BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

SPECIAL OPEN MEETING

TRANSPORTATION

September 24, 2018

Chicago, Illinois

and Springfield, Illinois

Met, pursuant to notice, at 11:30 A.M., at 160 North LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois, and by videoconference with 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois

PRESENT:

BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman

SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner

JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner

D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner

ANASTASIA PALIVOS, Acting Commissioner

ALARIS LITIGATION SERVICES, by Robin A. Enstrom, RPR, CSR License No. 084-002046
CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. Good morning.

We're back.

Are we ready to proceed in Springfield?

MS. ROLAND: Yes, we are, and the court reporter is in the room.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. Great.

So, just for the record, we had called the meeting to order at 10:30. The court reporter was not present. We had a quorum, and we recessed the meeting for one hour. So one hour has transpired, and we're back.

Commissioners Rosales, Oliva and Kimbrel, and Acting Commissioner Palivos are with me in Chicago. We have a quorum.

We have no requests to speak.

And we'll therefore move into our transportation agenda, and we have one item on today's agenda. We have Mike Stead in Springfield who's going to have a statement regarding Rail Safety Week.

Mike, you may proceed.

MR. STEAD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Staff of the Commission's Transportation Bureau, Rail Safety Section, would like to thank the
Illinois Commerce Commission and Governor Bruce Rauner for proclaiming the week of September 23rd through 29th as Rail Safety Week in Illinois.

In 2017, there were 86 vehicle-train collisions at public highway-rail grade crossings in Illinois, resulting in 22 fatalities. 41 pedestrian trespassers were struck by trains, resulting in 15 fatalities. In addition, 22 suicide fatalities occurred last year.

Considering more than 84 percent of collisions occur at public grade crossings equipped with active warning devices, rail safety education is imperative to improving public safety. The Staff of the Commission's Railroad Safety Section challenges everyone to learn more about rail safety by visiting the Transportation tab of the Illinois Commerce Commission's website at icc.illinois.org and the Operation Lifesaver, Inc., website at oli.org.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Great. Thank you, Michael, and thank you for all the good work that you and the department do.

MR. STEAD: You're welcome.
CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: That concludes our transportation agenda.

(Commission moved into the public utilities agenda.)