



Energy Affordability and the Power of Community Voices

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Environmental Defense Fund Mission



Stabilize the
climate



Strengthen people
and nature's ability
to thrive



Support people's
health

My work: Represent EDF before state utility commissions, where I seek to align public utility plans, programs, and investments with climate and equity goals, accelerate the transition to clean energy, and collaborate with disproportionately burdened communities to elevate their voices and advocate for energy justice.

Deciding when to get involved in an energy proceeding



Considerations

- Type of Proceeding
- Intervenor Status
- Funding Sources
- Finding a Client or Witness



Community Witness Cheryl Watson

Topics discussed in testimony

- **Disconnection protections**
- **Weatherization and energy efficiency**
- **Air quality**
- **Power quality**

For more info: <https://communityvoicesinenergy.org/testimonies/expert-cheryl-watson/>

Results of Illinois Rate Case after Watson's Testimony

Request	Result
Disconnection Protections	Disconnection Protection Program Low-Income Discount Rates
Power Quality	Regression analyses required
Air Quality	Considered holistically
Weatherization/Energy Efficiency	Not considered holistically

Commonwealth Edison Company	:	
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Verified Petition for Approval of a Multi-Year Rate Plan under Section 16-108.18 of the Public Utilities Act.	:	23-0055
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Commonwealth Edison Company	:	
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Petition to Adjust the Multi-Year Rate Plan and Rates Authorized Thereunder to Align with the Approved Refiled Multi-Year Integrated Grid Plan.	:	24-0181 (Consol.)
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ORDER ON REFILING

Moreover, ComEd has separately proposed a five-tier, income-based LID rate in Docket No. 24-0163. If implemented correctly, this low-income discount rate could help ameliorate the impact of any increase in delivery service rates that would result from increased grid investment approved in this case. JNGO Ex. 1.0 RGP at 7. ComEd has also committed to pursuing equity and affordability through its early-filed disconnection protection programs (RGP Ch. 3 at 29-35) and to not charge low-income customers reconnection fees (RGP Ch. 3 at 56).

Thank you!

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