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STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY :
: Petition to approve an Advanced Metering : No. 09-0263
: Infrastructure Pilot Program and associated tariffs. :

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Date 8/20/09 Reporter [Signature]

Rebuttal Testimony of

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Commonwealth Edison Company

1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Val R. Jensen. My business address is 3 Lincoln Centre, Oakbrook
3 Terrace, Illinois, 60181.

4 Q. Have you previously testified in this proceeding?

5 A. Yes. My direct testimony is identified as ComEd Ex. 7.0

6 Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?

7 A. My testimony will respond to the comments of Staff witness Dr. David Brightwell
8 concerning the 10,000 meters ComEd proposes to install in the City of Elgin.

9 Q. Dr. Brightwell opposes the inclusion of meters in the AMI pilot for cost recovery
10 in Rider AMP because the Community Energy Challenge ("CEC") application
11 does not fit in with either the operational evaluation or the customer applications
12 experiment aspect of the pilot. How do you respond?

13 A. I have to disagree with Dr. Brightwell as to the propriety of inclusion of the Elgin
14 meters in the pilot. Similar to the formal customer applications study, the Elgin
15 application is a form of study or experiment, one which will further assist in the
16 evaluation of the potential benefits of AMI, as well as inform ComEd and the
17 Commission as to the potential value of linking the technology with community-
18 based programs.

19 As noted in my direct testimony, ComEd sponsored the CEC in
20 cooperation with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus ("MMC") and the Illinois
21 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity ("DCEO") to stimulate
22 interest in energy conserving activities and to facilitate the proliferation of new

23 ideas as to how to engage communities in that regard. Under the program, each
24 of the twelve participating cities and villages in Northern Illinois was asked to
25 provide a description of how it would use "smart meters" to enhance the overall
26 performance of its plan to assist its constituents to conserve energy. As I indicated
27 in my direct testimony, ComEd is proposing to install up to 10,000 AMI meters in
28 the City of Elgin because it presented the best ideas in that regard.

29 Unfortunately, the timing of the CEC proposal and selection process did
30 not align well with the AMI workshop schedule to allow us to further develop the
31 details of the Elgin program in the same collaborative fashion and to the same
32 level of detail as for the formal customer applications study. While many of the
33 details of the Elgin plan have yet to be fleshed out, it is fully expected that Elgin's
34 experience with the use of these meters, specifically in connection with its energy
35 conservation plan, will provide valuable information on how other communities
36 will be able to leverage the capabilities of AMI in connection with efforts to
37 reduce their communities' energy consumption. I believe that the Affidavit of
38 Elgin's Mayor Ed Schock, filed in response to Dr. Brightwell's concerns and "with
39 the support of the 273-member Metropolitan Mayors Caucus", is a testament to
40 the concerted effort the City will devote to making the project a successful one in
41 that regard. And, as Mayor Schock noted: "[Elgin's use of the smart meters] will
42 also help give the city, other municipalities, and ComEd measurable information
43 to use in designing and implementing a smart grid system." ~~The [redacted] and~~
44 ~~enthusiasm by municipalities and community leaders in promoting the use of~~
45 ~~smart grid technologies, including advanced metering, as evidenced by the many~~

46 [REDACTED] See ComEd Exhibit 9.1. With the
47 help of the City of Elgin, ComEd expects to issue a report of the lessons learned
48 in that project that will be made available to the Commission, other
49 municipalities, and the AMI Workshop and Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative.

50 Nevertheless, the Commission in this docket must approve of including
51 the Elgin meters in the AMI pilot to enable the project, which will involve further
52 collaboration on the program details, to proceed. Thus, what ComEd is asking the
53 Commission to recognize in this docket is the importance of enabling the study of
54 a community-based approach to the utilization of AMI technology.

55 Q. Does that conclude your rebuttal testimony?

56 A. Yes, it does.

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VERIFICATION

I, Val R. Jensen, being first duly sworn, states that he is Director - Regulatory Strategies & Services for Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd") and has provided rebuttal testimony, identified as ComEd Ex. 9.0, on behalf ComEd. ComEd Ex. 9.0 was prepared by Mr. Jensen or under his direction and control. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.



Val R. Jensen