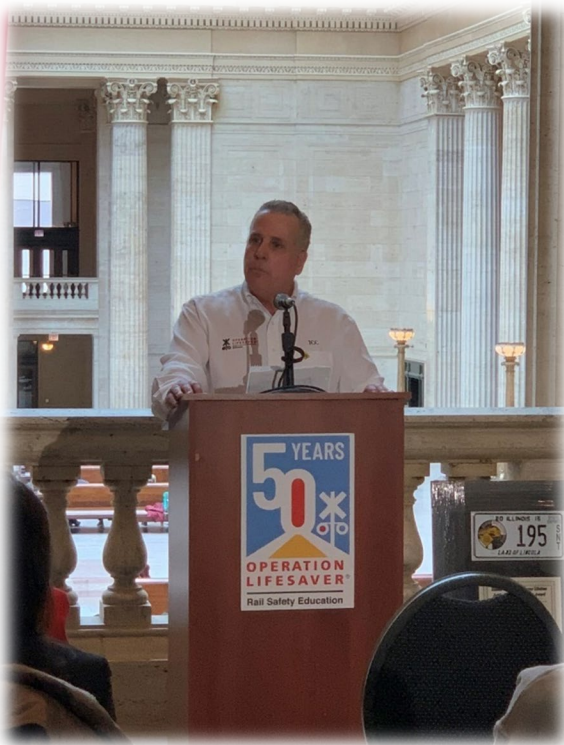
Q: Is there a webpage or social media platform people can follow to get more information about the ICC's rail safety efforts and tips?

AJ: We provide valuable rail safety tips and updates on Instagram at @OperationLifesaverIllinois.

For state-specific statistics, opportunities for crossing safety improvements, and more details on our involvement with Operation Lifesaver, visit us at [ICC.Illinois.gov/rail-safety](https://www.icc.illinois.gov/rail-safety). Let's work together to spread the importance of rail safety.

Prior to joining the ICC, AJ worked as Assistant Superintendent of Train Operations at Canadian Pacific Railway. She also received a B.S. in Construction Management from Western Illinois University in 2010 and a M.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology in 2013.

10th Annual Rail Safety Week



Operation Lifesaver State Coordinator and former ICC employee Chip Pew.

The ICC celebrated its 10th annual Rail Safety Week and the major rail incidents that captured national attention during the year served as a reminder that there is still much work to be done. Over the past decade, Rail Safety Week has evolved from a statewide effort borne from the hard work of the Illinois Chiefs of Police, into a crucial nationwide event that brings together communities, industry stakeholders, and government agencies to promote rail safety awareness and save lives. The week in September serves as a testament to the state's commitment to ensuring the safety of our citizens and the integrity of our rail systems.

This past year, the ICC hosted a series of events, workshops, and outreach programs across the state to engage with the public and reinforce our commitment to rail safety. Chairman Scott, AJ Jackson, and other ICC staff also joined Canadian National Railway's Rail Safety Week kickoff event, where Chairman Scott delivered the keynote remarks.

The event and the Chairman's remarks highlighted the great outreach work Operation Lifesaver and its volunteers contribute to rail safety all over our state. In his remarks, the Chairman stressed that Illinois "bear[s] a great responsibility to ensure the safety of those who live near, work on, or travel across these railroads."

"Since 1974, we have made many notable strides in rail safety here in Illinois. We've implemented innovative technologies, invested in warning devices and bridges at our highway-rail crossings, and continued to push our education and outreach efforts. As a result, we have seen a decline in incidents, injuries, and fatalities. When Operation Lifesaver Illinois was created in 1974,



ICC staffers Aisha Jackson, Shauna Kelly, Brian Verduynde, and Chairman Doug Scott with CN President Eric Graf (center) at the RSW kickoff event.

there were approximately 900 crashes per year at our public highway-rail crossings. In 2022, there were 148. This is a drastic improvement, but our work should not stop here," said Chairman Scott.

Year after year, the ICC's key safety message is clear: "See Tracks, Think Train."



Registration Open for Motor Carriers

Noncompliance can rack up thousands in fines.

Interstate motor carriers are encouraged to keep Illinois highways safe and apply for their 2024 Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). According to a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration analysis, carriers with UCR or similar violations are more likely to be involved in crashes and likely to have other violation types.

ICC Police Commander and UCR Plan Board Member Ryan Nance stressed that "An unregistered truck is an

unsafe one. Keeping trucking companies up to date on their registration is a key component of the ICC's trucking enforcement efforts and an essential part of keeping Illinois' highways safe for all who travel on them."

The ICC is responsible for registering nearly 38,000 interstate motor carriers operating in Illinois for UCR each year and routinely conducts enforcement details and audits to ensure trucking and highway safety. Any carrier operating without a 2024 UCR Registration is subject to a per violation fine up to \$1000. Each day operating without the registration is a separate violation.

Motor carriers are encouraged to register for their 2024 UCR [here](#).

ICC UCR Enforcement Efforts Net Results

In October, ICC police partnered with the Illinois Secretary of State and Illinois Department of Transportation to conduct a three-day enforcement near a heavily traveled area of I-80 in Rock Island. The agencies conducted 60 stops, where ICC police issued 43 administrative citations for various violations, including operating without authority, equipment violations, overweight vehicles, and improper driver credentials, among other infractions.

Additionally, the Illinois Secretary of State required 10 unlicensed trucks to complete registrations on the spot, after they were found to be operating without the proper Illinois registrations. Similar ICC Police enforcements have taken place in Clark, Cook, Iroquois, Ogle, Lawrence, Massac, Monroe, White, and Winnebago Counties throughout the year and can be expected through 2024.

Notable Commission Action

Docketed Proceedings

22-0297 | ICC Approves Updated Delivery Service Charge for Ameren

On December 1, 2022, the Commission entered an Order establishing updated delivery service charges for Ameren Illinois customers. The Commission established Ameren Illinois' 2023 Rate Year Net Revenue Requirement and reconciled the revenue requirement in effect for 2021 with actual costs for 2021. The Commission approved annual tariffed operating revenues of \$1,079,863,000.

22-0302 | ICC Orders Updated Delivery Service Charge for ComEd

On November 17, 2022, the Commission entered an Order establishing updated delivery service charges for ComEd customers. The Commission determined ComEd's 2023 Rate Year Net Revenue Requirement and the original costs of electric plant in service as of December 31, 2021. The Commission approved annual tariffed operating revenues of \$2,910,616,000.

22-0590 | ICC Approves Illinois Power Agency 2023 Power Procurement Plan

On December 15, 2022, the Commission entered an Order approving the Illinois Power Agency's 2023 Power Procurement Plan. The Commission found the 2023 Plan and load forecasts were appropriate and will ensure adequate, reliable, affordable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable electric service at the lowest total cost over time, taking into account any benefits of price stability.

22-0572 | ICC Approved Illinois Gas Company General Rate Case

On February 23, 2023, the Commission entered an Order establishing updated delivery service charges for Illinois Gas customers. The Commission approved an annual base tariff revenue increase of \$867,688, and an annual base tariff revenues of \$3,939,848.

22-0431/ 22-0443 and 22-0432/22-0442 | ICC Approved Ameren and ComEd's Beneficial Electrification Plans

On March 23, 2023, the Commission entered two orders approving the state's first Beneficial Electrification (BE) Plans to finance the infrastructure upgrades needed to support widespread adoption of electric vehicles. Both approved plans provide rebates for purchasing EV trucks and buses, establish customer education programs, and pilot a variety of programs to meet customer needs and test charging price models. The Commission also prioritized investments in environmental justice and restore, reinvest, renew communities in the orders to ensure the new incentives are made widely accessible. The Commission adjusted ComEd's plan in several ways, reducing the proposed \$100 million budget down to \$77 million to better shield ratepayers and doubling the funding allocated for commercial and industrial infrastructure to address several stakeholder requests. Ameren's approved BE plan prioritizes line-extension investments and education with a focus on supporting EV adoption in rural communities.

22-0067 and 22-0063 | Final Order for the Establishment of Performance and Tracking Metrics for ComEd (22-0067) and Ameren (22-0063)

Earlier this year, the Commission approved performance metrics for ComEd and Ameren that establish financial incentives and penalties across six different categories: peak load reduction, interconnection timeliness, grid reliability and resiliency, supplier diversity, customer service, and customer service to align utility incentives with the goals of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. The Final Order also established tracking metrics for each utility that will collect data on key issues from pollution reduction to grid flexibility to cost savings, among others. These metrics will be included as a part of the Commission's Final Order on Ameren and ComEd's Multi-Year Rate Plans.

20-0665/666 | Final Order in People's Gas's and North Shore's 2018 Uncollectibles Reconciliation

In May, the Commission ordered a disallowance of \$15.4 million dollars that Peoples Gas previously collected to cover past uncollectible bills. The final order directed Peoples to refund that amount over a nine-month period beginning in September and marks the first time the Commission has disallowed bad-debt expenses since starting these in 2009.

20-0330 | Nicor Disallowance

In June, the Commission ruled that Nicor Gas improperly charged customers for \$31 million in infrastructure spending from 2019, triggering a process that will lead to rate adjustments. Commissioners remarked that the utility inappropriately failed to submit some construction projects to competitive bidding, while others had unnecessary cost overruns.

23-0066 | Nicor Gas Rate Case

In November, the Commission disallowed \$96.99 million from Nicor's natural gas rate request. The decision approved a 9.51 percent return on equity and establishes both a low-income discount rate and a future of gas proceeding to evaluate the impacts of Illinois' decarbonization and electrification goals on the natural gas system. To comply, Nicor will be required to submit annual reports documenting cost-reduction from the LIDR program and include a detailed future of gas action plan for its future infrastructure investments.

23-0067 | Ameren Illinois Gas Rate Case

In November, the Commission disallowed \$36.34 million from Ameren Illinois' natural gas rate request. The decision approved a 9.44 percent return on equity and establishes both a low-income discount rate and a future of gas proceeding to evaluate the impacts of Illinois' decarbonization and electrification goals on the natural gas system. To comply, Ameren will be required to submit annual reports documenting cost-reduction from the LIDR program and include a detailed future of gas action plan for its future infrastructure investments.

23-0068/23-0069 | North Shore/Peoples Gas Consolidated Rate Cases

In November, the Commission disallowed a respective \$5.57 million and \$101.12 million from North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas' consolidated natural gas rate requests. The decision approved a 9.38 percent return on equity and establishes both a low-income discount rate and a future of gas proceeding to evaluate the impacts of Illinois' decarbonization and electrification goals on the natural gas system. To comply, the utilities will be required to submit annual reports documenting cost-reduction from the LIDR program and include detailed future of gas action plans for their future infrastructure investments.

22-0486/23-0055 | ComEd Consolidated Multi-Year Integrated Grid and Multi-Year Rate Plans

In December, the Commission issued an Order rejecting the MYIGP finding that ComEd failed to comply with several requirements of P.A. 102-0662. The Commission directed the Company to refile an MYIGP in three months. Because the MYRP is intrinsically linked to the MYIGP, the Commission adopted an alternative methodology to establish a rate base and revenue requirement for each test year that is reasonable and prudent. The Commission approved a rate of return on rate base of 6.572%, 6.597%, 6.670%. and 6.705%, respectively, for each of the four test years. This rate of return on rate base includes a return on equity of 8.905%. The Company's rate base will be revisited upon approval of the refiled MYIGP.

22-0487/23-0082 | Ameren Consolidated Multi-Year Integrated Grid and Multi-Year Rate Plans

In December, the Commission issued an Order rejecting the MYIGP finding that Ameren failed to comply with several requirements of P.A. 102-0662. The Commission directed the Company to refile an MYIGP in three months. Because the MYRP is intrinsically linked to the MYIGP, the Commission adopted an alternative methodology to establish a rate base and revenue requirement for each test year that is reasonable and prudent. The Commission approved a rate of return on rate base of 6.484%, 6.551%, 6.571%. and 6.594%, respectively, for each of the four test years. This rate of return on rate base includes a return on equity of 8.715%. The Company's rate base will be revisited upon approval of the refiled MYIGP.

Investigations and NOIs

Investigation into The Value Of, And Compensation For, Distributed Energy Resources

In June, the Commission initiated an investigation into the value of and compensation for distributed energy resources, as required by CEJA. The investigation will assess how the value of DERs may evolve based on the present and future technological capabilities and grid needs, among other priorities. Staff and a workshop facilitator will host a series of informational workshops to engage stakeholders.

23-NOI-01 | Ameren's RTO Cost/Benefit Study

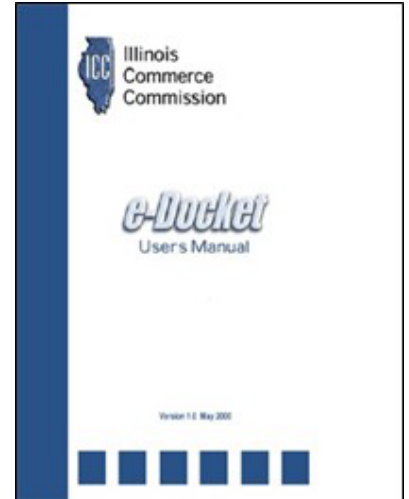
In August, the Commission opened a notice of inquiry into a recent Ameren Illinois study examining the costs and benefits of remaining a Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) member

compared to joining PJM Interconnection (PJM), the grid operator that serves the northern part of the state. The NOI will include a three-month comment period and will help to inform any future or potential Commission action regarding the state's ongoing participation in its two power grid operators.

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