

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 2-107 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/2-107) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 2-107)

7 Sec. 2-107. The office of the Commission shall be in  
8 Springfield, but the Commission may, with the approval of the  
9 Governor, establish and maintain branch offices at places other  
10 than the seat of government. Such office shall be open for  
11 business between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
12 throughout the year, and one or more responsible persons to be  
13 designated by the executive director shall be on duty at all  
14 times in immediate charge thereof.

15 The Commission shall hold stated meetings at least once a  
16 month and may hold such special meetings as it may deem  
17 necessary at any place within the State. At each regular and  
18 special meeting that is open to the public, members of the  
19 public shall be afforded time, subject to reasonable  
20 constraints, to make comments to or to ask questions of the  
21 Commission.

22 The Commission shall provide a web site and a toll-free  
23 telephone number to accept comments from Illinois residents

1 regarding any matter under the auspices of the Commission or  
2 before the Commission. The Commission staff shall report, in a  
3 manner established by the Commission that is consistent with  
4 the Commission's rules regarding ex parte communications, to  
5 the full Commission comments and suggestions received through  
6 both venues before all relevant votes of the Commission.

7 The Commission may, for the authentication of its records,  
8 process and proceedings, adopt, keep and use a common seal, of  
9 which seal judicial notice shall be taken in all courts of this  
10 State; and any process, notice, order or other paper which the  
11 Commission may be authorized by law to issue shall be deemed  
12 sufficient if signed and certified by the Chairman of the  
13 Commission or his or her designee, either by hand or by  
14 facsimile, and with such seal attached; and all acts, orders,  
15 proceedings, rules, entries, minutes, schedules and records of  
16 the Commission, and all reports and documents filed with the  
17 Commission, may be proved in any court of this State by a copy  
18 thereof, certified to by the Chairman of the Commission, with  
19 the seal of the Commission attached.

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the  
21 Commission's established procedures for accepting testimony  
22 from Illinois residents on matters pending before the  
23 Commission shall be consistent with the Commission's rules  
24 regarding ex parte communications and due process.

25 (Source: P.A. 84-617.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.