

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Illinois Commerce Commission)	
On Its Own Motion)	
)	06-0703
Revision of Ill. Admin. Code 280)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, by one of his attorneys and pursuant to the Rules of Practice of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 83 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 200.200, petitions for leave to intervene and be made a party in the above captioned proceeding.

In support of this petition, Pat Quinn states as follows:

1. He currently serves as Lt. Governor of Illinois and as chairman of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council.
2. The Governor's Rural Affairs Council is charged with ensuring the health and well-being of rural residents.
3. The current regulations in Section 280.130(j) of the Illinois Administrative Code do not adequately protect Illinois residents from dangerous and life threatening utility shut offs.
4. His interests as a utility ratepayer and elected official may be affected by the proposed order in this docket.
5. He agrees to accept electronic means as provided for in Section 200.1050 of the Commission's Rules of Practice.
6. As Lt. Governor, he serves as a representative of the people of Illinois and receives complaints from utility ratepayers.
7. Copies of all pleadings, notices and correspondence in this docket should be sent to the undersigned.

The existing rules governing discontinuance of gas and electric service to residential customers are insufficient to protect persons with serious illness from the potentially life threatening consequences of discontinuance of service. The Commission should on an emergency basis adopt the following proposed revised section 280.130(j) of the Illinois Administrative Code:

- j) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, discontinuance of service to residential customers is prohibited for up to ninety days when discontinuance of service will aggravate a existing serious illness of any person who is a permanent resident of the premise where service is rendered if the customer complies with the following requirements regarding such illness:
 - 1) The illness must be certified to the utility by a registered physician or local board of health. The certification shall be in writing and shall include the name of the ill person, a statement that he/she is a resident of the premises in question, the name, business address, and telephone number of the certifying party, the nature of the illness, and the period of time during which termination will aggravate the illness;
 - 2) Initial certification by the certifying party may be by telephone if written certification is forwarded to the utility within fifteen days;
 - 3) Initial certification shall prohibit discontinuance of service for sixty days. The customer may renew certification for an additional thirty days by providing another certificate to the utility. Failure to so renew the certificate shall entitle the utility to initiate discontinuance procedures;
 - 4) The customer must enter into an agreement for the retirement of the unpaid balance of the account within the first sixty days and keep the current account paid during the period that the unpaid balance is to be retired. Notice of discontinuance of service sent to residential customers must include a notice substantially in the form of Appendix B herein; and
 - 5) In the event service is terminated within thirty days prior to certification of illness by or for a qualifying resident, service shall be restored to that residence if a proper certification is thereafter made in accordance with the foregoing provisions.
 - 6) Any customer, regardless of connection status, that provides a certification by a doctor that the customer has a serious medical illness shall have service restored for no less than thirty days.

The caption of this docket suggests that the protections would only apply to electric customers. Persons with serious illness need reliable electric, gas, telephone and water services. The proposed rules should apply equally to all customers of regulated public utilities.

WHEREFORE, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn respectfully requests leave to intervene and participate as a party in the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I, Daniel Persky, hereby affirm that I have knowledge of the contents of this Petition and it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Daniel Persky

Notarized this 24th day of January, 2007