

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has announced a freeze on federal funding for infrastructure projects in Chicago, and Illinois, to the detriment of the City of Chicago's small business workforce; and

WHEREAS, the freeze in federal funding leaves City of Chicago certified minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women owned business enterprises (WBEs) with little to no work with the City of Chicago – a major source of their revenues; and

WHEREAS, many City of Chicago certified MBEs and WBEs have been left with equipment and crews sitting idle; and

WHEREAS, these same MBEs and WBEs have had no choice but to layoff numerous City of Chicago residents, and some MBEs and WBEs have dissolved, or are on the verge of dissolution; and

WHEREAS, without recognition of the burden on the City of Chicago's union workers, created by the above-described situation, which has resulted in reduced workhours and unemployment, ComEd continues to seek renewal of its franchise agreement with the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, ComEd attorney, Glenn Rippie, has stated that ComEd seeks to recover its construction spending through bills paid by residents of the City of Chicago pursuant to a franchise agreement that has yet to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, ComEd does not utilize City of Chicago certified MBEs and WBEs to handle most of its construction work, but instead utilizes large multinational corporations that are not certified by the City of Chicago and have less than 25% of qualified minority ownership; and

WHEREAS, these multinational companies are also not owned by a majority of a qualified ethnic group or a group of women and therefore would not qualify as MBEs or WBEs by City of Chicago standards; and

WHEREAS, these multinational companies are publicly traded entities located outside the State of Illinois, which by their sheer size and number of resources that they possess can crush small businesses in the City of Chicago, which are struggling to survive as it is; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, ComEd uses the dollars it spends with these multinational companies towards reporting its MBE and WBE goals when promoting its alleged diverse spending with the Illinois Commerce Commission; and

WHEREAS, not only is ComEd seeking renewal of its franchise agreement, but on December 19, 2024, the Illinois Commerce Commission approved an astonishing \$606 million dollar rate increase for ComEd; and

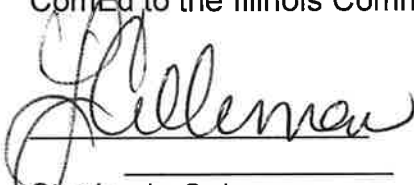
WHEREAS, before the City of Chicago renews ComEd's franchise agreement, the City of Chicago must obtain information from ComEd about its MBE and WBE usage and spending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the president of ComEd shall appear before the Chicago City Council's Committee on Budget and Government Operations to discuss its MBE and WBE usage and spending; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that before his appearance before the City Council's Committee on Budget and Government Operations, ComEd shall provide to the Chairman of the Committee a summary of its MBE and WBE usage and spending for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Doug Scott, Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, shall appear before the Chicago City Council's Committee on Budget and Government Operations to discuss ComEd's MBE and WBE reporting to the Illinois Commerce Commission, and inform the Committee whether or not the above-referenced rate increase was somewhat premised on ComEd's MBE and WBE reporting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that before his appearance before the City Council's Committee on Budget and Government Operations, Doug Scott shall provide to the Chairman of the Committee a summary of MBE and WBE reporting submitted by ComEd to the Illinois Commerce Commission for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.



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