

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I'm just going to make
2 sure we can hear everyone. Is Commissioner
3 Bocanegra on for sound check?

4 COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Yes, I'm here.

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Great. And Commissioner
6 Carrigan is in the Springfield office. Is he
7 there? Can we hear you, Commissioner Carrigan?

8 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: I can hear you loud
9 and clear. I'm here.

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Great. And then
11 Commissioner -- and Commissioner Oliva?

12 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Yes, I'm here. Can you
13 hear me?

14 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: We can. Great. Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Okay.

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Judge Teague-Kingsley,
17 can we confirm that you're on as well?

18 JUDGE TEAGUE-KINSLEY: Yes, I am on.

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. Great. Then
20 we're going to go ahead and get started. It's now
21 10:30.

22 Under the Open Meetings Act in

1 accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders, I
2 call the September 2nd, 2020, Regular Open Meeting
3 to order.

4 Before we proceed, and for the
5 clarity of the record, and since some commissioners
6 are participating remotely, I would ask everyone to
7 state their name before speaking and to speak
8 slowly and clearly so that she can capture
9 everything that is said.

10 I already checked that all
11 commissioners are with us and can hear.

12 We have a quorum.

13 We have eight requests to speak, and
14 going in the order that they were received, first
15 from Robert Garcia; and second, John Keating;
16 three, Emiliano Vera; four, Lena Walker; five,
17 Allan Max Axelrod; six, Jake Pautsch; seven,
18 Elizabeth Davidson; and eight, Kathryn Meade.

19 Under 2 Illinois Administrative Code
20 Section 1700.10, any person desiring to speak to
21 address the Commission shall be allowed up to three
22 minutes. Only one person may speak on behalf of

1 any organization. Please note that the Commission
2 will not respond directly to any comments.

3 First, we -- I have listed,
4 Mr. Robert Garcia, but it was indicated that he may
5 not be present.

6 Mr. Garcia, are you there?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. Then we're going
9 to move on to Mr. Keating.

10 Mr. Keating, are you there? Are you
11 in Springfield?

12 MR. KEATING: I am. It's good to see you,
13 again, Commissioner.

14 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hi. Mr. Keating, you
15 will have three minutes. I'm going to have my
16 advisor set the timer and we will indicate when
17 time is up, but before you begin, Mr. Keating, can
18 you please state and spell your name for the court
19 reporter? Then you may go ahead and begin.

20 MR. KEATING: My name is John Keating, J-o-h-n
21 K-e-a-t-i-n-g. I am a co-founder of Education &
22 Action Together, it's a community group here in

1 Springfield, as well as a candidate for the 96th
2 District. And it feels like we're doing the same
3 song and dance. I sat before you folks just a few
4 weeks ago with the same message that families in
5 Illinois are hurting, and the Commission has not
6 responded to help those families. The utility
7 companies say that there are resources available
8 for these folks, but LIHEAP right now has a 30-day
9 lag on payment from when the folks are applying,
10 and often, it isn't enough money to -- it's enough
11 money to cover their back, not anything that's
12 going to be able to help these folks that are still
13 unemployed going forward.

14 It just doesn't make sense to me
15 that, especially, in light of the things that have
16 been happening in Chicago with ComEd and Person A,
17 who is likely Speaker Madigan, that we have seen,
18 time and time again, these utility companies are
19 willing to bend the rules to pad their pockets.
20 They have been fined \$200 million because they're
21 willing to engage in illegal tactics to increase
22 their profits, but they're not willing to take the

1 best interest of the people that they're supposed
2 to be serving, and not turn off their power, not
3 turn off their water, in the midst of a global
4 pandemic that has seen unemployment rates higher
5 than we have seen since the Great Depression. I
6 hope that this meeting isn't another song and
7 dance, and I hope that the Commission actually acts
8 after hearing the testimony of the folks who come
9 after me.

10 Students here in Springfield just
11 started remote learning, and that's the same thing
12 that is happening across the state. They have to
13 have power for that internet to connect them to
14 their classrooms. Depriving them of that deprives
15 them of their constitutional right to an equal
16 education.

17 Water is a no-brainer. We have to
18 wash our hands in order to stop the spread of
19 COVID-19. We have seen people in poverty be
20 catechized again and again, and in many ways; the
21 state isn't doing enough to help those who have
22 been deeply affected during this pandemic, and if

1 the Commerce Commission fails to act, it's yet
2 another time that the people who have been
3 appointed, not elected, aren't doing their jobs.

4 I honestly don't understand why this
5 Commission is an appointed position, because you're
6 doing things that directly affect the constituents
7 here in Illinois, so it should be something where
8 you can be recalled by vote if you're not doing --
9 making decisions that actually benefit the people
10 you are supposed to be serving. Thank you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Keating.

12 Next, we have Mr. Emiliano Vera.
13 Mr. Vera, are you there?

14 MR. VERA: Yeah, I'm here.

15 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. Mr. Vera, you
16 have up to three minutes as well. We're going to
17 set our timer. If you -- you can go ahead and
18 begin, but please, first, state and spell your name
19 for the court reporter.

20 MR. VERA: My name is Emiliano Vera,
21 E-m-i-l-i-a-n-o, last name Vera, V-e-r-a. I am a
22 representative of the Western Illinois Democratic

1 Socialists of America, as well as a precinct
2 committee person for the McDonough County
3 Democratic Party, and a former candidate for state
4 representative in the Illinois for the (inaudible)
5 and with no end in sight, it's (inaudible).
6 Illinois Democratic Group of America and all the
7 groups in the (inaudible) shut off coalition, the
8 grassroots coalition of socialists and community
9 organizations downstate Illinois. We have, for the
10 past month, highlighted the inhumanity of private
11 for-profit utilities corporations shutting off the
12 water and electricity to the people, most affected
13 by the pandemic, in the middle of the summer, and
14 in a couple months, it's soon to be winter.

15 We know that utilities are not only a
16 human right as defined by the United Nations, but a
17 necessity for fighting COVID-19. People must be
18 able to stay in their homes, to wash their hands,
19 to take a shower and to stay cool or stay warm. We
20 cannot depend on the private charity of a select
21 few companies to provide lasting relief to our
22 hurting families, although, we do thank the

1 voluntary decisions of several companies to merely
2 extend, not totally end the shut offs.

3 We know that across western Illinois
4 local utilities are already disconnecting service
5 to households. We received calls for help after
6 McDonough Power Cooperative shut off families'
7 lights with no notice on the same day the
8 moratorium expired. Local municipal water
9 companies, while in some cases are offering to work
10 with residents, have also threatened to shut off
11 utilities for nonpayment. That is why we need
12 swift action by the state to guarantee that all
13 Illinois residents' access to life-saving utilities
14 during the entire duration of the pandemic. We,
15 once again, call on the Illinois Commerce
16 Commission to extend the shut off moratorium for
17 all utilities companies and provide support for
18 public municipal utilities, at least until the
19 general assembly can reconvene to legislate for the
20 relief and/or permanent solution.

21 We furthermore restate the fact that
22 no utility can work efficiently when run by a

1 private, for-profit corporation. Basic economics
2 teaches that utilities are natural monopolies that
3 prevent market competition. (Inaudible) run
4 democratically by the public institutions if they
5 are to function at all. The immediate --

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hold on.

7 MR. VERA: -- fight against shut offs must
8 become a larger fight for democratization and
9 universal public control of all utilities,
10 including water, power, and internet, which every
11 parent and teacher knows that since we're online
12 also is a necessity. Thank you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Vera.

14 COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: Excuse me, Madam Chair.
15 Madam Court Reporter, do you need him to repeat any
16 of that, or maybe this gentleman has the statement
17 he can -- he was reading from? I think the
18 internet connection was pretty bad at certain
19 times.

20 THE COURT REPORTER: I would just like at the
21 very end to repeat right before he said thank you.

22 MR. VERA: (Inaudible) and statements in

1 (inaudible) --

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Mr. Vera, you are
3 cutting out. So one suggestion would be to file
4 your comment with the Commission, or if you want to
5 try to repeat the last sentence before you said,
6 "thank you," we can try to capture it.

7 MR. VERA: Okay. (Inaudible.)

8 THE COURT REPORTER: I can't understand him.

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Yeah. I'm sorry,
10 Mr. Vera, we can't --

11 MR. VERA: (Inaudible.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I'm sorry, you're
13 cutting out. I think the best thing to do would
14 directly file it.

15 MR. VERA: Okay.

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

17 MR. VERA: I'll do that. Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

19 Okay. Fourth we have Ms. Lena
20 Walker. Ms. Walker, are you there?

21 MS. WALKER: Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me?

22 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: We can hear you. So,

1 Ms. Walker, you will have three minutes as well.
2 We're going to go ahead and set our timer, but
3 please, first, state and spell your name, and speak
4 slowly, and if you do cut out, I'll try to catch it
5 where you do cut out so you can repeat yourself,
6 but you may begin.

7 MS. WALKER: Understood.

8 My name is Lena Walker spelled
9 L-e-n-a W-a-l-k-e-r. I'm a graduate student of the
10 University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, and I'm
11 also a member of the graduate employees
12 organization, IFTA, of Team Local 6300.

13 I'm also a life-long Illinoisan. I
14 grew up in Carbondale, Illinois, and I currently
15 live in Urbana. I have worked as a customer
16 service representative for utility companies and I
17 am all too aware of the inadequacy --

18 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Ms. Walker?

19 MS. WALKER: Yes?

20 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: We're having a hard time
21 hearing you. It's muddled. I don't know if you
22 have a chance to get -- to step somewhere with

1 better reception, but also, I think slowing down
2 will help.

3 MS. WALKER: Sure. I'll give it a try.

4 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay.

5 MS. WALKER: Okay. These companies push a
6 narrative of personal responsibility while, at the
7 same time, lining their pockets and the pockets of
8 shareholders at the expense of our communities who
9 have built the wealth of this state with their
10 labor, time, and lives.

11 Evictions and utility shut offs are
12 not only inhumane on an individual level, although,
13 they are that. As the CDC has just recognized,
14 these actions against struggling people have the
15 potential to exacerbate the public health disaster
16 that is already unfolding before our eyes. If
17 people cannot safely or feasibly shelter in place
18 because of utility shut offs, they will be forced
19 to seek shelter in potentially crowded conditions,
20 which will only spread the virus further,
21 continuing a vicious cycle of death and economic
22 fallout that hits those already bearing an unequal

1 portion of suffering.

2 The government of Illinois has
3 repeatedly called for a collective response to this
4 pandemic urging its residents to act with
5 compassion and for the benefit of all, but a
6 collective response requires collective care.

7 The Illinois Commerce Commission and
8 Governor Pritzker must put a stop to utility shut
9 offs now or there be will be blood to bear on your
10 hands. You have the power and you must act. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Ms. Walker.

13 All right. Fifth, Mr. Allan Max
14 Axelrod. Mr. Axelrod, are you on?

15 MR. AXELROD: Yes, I'm on. Can you hear me?

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: We can hear you. So
17 we're going to go ahead and set our timer, and
18 then, again, please just state and spell your name.

19 MR. AXELROD: All righty. My name is Allan
20 Max Axelrod, that is A-l-l-a-n M-a-x A-x-e-l-r-o-d.
21 I am the campaign lead for No Ameren Shut Offs. It
22 is an all-volunteer grassroots organization of over

1 a dozen different groups. Due to time, I am
2 foregoing the whole roster.

3 Since the last time we spoke. Our
4 state was at 70 percent, our peak number of new
5 daily Coronavirus cases averaged across seven days.
6 That number is now at 74 percent of our peak, it
7 has increased. Since the last time we spoke, we
8 had 20 counties at a warning status for
9 Coronavirus, that number is now 30 counties at a
10 warning status for Coronavirus.

11 Since the last time we spoke,
12 Connecticut extended their utility shut off
13 moratorium into next year for water in particular;
14 why haven't you?

15 Last time we spoke, Pennsylvania
16 extended their moratorium on electricity, gas, and
17 water; why haven't you?

18 Since the last time we spoke, the
19 Macon County democrats passed a resolution opposing
20 utility shut offs; why haven't you?

21 You may be under the impression that
22 the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program or

1 LIHEAP supplementation from the state is
2 sufficient. Allow me to dispel that for you.

3 Our latest reported unemployment
4 number is 269 percent higher than last year for the
5 same month in Illinois. Yet, our LIHEAP
6 supplementation only increased funding by
7 49 percent. We have, even if LIHEAP have covered
8 everybody, a 220 percent deficit. There is no
9 excuse there, but I also wanted to highlight how
10 needless the resumption of utility shut offs is.

11 For reference, the second financial
12 quarter includes the months of April, May, and
13 June, deep in the pandemic lockdown when the
14 unemployment rates were, and remain to be, over ten
15 percent for each and every one of those months.
16 Yet, in Ameren, Illinois, second financial quarter
17 report for 2020, they disclosed that they had a
18 36 percent increase in their profits per share from
19 quarter two of 2019 to quarter two of 2020. There
20 is no excuse.

21 We have been sent shut off notices
22 stating that Ameren, Illinois, will start shutting

1 off utilities on September 4th in Urbana. This is
2 an immediate health risk and we desperately need
3 intervention here or else we will have to credit
4 the next spike in Coronavirus cases to both you and
5 the governor. Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Six is
7 Mr. Jake Pautsch. Mr. Pautsch, are you on? And
8 I'm sorry if I'm not saying your name correctly.

9 MR. PAUTSCH: Hi. Can you hear me, guys?

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: We can hear you.

11 MR. PAUTSCH: Okay.

12 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Same thing, you'll will
13 have three minutes. Please state and spell your
14 name and then we'll begin.

15 MR. PAUTSCH: Yeah. Jake, J-a-k-e, last name
16 is pronounced Pautsch, P-a-u-t-s-c-h. This is
17 Elizabeth Davidson, she's my in-house general
18 counsel.

19 Basically, three minutes isn't going
20 to allow me enough time to get to the point of what
21 I need to speak to you guys about because the
22 matters I need to talk to you about are bordering a

1 lot of different things, and specifically, I'm
2 dealing with Mid-American.

3 I'm a self-made entrepreneur and I'm
4 trying to develop a solar array under rate code QF
5 and I have been working with Mid-American for the
6 better part of two years on this. And, basically,
7 all I can say is that they are very unreasonable
8 and, like I said, three minutes isn't going to
9 allow me enough time. I just want to get your
10 guys' attention and maybe set up another meeting
11 where I can come in and have more time to talk.

12 What I'm doing is I'm redeveloping a
13 brownfield that has no other purpose. I applied
14 for rate code QF. You guys have awarded me
15 \$450,000 under the Illinois Shines SRECs Program,
16 and my deadlines are running out, you know? What
17 happens to that money when it just goes back
18 because Mid-America wants to be unreasonable to me?
19 I have been more than reasonable to them.

20 I got to get this project done. The
21 city of Rock Island has even called the in-house
22 general counsel for Mid-American, Eric Sears. I

1 have reached out to Rob Bernstein, the in-house
2 general counsel and vice president. I have reached
3 out to Adam Wright, the president of Mid-American
4 and the only times I ever get responses are when I
5 reach out to Rob or Adam, otherwise I get ignored.

6 I have hired Sheila Tipton, David
7 Lynch with BrownWinick. I just hired my own
8 in-house general counsel because I can't sit here
9 and put money down a hole for a project that is
10 already slim to begin with. 3 cents -- or 1.5
11 cents to three cents is unreasonable underneath the
12 Illinois Commerce Commission Tariff. This stuff is
13 getting filed in the darkness and people in the
14 public don't have an opportunity to come out and
15 object to this. It's ridiculous.

16 We all need to sit down and have a
17 discussion about how we can actually make the
18 Illinois Shines Program work. Thank you.

19 We need to look for ways to make
20 solar development feasible for more developers and
21 integrate the Illinois Shines Program with things
22 like PACE -- CPACE financing for energy-efficient

1 upgrades on buildings. I mean, I'm passionate
2 about this stuff, I just don't have time to have my
3 time wasted.

4 The mayor of Rock Island, Illinois,
5 called Eric Sears personally and told him that he
6 is for the project. "Make it happen for Jake," he
7 said. "See what you can do." That was over a year
8 ago. I bought this site to do a QF project --
9 well, originally, it was an NM project. They
10 wouldn't let me send power to the wastewater
11 treatment plant in Illinois. I had an agreement
12 with Illinois to purchase my power -- or Moline,
13 Illinois, to purchase my power for their waste
14 water treatment plant and they just shut me down.
15 They're hinging on definitions of a contiguous site
16 and unified operation, and this is just wrong.
17 It's wrong.

18 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Pautsch.
19 Seventh is Ms. Elizabeth Davidson. Ms. Davidson,
20 are you on?

21 MS. DAVIDSON: Yeah. Basically, Jake stated
22 our --

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Ms. Davidson, if you --
2 one second. If you could just --

3 MS. DAVIDSON: -- stance --

4 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: -- state and spell your
5 name and then you can begin.

6 MS. DAVIDSON: Oh, sure. Elizabeth Davidson,
7 E-l-i-z-a-b-e-t-h, Davidson, D-a-v-i-d-s-o-n.

8 Yeah, Jake basically just stated our
9 stance. We just want to reiterate that we have
10 every portion of this project ready to go and, you
11 know, we have done ProForma, we have -- we have the
12 tax credits monetized and we have approval from
13 every city council member, the mayor, city clerk of
14 Rock Island. We have an executed interconnection
15 agreement and really, the only thing that we need
16 is a more reasonable QF rate, and we're working to
17 negotiate this rate.

18 This is the only QF program in
19 existence -- or, you know, contemplated in the
20 territory and we think that it's because it's an
21 unreasonable rate, and we would like to, you know,
22 put pressure on Mid-American Energy, and we would

1 like to not have to go further than, you know,
2 talking about this.

3 So thank you for listening and we
4 hope to speak with you further.

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

6 And finally, Ms. Kathryn Meade.
7 Ms. Meade, are you on?

8 MS. MEADE: Yes, I'm here.

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. Same thing.
10 Three minutes, if you could just state and spell
11 your name first, and then you can go ahead and
12 begin.

13 MS. MEADE: Okay. My name is Kathryn Meade,
14 that's K-a-t-h-r-y-n, Meade, M-e-a-d-e. I'm a
15 resident of Chicago, I'm a member of a coalition to
16 democratize ComEd, I'm also here to speak about the
17 utility moratorium shut off, which must be extended
18 indefinitely until the end of the COVID crisis.

19 The COVID crisis is still ongoing.
20 Indeed, it's getting worse in Illinois. According
21 to the CDC website, Illinois ranks in the top five
22 states for number of COVID cases in the last seven

1 days. Chicago's positivity rate has just risen to
2 over five percent, and the state's is over four
3 percent currently, just as schools are about to
4 reopen.

5 Today, Governor Pritzker is
6 announcing stricter restrictions in Region 4, which
7 includes closing indoor dining and bars.
8 Additional mitigation strategies might have to
9 include more business closures and a return to
10 remote work.

11 When schools do open across the
12 state, most students in Illinois will be engaging
13 in remote learning. As households become learning
14 and teaching environments, students and teachers
15 alike will be impacted by the ability to access
16 electricity for education. In addition, Illinois
17 Department of Education guidelines mandate that if
18 a student or teacher tests positive for COVID,
19 they, as well as all of their household contacts,
20 will have to quarantine in their house for 14 days.
21 How will this happen if the home has had its
22 utilities shut off?

1 With the threat of more business
2 closures looming, how can a family shelter in place
3 without water, electricity, or the ability to hold
4 food in a refrigerator? It's impossible. During a
5 pandemic where washing your hands is the biggest
6 preventative measure to spread disease, access to
7 running water and basic sanitation is absolutely
8 essential for public health.

9 Furthermore, water and utility shut
10 offs are typically concentrated in the same
11 communities that already experience higher rates of
12 asthma, diabetes, heart disease and other health
13 disparities that make them especially vulnerable to
14 COVID. We cannot continue to impound and
15 exacerbate health crises for vulnerable
16 populations. It is in the public interest to make
17 sure everyone in our state is energy secure, but we
18 cannot trust private utilities to act in the public
19 interest, because they only exist to maximize
20 profit.

21 ComEd is under investigation for
22 corruption and bribery. Over the last eight years

1 this corruption scheme has led ComEd's
2 state-approved revenue to increase 30 percent while
3 their net operating income grew more than 50
4 percent all on the rate payers' backs. They'll now
5 pay a \$200 million fine, which is equal to only a
6 year of profit in Chicago, and it absolutely dwarfs
7 what they spend per year on low-income assistance,
8 which is entirely insufficient to meet need.

9 LIHEAP and PIPP programs are
10 federally and state funded by tax payers, not by
11 ComEd, and we know that only a fraction of eligible
12 households actually receive this funding. Water
13 prices have been increasing all over Illinois for
14 years while rate payers fund private water
15 acquisitions through the 2018 Water Privatization
16 Act. Enough is enough.

17 Organizations from all over central
18 and southern Illinois have been organizing to try
19 to prevent shut offs against Ameren and Illinois
20 American Water. Why should this private utility --

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Ms. Meade, I'm sorry.

22 MS. MEADE: Oh, okay.

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I'm sorry. That's time.
2 Thank you so much.

3 MS. MEADE: You're welcome.

4 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: This concludes our
5 public comments so we're going to go ahead and move
6 on to our agenda.

7 Moving on to our Public Utilities
8 Agenda.

9 There are edits to the
10 August 12th, 2020, Regular Open Meeting Minutes.

11 Are there any objections to approving
12 the minutes as edited?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
15 minutes are approved.

16 Under our Electric Items.

17 Item E-1 concerns ComEd's proposed
18 revisions to the Rider Parallel Operation of Retail
19 Customer Generating Facilities Community Solar or
20 Rider POGCS.

21 ComEd seeks to offer the following
22 services to community solar providers:

1 1) Enrollment Inquiry Facilitation
2 Service; 2) Billing and Remittance Service; and 3)
3 Project Administration Service.

4 On August 12th, 2020, ComEd filed a
5 motion to withdraw of its proposed revisions to
6 rider POGCS noting that it engaged in negotiations
7 with some of the parties that may lead to a revised
8 proposal. On August 27th, ComEd also filed a
9 request for oral argument in its Brief on
10 Exceptions.

11 We are going to hold this item today
12 and will plan to hold a special open meeting to
13 address the request for oral argument.

14 Items E-2 through E-5 concerns
15 citation proceedings for failure to comply with
16 Part 454 of the Commission Rules. The respondents
17 failed to appear for their hearings to show cause
18 why the Commission should not revoke or suspend the
19 certificates or take any other actions against the
20 respondent. The orders suspend the certificates of
21 service authority for a period of 90 days or
22 180 days, depending on the severity of the

1 violations.

2 Are there any objections to
3 considering these items together and approving the
4 orders?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders
7 are approved.

8 Item E-7 through -- excuse me. Item
9 E-6 and E-7 concern citation proceedings for
10 failure to comply with Part 454 of the Commission
11 Rules. The respondents have resolved all issues
12 with the Commission Staff and are now in compliance
13 with Part 454. Commission Staff and the
14 respondents have filed joint motions to dismiss,
15 with prejudice, indicating that the respondent is
16 now in compliance.

17 Are there any objections to
18 considering these items together and granting the
19 motions to dismiss?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
22 motions to dismiss are granted.

1 Item E-8 concerns the citation
2 proceeding for failure to comply with 454 of the
3 Commission Rules. The respondent failed to appear
4 for their hearing to show cause why the Commission
5 should not revoke or suspend the certificates or
6 take any other action against the respondents. The
7 Commission Staff has recommended that respondent's
8 certificate of authority be revoked. The order
9 revokes the certificate of authority.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the order?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
14 is approved.

15 Items E-9 through E-11 concern
16 applications for certifications to install
17 distributed generation facilities in Illinois. The
18 orders grant the certificates, finding that the
19 applicants meet the requirements.

20 Are there any objections to
21 considering these items together and approving the
22 orders?

1 No response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders
3 are approved.

4 Item E-12 concerns Docket 20-0423,
5 which is a complaint against Spark Energy regarding
6 overbilling in Chicago. The complainant has not
7 appeared at any scheduled hearings in this
8 proceeding and has failed to respond to Spark
9 Energy's motion to dismiss. The order dismissed
10 this complaint without prejudice for want of
11 prosecution.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the order?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
16 is approved.

17 Item E-13 concerns Docket 20-0524,
18 which is a complaint against Reliant Energy
19 regarding overbilling in DeKalb. The parties have
20 filed a joint motion to dismiss the matter with
21 prejudice, stipulating that all matters of dispute
22 have been resolved.

1 Are the any objections to granting
2 the joint motion to dismiss?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the joint
5 motion to dismiss is granted.

6 Item E-14 concerns Docket 20-0549,
7 which is a complaint against Eligo Energy regarding
8 not getting credit for net metering. The meters --
9 excuse me. The parties have filed a joint motion
10 to dismiss the matter with prejudice, stipulating
11 that all matters in dispute have been resolved.

12 Are there any objections to granting
13 the joint motion to dismiss?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the joint
16 motion to dismiss is granted.

17 Items E-15 to E-19 concern petitions
18 to cancel certificates to operate as Retail
19 Electric Agents, Brokers and Consultants in
20 Illinois. The petitioners state that they have
21 ceased operations in Illinois and no longer have
22 any customers in Illinois. The order to cancel

1 their certificates and direct the petitioners to
2 file their reports to be in compliance with
3 Part 454 of the Commission's Rules.

4 Are there any objections to
5 considering these items together and approving the
6 orders?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders
9 are approved.

10 Item E-20 concerns a request for
11 confidential treatment of petitioners' reports.
12 The order grants the protection, finding that the
13 information is highly proprietary and confidential.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the order?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
18 is approved.

19 Items E-21 and E-22 concern petitions
20 to cancel certificates to install energy efficiency
21 measures in Illinois. The petitioners state that
22 they have ceased operations in Illinois and no

1 longer have any customers in Illinois. The order
2 cancels the certificates.

3 Are there any objections to
4 considering these items together and approving the
5 orders?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders
8 are approved.

9 Items E-23 through E-39 concern
10 petitions to cancel certificates to install energy
11 efficiency measures in Illinois. The petitioners
12 state that they have ceased operations in Illinois
13 and no longer have any customers in Illinois. The
14 Orders cancel the certificates.

15 Are there any objections to
16 considering these items together and approving the
17 orders?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders
20 are approved.

21 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: Excuse me, Madam
22 Chair, are these the ones granting the

1 certificates?

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: You're right. Thank you
3 for speaking up. They should be denying. So I'll
4 reread it.

5 Are there any objections to --

6 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: These are all --
7 I'm sorry, Madam Chair.

8 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Go ahead. Go ahead,
9 please.

10 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: These are all from
11 E-23 to E-39, I believe are all granting the
12 certificates.

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: So you're right.
14 They're -- E-23 through 39, they -- petitions to
15 cancel certificates and so the order, cancel
16 certificates, so the call for the vote is to
17 approve the orders.

18 Am I saying that correctly?

19 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: For E-21 and E-22,
20 those were to cancel the certificates, but E-23
21 through E-39 --

22 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Oh, I see. I'm sorry.

1 Okay. So the orders are to grant the certificates.
2 You're correct. All right. Okay. Thank you
3 for -- okay. So let me clear up the record.

4 Hold on one second, please.

5 COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: Madam Chair. Madam
6 Chair, Items E-21 and E-22, you have orders
7 canceling those certificates, and Items E-23
8 through E-39, you have orders granting those
9 certificates.

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: This is Commissioner
12 Kimbrel.

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I'm going to start over.
14 So Item -- again, Items E-23 through E-39 are
15 petitions to grant energy efficiency certificates.
16 So the call is -- are there objections to
17 considering these items together and approving the
18 order to grant the certificates?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: So hearing no
21 objections, the orders are approved. Thanks for
22 clearing that up.

1 Thank you, Commissioner Kimbrel.
2 Under our Gas Items.
3 Item G-1 concerns Docket 19-0190,
4 which is a complaint against Peoples Gas regarding
5 payment. The complainant alleges that Peoples Gas
6 did not properly apply payments from LIHEAP or
7 CEDA, C-E-D-A, to her outstanding balance from a
8 previous address and failed to apply a deposit to
9 her account. The order denies the complaint,
10 finding that the accounting related to
11 Complainant's gas account with Peoples Gas is
12 accurate and appropriately reflects all payments,
13 credits, deposits and past due balances.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the order?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
18 is approved.

19 Item G-2 concerns Docket 20-0424,
20 which is a complaint against Peoples Gas regarding
21 damage to the complainant's home due to a gas leak.
22 The parties have filed a stipulation and joint

1 motion to dismiss with prejudice, stipulating that
2 all matters in dispute have been resolved.

3 Are there any objections to granting
4 the joint motion to dismiss?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the motion
7 to dismiss is granted.

8 Item G-3 concerns Elwood Energy's
9 application for Waiver of 49 CFR Section 192.619,
10 which concerns the maximum allowable operating
11 pressure (or MAOP) in steel or plastic pipelines.
12 Elwood Energy owns and operates an intrastate
13 natural gas transmission pipeline that serves its
14 natural gas power plant in Elwood, Will County. In
15 2019, the Commission staff requested that Elwood
16 identify and classify a section of its existing
17 pipeline as Station Piping as defined in 49 CFR,
18 Section 192.111(d). Prior to this, Peoples Gas
19 designated this portion of the pipe a Class 1.
20 This change in designation will lower the design
21 pressure and, subsequently, the MAOP of the
22 pipeline. Elwood notes that it is the largest

1 peaking generation facility in Illinois, and this
2 reduction jeopardizes Elwood's ability to meet its
3 significant generation obligations. Elwood is now
4 seeking a waiver to continue operation of the
5 pipeline at its previous MAOP. Elwood contends
6 that it satisfies all the elements to support its
7 applications for a state waiver, and that its
8 request is not inconsistent with pipeline safety.
9 Elwood intends to retire the pipeline by
10 December 31st, 2021.

11 The Commission staff has reviewed
12 this application and has conferred with a
13 representative from PHMSA or (the Pipeline and
14 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) to
15 determine if the waiver is justified and safe.
16 Commission Staff has placed certain conditions on
17 the waiver, which Elwood Energy has agreed to. The
18 interim order in this proceeding grants the
19 application for waiver and directs the Chief Clerk
20 to serve the notice of this interim order on the
21 Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
22 and PHMSA as required by 49 USC 601189 -- or

1 60118(d).

2 Are there any objections to approving
3 the interim order?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
6 interim order is approved.

7 Under our Telecommunications Items.

8 Item T-1 concerns a request for
9 confidential treatment of petitioners' reports.

10 The order grants the protection finding that the
11 information is highly proprietary and confidential.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the order?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
16 is approved.

17 Item T-2 concerns a petition to
18 cancel prepaid calling service. Petitioner states
19 that it ceased operations in Illinois in 2019. The
20 order cancels the certificate finding that the
21 cancellation will not deprive any Illinois
22 customers of necessary services and is not

1 otherwise contrary to the public interest.

2 Are there any objections to approving
3 the order?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
6 is approved.

7 Under our Water and Sewer Items.

8 Item W-1 concerns Illinois-American's
9 application for a certificate of public convenience
10 and necessity to provide wastewater service to
11 areas in Granite City for the approval of the
12 purchase of certain assets of Granite City.

13 We're going to hold this item for
14 later disposition.

15 There are no miscellaneous items.

16 There are no petitions for rehearing.

17 Item O-1 concerns approval of
18 batches, contract and confirmations under the
19 Illinois Adjustable Block Program.

20 Are there any objections to approving
21 the Program Administrator's Submissions?

22 (No response.)

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
2 submissions are approved.

3 This concludes our Public Utilities
4 Agenda.

5 Judge Teague-Kingsley, do you have
6 any other matters to come before the Commission
7 today?

8 JUDGE TEAGUE-KINSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Do any of the
10 commissioners have any other business to discuss?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I have one announcement.

13 September 14th through 18th of this
14 year is National Lifeline Awareness Week. The
15 Commerce Commission along with NARUC and UTAC are
16 raising awareness about the federal lifeline
17 program, which provides voice, broadband or bundled
18 phone and broadband service discounts to eligible
19 low-income residents.

20 Over the past several months,
21 COVID-19 has shown us all how vitally important it
22 is to stay connected. Families require voice and

1 broadband service for school, work, and access to
2 healthcare. The goal must be to connect as many
3 people as possible.

4 Hearing nothing else, the meeting
5 stands adjourned. Thank you.

6 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
7 matter was adjourned.)

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