

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

ROCK ISLAND CLEAN LINE LLC	:	
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Petition for an Order granting Rock Island Clean Line	:	
LLC a Certificate of Public Convenience and	:	
Necessity pursuant to Section 8-406 of the Public	:	No. 12-0560
Utilities Act as a Transmission Public Utility and to	:	
construct, operate and maintain an electric	:	
transmission line and authorizing and directing Rock	:	
Island pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public	:	
Utilities Act to construct an electric transmission line.	:	

**RESPONSE OF COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY TO THE  
IAA’S MOTION TO EXTEND BRIEFS ON EXCEPTIONS DEADLINES**

Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), pursuant to Section 200.190 of the Rules of Practice of the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC” or “Commission”), 83 Ill. Adm. Code § 200.190, and the August 19, 2014 Scheduling Ruling of the ALJ, responds to the Motion to Extend Briefs on Exceptions Deadlines (“Motion”) of the Illinois Agricultural Association (“IAA”).

As represented in IAA’s Motion, ComEd has no objection to the Motion or to extending the due date for Exceptions and Briefs on Exceptions to September 11, 2014 and the due date for Reply Briefs on Exceptions to September 25, 2014. This is, in part, because the evidentiary hearings in ComEd’s own annual formula rate update case (ICC Docket No. 14-0312), in which both the undersigned and Mr. Bernet are directly and materially engaged, begin on August 27, 2014, the same date as Exceptions and Briefs on Exceptions are currently due to be filed. While allowance of IAA’s Motion would address this conflict, ComEd understands that Petitioner RI objects to IAA’s Motion.

In ComEd's view, given the length of the Proposed Order, the volume of the evidence, and the number and seriousness of the issues involved, it is hard to view IAA's request for an extension as unreasonable or without good cause. Also, especially given that (as the Proposed Order observes) an Order in this proceeding is not the critical path hurdle to begin construction or operational activities given other pending "regulatory approvals still needed" (PO at 209), an extension of a few days can hardly cause unreasonable prejudice to RI. However, if the ALJ determines that the extension IAA's requested is excessive, ComEd suggests that a reasonable, but shorter, extension would be:

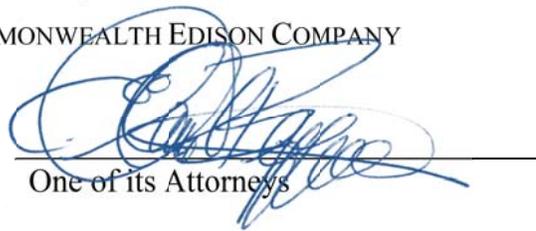
- Exceptions and Briefs on Exceptions                      September 3, 2014
- Reply Brief on Exceptions                                      September 17, 2014

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Respectfully submitted,

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