

**Docket No:** 11-0692  
**Bench Date:** 05/16/12  
**Deadline:** NA

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** The Commission  
**FROM:** D. Ethan Kimbrel, Administrative Law Judge  
**DATE:** May 7, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Commonwealth Edison Company

Application for an amendment to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granted in ICC Docket Nos. 89-0215 and 92-0185, authorizing and directing the Petitioner to construct, operate and maintain two 345,000-volt underground electric transmission lines in Cook County, Illinois.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Enter the Interim Order.

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On October 20, 2011, Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”) filed a verified Petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission (the “Commission”) seeking authorization under Section 8-406 of the Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS §5/8-406, for entry of an order amending the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCNs”) issued by the Commission in Docket Nos. 89-0215 and 92-0185 (the “Certificate Orders”). The Certificate Orders authorized and directed ComEd to construct, operate and maintain new underground 345 kilovolt (“kV”) electric transmission lines in Cook County, Illinois.

An evidentiary hearing was held on May 2, 2012. ComEd and Staff agreed to bifurcate this matter in order for ComEd to obtain an Interim Order regarding certain undisputed issues. The parties agreed and the evidence supports that there is a need for the construction of Burnham/Taylor Phases III and IV in order to provide adequate, reliable and efficient service to the Chicago Central Business District and ComEd customers. The evidence further demonstrates that ComEd is capable of efficiently managing and supervising the construction and that it can finance the project without significant adverse financial consequences for the utility or its customers.

The issues that remain in dispute will be briefed and resolved in a Final Order to be entered in the future.

Accordingly, I recommend entering the Interim Order.

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