



A New Franchise Agreement with Commonwealth Edison

Key Demands

1. An Agreement as Short as Possible

The franchise agreement should last no more than 5 years and ideally be 1 year in length. The days of 30+ year contracts must be over and Chicago must be empowered to regularly review its relationship with ComEd.

2. Make Costs of Acquisition More Precise

Section 5 of the current Franchise Agreement, Municipal Acquisition, should be maintained to ensure the City's ability to municipalize in the future. The same section, Section 5, should be amended to restrict the price of acquiring ComEd's assets to solely the cost of replacement minus the depreciation reserve of those assets, which is best practice, instead of allowing for a *range* of negotiable costs. In addition, the section should also specify that separation costs shall be limited to the minimum level necessary to achieve separation and, furthermore, ComEd will agree to sell any asset outside the city limits under the terms of laid out in the agreement if the inclusion of the asset in the acquisition would lower the overall separation costs to the City.

3. Give Chicago Residents a Clear Voice and Establish a Community Engagement & Advisory Council

The agreement must establish a Community Engagement & Advisory Council composed of Chicago residents who represent the diverse communities of Chicago. This council must have the power to advise the Clean Energy Partnership, requisition documents from the City and ComEd to be delivered within a reasonable timeframe, hold a minimum of four (4) public meetings per year, and demand the appearance of ComEd personnel as required to inform the public. It must also receive an independently managed budget to preserve its mandate and prevent interference from politically-connected ComEd lobbyists.

4. Establish a Clean Energy Partnership

The agreement must establish a Clean Energy Partnership between the City of Chicago and Commonwealth Edison, modeled on the partnership in Minneapolis, to cooperatively guide the city towards electric decarbonization and proactively govern the city-utility relationship. This partnership will be led by a board composed of the Mayor (or their designee), representatives from City Council, representatives from ComEd, and a representative of the Community Engagement & Advisory Council. The Partnership Board must meet at least quarterly, layout a vision for a sustainable 21st Century energy system, and provide annual reports to the public.

5. Decarbonize Chicago by 2030

The agreement must mandate that ComEd completely and totally decarbonize the supply of electric power to the City of Chicago by 2030. Any efforts that can be made to accelerate the decarbonization process should be encouraged in balance with the broader equity considerations.