



CITY OF CHICAGO • OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 17, 2020

CONTACT:

Mayor's Press Office

312.744.3334

press@cityofchicago.org

**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT ON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S
DEFERRED PROSECUTION AGREEMENT**

"The conduct admitted to by ComEd in the Deferred Prosecution Agreement unveiled today is deeply disturbing. The Department of Justice is appropriately holding ComEd accountable for their criminal conduct. As a significant vendor for the City of Chicago, ComEd must also be accountable to the taxpayers and residents of Chicago. As Mayor, I have made transparency, reform and accountability pillars of my administration. And, as a former federal prosecutor myself, I know the thorough and meticulous work that goes into the scale of this kind of investigation and this type of agreement.

As a City, we are committed to ensuring that all Chicagoans can access high quality, reliable services at rates that are affordable for all our residents, particularly our most vulnerable. It is also critical that consumer voices are heard in response to today's announcement, which is why the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy will hold a public hearing on July 30th to hear directly from ComEd leadership as well as from residents. Chicagoans deserve fairness and transparency from all who are paid with taxpayer dollars, and my administration will do everything in our power to ensure that expectation is a reality."