

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
) No.
 v.)
)
 COMMONWEALTH EDISON)
 COMPANY)

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY charges:

1. At times material to this information:

a. Defendant COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY (hereinafter, “ComEd”), with headquarters located in Chicago, was the largest utility company in Illinois. As a utility, ComEd was subject to extensive regulation by the State of Illinois.

b. The legislative branch of government for the State of Illinois was commonly known as the Illinois General Assembly. The Illinois General Assembly was composed of two houses: The House of Representatives and the Senate. The Illinois General Assembly routinely considered bills and passed legislation that had a substantial impact on ComEd’s operations and profitability, including legislation that affected the regulatory process used to determine the rates ComEd could charge

customers for the delivery of electricity. ComEd maintained a continuing interest in advancing legislation in the Illinois General Assembly favorable to its interests, and opposing legislation that was not consistent with its operational and financial success.

c. Public Official A was the Speaker of the House of Representatives and an elected member of that body. As Speaker of the House of Representatives, Public Official A was able to exercise control over what measures were called for a vote in the House of Representatives. Public Official A also exercised substantial influence and control over fellow lawmakers concerning legislation, including legislation affecting ComEd.

2. Beginning no later than in or around 2011, and continuing through in or around 2019, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY,

defendant herein, corruptly gave, offered, and agreed to give things of value, namely, jobs, vendor subcontracts, and monetary payments associated with those jobs and subcontracts, for the benefit of Public Official A and Public Official A's associates, with intent to influence and reward Public Official A, as an agent of the State of Illinois, a State government that during each of

the twelve-month calendar years from 2011 to 2019, received federal benefits in excess of \$10,000, in connection with any business, transaction, and series of transactions of \$5,000 or more of the State of Illinois, namely, legislation affecting ComEd and its business;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(2).

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY