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Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy Monthly Rule 45 Report: July 2026

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On July 13, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy held a meeting in Council Chambers in City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Roll Call:

The following committee members were present: Hadden (49), Knudsen (43), LaSpata (1), Ramirez (12), Lopez (15), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Cruz (30), Reilly (42), Lawson (44), Martin (47), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48).

Remote Participation: Tabares (23).

The following members were absent: Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Conway (34)

Non-members present: None

Public Comment:

There were 5 public speakers

There was 1 written comment

- From the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation

The Committee addressed the following items:

1. Rule 59 approval for virtual participation:

Chair Hadden called for a roll call to establish a quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chair called for a vote to allow remote participation for Ald. Tabares (23). Ald.

Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved to allow remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

2. May 2026 Rule 45 Report approval:

Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to approve Rule 45 for May 2026. Alderwoman Ramirez so moved, and the approval of the May 2026 Rule 45 was accepted without objection.

3. Subject Matter Hearing - Subject Matter Hearing from the Department of Environment on its Sustainable Data Centers Report, which analyzed the environmental and energy impacts of data centers in Chicago as required by Section 2 in SO2024-0008201.

Commissioner Angela Tovar, First Deputy Commissioner Jared Policcichio, and Jared Patton from the Department of Environment presented the findings in the Sustainable Data Centers Report. Sarah Moskowitz with Citizens Utility Board, Andrew Rehn with Prairie Rivers Network, Kavi Chintam with Vote Solar, and Craig Huffman with MetroEdge presented to share their expertise and perspectives on data centers. Bradley Roback from the Department of Planning and Development was present to answer questions related to zoning and land use recommendations.

Having no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Cruz so moved; hearing no objections, Chairwoman Hadden adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hadden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized "M".

Maria E. Hadden, Chairwoman
Committee on Environmental Protection & Energy