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DEMOCRATIZE COMED CAMPAIGN CALLS FOR PUBLIC FEASIBILITY STUDY

Details of study being commissioned by 2FM remain elusive, no public hearings scheduled

CHICAGO, IL — Amid corruption scandals and three federal subpoenas of Commonwealth Edison and its parent company Exelon, Democratize ComEd, a campaign of the Chicago Democratic Socialists of America and its allies, is calling for a forthcoming study exploring municipalization of ComEd to be conducted in the public eye.

“As we peel back the layers of ComEd’s extensive corruption in service of profit, Chicagoans are realizing that it’s time to regain democratic control over our energy future,” said Matthew Cason, a lead coordinator of Democratize ComEd. “To do that we have to municipalize ComEd and create a publicly-owned utility accountable to us, not Exelon's shareholders.”

A City Council order to conduct a feasibility study exploring municipalization, introduced at the July 24th City Council meeting and backed by Democratize ComEd, was led by 1st Ward Alderman Daniel La Spata with 21 additional cosponsors. However, the legislation has not yet come up for a vote in the Environmental Protection and Energy Committee.

Nevertheless, during public comment at the October 21st meeting of the Environmental Protection and Energy Committee, 12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas, chair of the committee, [revealed](#) that the Department of Fleet and Facilities Management (2FM) has committed to a feasibility study. The study is to be released in the coming months, with a committee briefing on the results to follow. No details of the study have yet been made public.

“We’re pleased to see the city move forward with a study, but the lack of transparency is highly concerning,” said Liz Kantor, a lead coordinator of the campaign. “The public has a right to know the scope of the study and the firm selected to conduct it, and to hold the city accountable in public hearings. We can’t repeat the mistakes made 30 years ago, when the franchise agreement was last up for renewal.”

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Democratize ComEd is a campaign of the [Chicago Democratic Socialists of America](#) and its allies. Our goal is to establish a democratically-controlled, municipal utility committed to a greener and fairer energy future. In light of the expiration of the 30-year ComEd Franchise Agreement with the city, today is the opportune moment to seize control of our energy and democratically determine the future of our energy policy. <https://DemComEd.org>

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