BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

SPECIAL OPEN MEETING

Friday, April 26, 2019

Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. at 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:

CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairman

BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Commissioner

SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner

MARIA S. BOCANEGRA, Acting Commissioner

D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner

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CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning, everybody.

Are we ready in Springfield?

THE CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are.

THE COURT: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, I call the April 26, 2019, Special Open Meeting to order. Commissioners Sheahan, Oliva, Kimbrel, and Bocanegra are here with me in Chicago; therefore, we have a quorum.

We have one request to speak. As a reminder, you only have three minutes. We'll let you know when you have two minutes, then one minute left, and when your time has expired. Let's kind of try to keep track up here as well.

Please be aware that while the Commission affords the public an opportunity to comment, we will not respond directly to your comments. Your comments will be made part of the record and will be accorded the weight the Commission deems appropriate; however, we cannot rely on them to resolve disputed issues of fact in cases.

Our only speaker today is Vern See.
Mr. See, are you there?

THE CHIEF CLERK: Yes, he is.

THE COURT: You may proceed, Mr. See.

MR. SEE: Honorable Commissioners, my concerns apply to the Illinois Rivers Project and the Edgar County Landowners. Some of you remember I was here in late 2017 and, not knowing the rules, was not allowed to speak. Mr. Agnew offered assistance and was very helpful. Since then, I have submitted the proper request forms and returned in February, September, and November of 2018, also, January of this year.

On these appearances, I did not make a formal request for the Commission to take a second look at our case. Our case was in court. Although I had little faith in the court -- they were arguing the point of law, not the point -- I could not risk the possibility of a satisfactory conclusion for the landowners.

On these previous visits, the bulletin board had dates posted for Independent Review Board motions for rehearing of ICC decisions.
I now find myself in the same boat, not knowing the rules. How do I submit a formal request for a
rehearing?

Since this fiasco started, laws have
been changed. The current Congressional Energy
Committee is reviewing the guidelines regarding the
12 percent incentive.

My previous visits left no doubt in
your mind. Ameren treated us neither fairly nor with
respect. Edgar County Landowners are entitled to
more than a three-minute window to make their point.
I truly believe if we are given a seat at the table, an agreement between landowners, Ameren, and the ICC
could be quickly achieved.

We've been thrown in the ring with an
800-pound gorilla. A level playing field has never
been offered. I appeal to your sense of fair play.
Give us an opportunity.

Respectfully, Vern See.

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Item E-1 concerns IPA's
Petition to Reopen Docket Number 17-0838, IPA's
Long-Term Renewable Resource Procurement Plan and its
Motion For Clarification.

Are there any objections to granting IPA's Petition for Reopening and Approving the Order on Reopening which grants the Motion For Clarification?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, this matter is reopened, and the Order on Reopening is approved.

Moving on to our other business agenda, Item O-1 concerns the April 2019 Solicitation of Bids to Sell Standard Energy Products to Ameren, Com Ed, and MidAmerican.

Are there any objections to approving the Procurement Administrator's Selection of Winning Bids?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Procurement Administrator's Selection is Approved.

Item O-2 concerns the Engagement of an Interim Executive Director.

I motion to install Jim Zolnerick as
Interim Executive Director on a temporary basis starting May 1, 2019.

Is there a second?

ACTING COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Second.

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: All those in favor of installing Dr. Zolnerick as Interim Executive Director, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Those opposed, nay.

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: The ayes have it. The motion is approved. Thank you.

At this time, I'd like to thank Cholly Smith for his four years of service at the Commission. We'll miss you, but thank you for all your efforts.

Judge Kingsley, do we have any other matters to come before the Commission today?

JUDGE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Do any of the
Commissioners have any other business to discuss?

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Madam Chairman, I would like to second the appreciation for Cholly. In the last four and a half years, the Illinois Commerce Commission has emerged as one of the preeminent public utility commissions in the United States, and Cholly deserves a lot of credit for that, and I wanted to personally thank him for all of his time and effort the last four years.

    Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Anyone else?

COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Yes, briefly, thank you.

    I just want to echo those sentiments, and I thank you and I appreciate everything you have done. It's been great working with you.

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Anyone else?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none,
without objection, the meeting stands adjourned.

Thank you.

(WHEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned.)