

Docket No: 11-0692
Bench Date: 11/08/12
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission
FROM: D. Ethan Kimbrel, Administrative Law Judge
DATE: October 30, 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 Order.

The Commission has previously determined in an Interim Order entered on May 16, 2012, that there is a need for the construction of the Burnham/Taylor Phases III and IV project in order to provide adequate, reliable and efficient service to the Chicago Central Business District and ComEd customers, including the 4.3 mile segment of the line that is the subject of this Order. The evidence demonstrates that ComEd's proposed route for this 4.3 mile segment of the transmission lines is the reasonable and least-cost route. 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.

It is Staff's legal position that ComEd's proposal to construct the approximately 4.3 mile segment of the transmission line between Garfield Boulevard and 26th Street underground meets the requirements of Section 8-406(b) of the Act. The City also has no objection to ComEd's proposal to construct the 4.3 mile segment of the transmission line underground along State Street. On October 30, 2012, ComEd, Staff and the City submitted a draft agreed order to me to this effect.

Accordingly, I recommend entering the Order.

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