

ICC Docket No. 15-0287

**Commonwealth Edison Company's Response to
Illinois Commerce Commission ("STAFF") Data Requests
BCJ 2.01 – 2.07
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REQUEST NO. BCJ 2.03:

Referring to the list of charitable contributions included in WP7, please provide the rationale for requesting recovery of contributions to the following entities through base rates instead of Rider EDA, Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Adjustment.

1. Access Living, El Valor Corporation, GiGi's Playhouse-Fox Valley LLC: Support participation in ComEd Energy Force, a one-of-a kind program that trains people with disabilities to teach others both with and without disabilities about energy efficiency;
2. Chicago Community Trust: ComEd's event at On the Table focused on energy efficiency;
3. Chicago Defender Charities: Booth at Bud Biliken parade used to educate festival-goers about energy efficiency; and
4. Donors Forum of Chicago: Support a free session for non-profit representatives to learn about energy efficiency financial incentives for their facilities.

RESPONSE:

1. The payments to Access Living, \$7,500, El Valor Corporation, \$7,500 and GiGi's Playhouse, \$5,000, to support ComEd's Energy Force program were misclassified and should have been included in ComEd's Rider EDA, Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Adjustment. These payments will be removed from ComEd's request for recovery of charitable contributions in rebuttal testimony.

ComEd's donation of \$25,000 to El Valor Corporation was made in support of the Don Quixote Dinner, which is an annual fundraiser for El Valor's many programs aimed at assisting early childhood dual language children, persons with disabilities, and adults seeking educational opportunities. The amount of this donation has been reduced by \$750, the value of the 10 tickets received for this dinner.

2. ComEd's \$20,000 donation in 2014 to the Chicago Community Trust ("Trust") was made to benefit the Trust's 99th Anniversary Celebration. The Trust, our region's community foundation, makes grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. This \$20,000 donation was not made as an element of ComEd's Energy Efficiency programs, but rather to provide support to the Trust and the work it does in our communities.

3. ComEd made two (2) donations to Chicago Defender Charities in 2014. The mission of the charities is to improve the quality of life for African American children through educational, cultural, and social programs. A \$2,500 donation was made to support the annual Newsmakers Gala. The proceeds from this event supported the James R. Jordan Foundation and the Chicago Area Project, organizations working to creating networks of support for families and communities and providing programs to motivate youth and ensure high quality academic opportunities for children in underserved communities.

A \$24,000 donation was made to support the annual Bud Billiken Parade in Chicago. Since 1929, the Bud Billiken Parade has continued to highlight the significance of education, through encouraging children and youth to read and study, and by supporting parents, teachers and schools. At the parade, ComEd manned a booth and distributed educational information on managing energy rates to parade goers. ComEd's donation was reduced by \$500, the value of the booth space at this event.

4. In 2014, ComEd made a \$5,000 donation to the Donors Forum of Chicago. ComEd, along with other utilities, had an opportunity at a Donors Forum event to present information to representatives from various non-profit organizations about financial incentives available to them for undertaking energy efficiency measures. This donation was not made as an element of any specific ComEd Energy Efficiency program.