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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR OPEN MEETING
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. at 160
North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:

- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
- JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner (via Video
Conference)
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner
- SADZI OLIVA, Commissioner
- ANASTASIA PALIVOS, Acting Commissioner

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1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. Are we
2 ready to proceed in Springfield?

3 CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open
5 Meetings Act, I call the January 9, 2019, Regular
6 Open Meeting to order. Commissioners Oliva, Kimbrel,
7 and Acting Commissioner Palivos are with me in
8 Chicago. Commissioner Rosales is in Springfield. We
9 have a quorum.

10 We'll now move into our
11 Public Utility Agenda.

12 We have three requests to speak this
13 morning. As a reminder, each of you will have three
14 minutes. Someone in the room will let you know when
15 you have two minutes left, one minute left, and when
16 your time has expired.

17 Please be aware that while the
18 Commission affords the public an opportunity to
19 comment, we will not respond to your comments. Your
20 comments will be made part of the record. However,
21 we cannot rely on them to resolve disputed issues of
22 fact in contested cases.

1 Our first speaker is Vern See.

2 Mr. See?

3 MS. SEE: Chairman Sheahan and
4 Commissioners.

5 My concern relates to the Illinois
6 Rivers Project and all future right-of-way
7 acquisitions.

8 I served on the County Board of Edgar
9 County for six years. Whenever a new plan or rule
10 was put in effect, I tried to attach a five-year
11 sunset clause. Not that it should be done away with,
12 but revisited and adjusted as necessary.

13 I have no faith in FERC reviewing
14 this boondoggle. Supplying New Jersey with wind
15 power -- wind energy from the central plains
16 certainly deserves a second look.

17 Farming practices change. In recent
18 years, pattern tile has been added to many acres,
19 costing \$2,000 or more per acre. I have attached a
20 photo to show how these patterns work.

21 Cover crops are also becoming more
22 and more popular, giving the ground a sponge effect

1 and the ability to hold more water for the crop.
2 This also makes the ground softer and more
3 susceptible to damage by heavy equipment. Repeated
4 heavy truck traffic will pump this tile out of
5 position destroying the entire endeavor. Hence, the
6 need for a sunset clause. Utilities must stay
7 along existing roads; thereby, eliminating damage to
8 the pattern as the pattern does not go under the
9 road.

10 I have attached a Transmission
11 Agreement. It speaks for itself.

12 I hope I have excited your curiosity
13 and ask you to review, examine, and look into this
14 travesty called an energy policy. I believe the
15 Illinois Rivers Project should terminate at the
16 Kansas substation.

17 Commissioners, I just ask that you
18 look into this and find a solution that will be
19 beneficial to both Ameren and the landowner. I
20 believe the solution is within reach if you look into
21 it and help us with this decision.

22 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir.

2 Our next speaker is Philip Wright.

3 MR. WRIGHT: Good morning.

4 Thank you for letting me speak again
5 to you today. My name is Philip Wright. I'm from
6 Symmes Township in southern Edgar County, Illinois,
7 and my comments today are in regard to the Ameren
8 Illinois River Project in which I am an adjacent
9 landowner.

10 In a few weeks, we will hear sirens,
11 radio alerts, and TV announcements alerting us of
12 the possibility of severe storms or even tornadoes.
13 Yes, we'll be told to take cover and protect
14 ourselves. I have been through two tornados, and,
15 yes, they are horrible, but in about two-or-three
16 minutes, they are over, and soon after, the cleanup
17 and recovery begins, and things get back to normal
18 down the road.

19 We have a storm coming in the Ameren
20 power line that will change our lives forever, and
21 things will never, ever get back to normal. And
22 guess what? We had no warnings, no sirens, no

1 radio, and no TV alerts. Nothing. I find this in
2 today's news and information overload world
3 unforgivable.

4 In all my life, I have been upfront
5 with people with both good and bad news. I can look
6 at myself in the mirror every day and feel good about
7 the way I have treated others. I hope that people
8 remember me as someone that always used commonsense
9 and honesty.

10 If I was on the other side of this
11 issue, I would have at least warned these landowners
12 about this approaching storm. The lack of
13 transparency means to me that someone is trying to
14 hide something.

15 I will be giving you copies of the
16 maps that show the best route, the primary route,
17 the alternate route, and the route that was unknown
18 to us. It is this unknown route that was approved
19 by the ICC. This route just mysteriously
20 appeared.

21 I first found out about this route
22 from a phone call from a friend. To say the least,

1 I was stunned. It was like being run over by a
2 tornado without any warning. Unforgivable. Can you
3 imagine if the citizens of Springfield, Illinois,
4 were not warned about a severe storm approaching the
5 city? The outcry would be heard throughout the
6 state.

7 I respect the job that you all do. I
8 realize that it's not easy. But please look again at
9 what happened to us. We have done nothing wrong. We
10 were just minding our business when an unannounced
11 storm blew us away.

12 I hope at the end of the day, you can
13 look back on this case and say that I made the right
14 ruling, even though there were no warnings, no
15 sirens, and no alerts. Just silence.

16 Respectfully, Phil Wright, Adjacent
17 Landowner. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Wright.

19 Our final public speaker is Tom Ogle.
20 Mr. Ogle?

21 MR. OGLE: Good morning. My name is Tom
22 Ogle, and I live in Edgar County, Illinois.

1 I'm one of 35 landowners still
2 fighting Ameren in the courts trying to receive due
3 process for over the last five years.

4 Thank you for your time.

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir. That
6 concludes our public comments.

7 There are edits to the November 26,
8 2018, Gas Infrastructure Policy Section Minutes.
9 There are no edits to the December 4, 2018, Regular
10 Open Meeting minutes.

11 Are there any objections to approving
12 the Minutes?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the
15 Minutes are approved.

16 Items E-1 through -4 involve changes
17 to various riders.

18 Are there any objections to
19 considering these items together and not suspending
20 the filings?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the

1 filings are not suspended.

2 Item E-5 concerns MidAmerican's
3 reconciliation of revenues collected under its Energy
4 Efficiency and Cost Recovery Adjustment Riders.

5 Are there any objections to approving
6 the Proposed Order initiating the reconciliation
7 proceeding?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order
10 is approved.

11 Item E-6 concerns Ameren, ComEd, and
12 MidAmerican's reconciliation of revenues collected
13 under their Power Procurement Riders.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the Proposed Order initiating the proceedings?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order
18 is approved.

19 Item E-7 concerns Nexamp's
20 Application for authority to install Distributed
21 Generation Facilities.

22 Are there any objections to approving

1 the Amendatory Order?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the
4 Amendatory Order is approved.

5 Item E-8 concerns NextEra's
6 acquisition of transmission facilities from the City
7 of Rochelle.

8 Are there any objections to denying
9 the Petition For Interlocutory Review thereby
10 reopening the record in Its entirety without any
11 restriction in scope?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the
14 Petition is denied.

15 Items E-9 through -15 concern
16 applications for authority to install Distributed
17 Generation Facilities.

18 Are there any objections to
19 considering these items together and approving the
20 Proposed Orders?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders

1 are approved.

2 Item E-16 concerns Freeport Energy
3 Solutions' Application For Authority to Operate As an
4 Alternative Retail Electric Supplier.

5 Are there any objections to approving
6 the Amendatory Order?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the
9 Amendatory Order is approved.

10 Items E-17 and -18 concern
11 applications for authority to operate as agents,
12 brokers, and consultants.

13 Are there any objections to
14 considering these items together and approving the
15 Proposed Orders?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders
18 are approved.

19 Items E-19 through -47 concern
20 applications for authority to install energy
21 efficiency measures.

22 Are there any objections to

1 considering these items together and approving the
2 Proposed Orders?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders
5 are approved.

6 Item T-1 concerns Wisper ISP's
7 Application For Authority to Provide Facilities Based
8 Local Interexchange Telecommunications Services.

9 Are there any objections to approving
10 the Proposed Order approving the application?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order
13 is approved.

14 Item W-1 concerns a consumer
15 complaint against Illinois American Water.

16 Are there any objections to approving
17 the Proposed Order denying the complaint?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order
20 is approved.

21 Item M-1 under our Miscellaneous
22 Agenda concerns an amendment to Code Part 310.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the Proposed Orders authorizing the First Notice
3 Period?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order
6 is approved.

7 Item M-2 concerns a proposed
8 rulemaking related to Regulatory Accounting Treatment
9 of Cloud-Based Solutions.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the Proposed Order authorizing the Second Notice
12 Period?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order
15 is approved.

16 Judge Teague Kingsley, do you have
17 any other matters to bring before the Commission this
18 morning?

19 JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Palivos, I believe you
22 have a statement you'd like to make.

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER PALIVOS: Thank you.

2 Good morning, everyone. On September
3 24, 2018, the Commission initiated a Notice of
4 Inquiry regarding electric vehicles.

5 The purpose of the inquiry was to
6 serve as an information gathering exercise to help
7 the Commission identify issues, potential challenges,
8 and more opportunities to deploy EVs in Illinois.
9 The last day to make comments was November 16, 2018.

10 At the conclusion of the
11 fact-gathering process, we received 23 initial
12 comments and 11 reply comments from a total of 26
13 entities. All of the submissions can be found on the
14 ICC's website.

15 The Commission has drafted a report
16 which summarizes the submissions and provides an
17 analysis of several issues regarding energy
18 efficiency, reliability and resilience, charging
19 infrastructure, maintenance, and regulatory treatment
20 of EVs and charging stations.

21 This report can also be found on the
22 Commission's website.

1 While Administrative Code part
2 1700.330 gives the Commission authority to use the
3 information for the initiation of a rulemaking or
4 other purpose, the Commission has decided to not take
5 any action at this time.

6 I want to thank my colleagues for
7 their support and the NOI Managers, Ritta Merza,
8 Emily Brumit, Katharine McErlean, Jennifer Morris,
9 Rochelle Phipps, as well as other ICC staff for their
10 hard work.

11 Most importantly, I want to thank
12 all of the EV NOI participants who submitted thorough
13 and informative briefs and provided the Commission
14 with a better understanding of EV deployment in
15 Illinois.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

18 Any other comments from
19 Commissioners?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: That concludes our
22 session this morning, and without objection, we're

1 adjourned. Thank you.

2 (WHEREUPON, the meeting was

3 adjourned.)

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