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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITIES AGENDA
Thursday, February 4, 2021,
Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice via Webex
videoconference at 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman
(via videoconference from Chicago office)
- MARIA BOCANEGRA, Commissioner
(via videoconference)
- SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner
(via videoconference)
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner
(via videoconference from Chicago office)
- MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner
(via videoconference from Springfield office)

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1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. I have 11:30. I
2 just want to confirm that the court reporter is
3 ready to start.

4 THE COURT REPORTER: Court reporter here. I'm
5 ready to do.

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Great. I will do a
7 quick roll call and do our sound check as well.

8 Commissioner Bocanegra?

9 COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Good morning, Chair.
10 I'm here.

11 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning.

12 Commissioner Carrigan in Springfield?

13 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Good morning,
14 Chairman.

15 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning.

16 Commissioner Kimbrel?

17 COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: Good morning, Madam
18 Chair.

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning.

20 And then Commissioner Oliva?

21 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Good morning. I'm here.

22 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning.

1 Great. Under the -- oh, excuse me.
2 Judge Teague-Kinsley. Sorry. Can you hear us as
3 well?

4 JUDGE TEAGUE-KINSLEY: Chairman.

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Great.

6 Under the Open Meetings Act and in
7 accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders, I
8 will now call the February 4th, 2021, regular open
9 meeting to order. Before we proceed, for clarify
10 of the record, I would ask everyone to state their
11 name before speaking and to speak slowly and
12 clearly so that the court reporter can capture
13 everything that is said -- has been said.

14 I already checked that all
15 commissioners are on and so with five we have a
16 quorum.

17 There are edits to the
18 January 6th, 2021, regular open meeting minutes and
19 there are edits to the January 13th, 2021, special
20 open meeting minutes.

21 Are there any objections to approving
22 the minutes as edited?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
3 minutes are approved.

4 Under our electric items.

5 Item E-1 concerns the initiation of
6 Ameren's, Comed's and MidAmerican's reconciliation
7 of revenues collected under their respective power
8 procurement riders from June 1st, 2019, through
9 May 31st of 2020. The order commences the annual
10 reconciliation proceedings pursuant to tariff
11 language in each power procurement rider.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the orders?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
16 is approved.

17 Item E-2 concerns the initiation of
18 Ameren's reconciliation of revenues collected under
19 the rider HMAC or Hazardous Materials Adjustment
20 Clause for the calendar year of 2020. The order
21 commences the annual reconciliation proceedings
22 under the rider.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the order?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
5 is approved.

6 Item E-3 concerns the initiation of
7 rulemaking proceeding to amend 83 Ill.
8 Administrative Code 411, or Electric Reliability.
9 The proposed amendments grew out of an informal
10 process conducted by Commission staff that
11 considered amendments to Part 411 to allow the use
12 of online surveys as an alternative to telephone
13 surveys. The order will initiate rulemaking for
14 the amendment and authorize the commencement of the
15 first notice period.

16 Are there any objections to approving
17 the order?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
20 is approved.

21 Item E-4 concerns Comed's requests
22 for review of uncollectible costs for the period of

1 June 1st, 2017, through May 31st of 2018. The
2 Attorney General's office intervened in the
3 proceeding and made recommendations for modifying
4 Comed's collection activities reporting, offer
5 longer deferred payment arrangements, collect and
6 analyze data about collection practices and conduct
7 a pilot study extending Part 280 low-income
8 equivalent protections to additional challenged
9 customers. The order rejects all the
10 recommendations finding that these issues are
11 better addressed in a broader forum because they
12 are industry-wide issues. The order approves the
13 reconciliation as set in the appendicis to the
14 order, finding that the costs were prudently
15 incurred.

16 Are there any objections to approving
17 the order?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
20 is approved.

21 Item E-5 concerns Ameren's request to
22 reconcile revenues under its Rider CEAC or Clean

1 Energy Assistance Charge during the 12-month period
2 ending May 31st of 2020. The order approves the
3 reconciliation as set in the appendix to the order
4 finding that the costs during the reconciliation
5 period were prudently incurred.

6 Are there any objections to approving
7 the order?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
10 is approved.

11 Item E-6 concerns Docket 20-0615,
12 which is a complaint against Comed regarding
13 unauthorized charges. The parties filed a
14 stipulation and a joint motion to dismiss
15 stipulating that all matters have been resolved.
16 The matter will be dismissed with prejudice.

17 Are there any objections to granting
18 the joint motion to dismiss?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the motion
21 is granted.

22 Item E-7 concerns Docket 20-0755,

1 which is a complaint against Comed regarding
2 failure to transfer energy credits. The parties
3 filed a stipulation and joint motion to dismiss
4 stipulating that all parties -- all matters,
5 rather, have been resolved. The matter will be
6 dismissed with prejudice.

7 Are there any objections to granting
8 the motion to dismiss?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the motion
11 is granted.

12 Item E-8 and E-9 concern applications
13 for certification to install distributed generation
14 facilities. The orders approve the applications
15 finding that the applicants meet the requirements.

16 Are there any objections to
17 considering these items together and approving the
18 orders?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders
21 are approved.

22 Item E-10 concerns Hampshire

1 Heating & Cooling petition to cancel its
2 certificate of service authority to install energy
3 efficiency measures. The order grants the petition
4 and cancels those certificates.

5 Are there any objections to approving
6 the order?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
9 is approved.

10 Item E-11 through E-22 concern
11 applications for certifications to install energy
12 efficiency measures in Illinois. The orders grant
13 the certificates, finding that the applicants meet
14 the requirements. Are there any objections to
15 considering these items together and approving the
16 orders?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the orders
19 are approved.

20 Under our gas items.

21 Item G-1 concerns Nicor's filing for
22 a general increase in rates and revisions to other

1 terms and conditions. Utilizing a 2022 future test
2 year, Nicor's total amount of requested revenue
3 increase is \$293 million, or 32.1 percent. The
4 order suspends the filing for further Commission
5 review and investigation.

6 Are there any objections to approving
7 the suspension order?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
10 is approved.

11 Item G-2 concerns Ameren's request to
12 reconcile revenues under its gas adjustment charges
13 for the 2019 calendar year. The order approves the
14 reconciliation as set in the appendix to the order,
15 finding that the costs during the reconciliation
16 period were prudently incurred.

17 Are there any objections to approving
18 the order?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
21 is approved.

22 Item G-3 concerns North Shore's and

1 Peoples Gas's requests to reconcile revenues under
2 its Rider VITA or Variable Income Tax Adjustment
3 for calendar year 2019. The order approves the
4 reconciliation as set in the appendix to the order,
5 finding that the costs during the reconciliation
6 period were prudently incurred.

7 Are there any objections to approving
8 the order?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
11 is approved.

12 Item G-4 concerns Docket 20-0216,
13 which is a complaint against Peoples Gas regarding
14 incorrect meter size. The order finds that the
15 company acted in accordance with its tariff and the
16 complainant was appropriately billed and refunded.
17 Therefore, the order denies the complaint.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the order?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
22 is approved.

1 Item G-5 concerns Great American
2 Power's petition to cancel its alternative gas
3 supplier certificate. The petitioner no longer has
4 gas customers in Illinois and seeks to cancel its
5 certificate. The order cancels the certificate.

6 Are there any objections to approving
7 the order?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the order
10 is approved.

11 Under our telecommunications items.

12 Item T-1 concerns a petition for
13 confidential treatment of petitioner's report. The
14 petitioner has filed a motion to withdraw the
15 petition.

16 Are there any objections to granting
17 the motion to withdraw?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the motion
20 to withdraw is granted.

21 Under our water and sewer items.

22 Item W-1 concerns Illinois-American

1 petition for special permission to place tariff
2 sheets into effect on less than 45-day notice to
3 modify its public fire service charge for its newly
4 acquired Concordia service territory. The
5 Commission staff recommends granting the special
6 permission.

7 Are there any objections to granting
8 the special permission?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
11 special permission is granted.

12 There are no miscellaneous items.

13 There are no petitions for rehearing.

14 Under other business.

15 Item 0-1 concerns approval of
16 batches, contracts, and confirmations under the
17 Illinois Adjustable Block Program.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the program administrator's submissions?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
22 submissions are approved.

1 JUDGE TEAGUE-KINSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I just wanted to say a
3 couple announcements. I wanted to note that my
4 policy binder, Alex Bai, was promoted to Technical
5 Advisor II in the OSG Aries AGF Enforcement Unit,
6 so he will be missed on my side of the office, but
7 I'm excited for him to take on this new role.

8 And since this is our executive
9 director Christy's last meeting, I wanted to take a
10 minute to recognize Christy for all of the
11 incredible work that she did for the Commission
12 during her time here.

13 Christy came on to the Commission as
14 executive director in November of 2019. Christy
15 served as the Commission's first African-American
16 executive director and the first female to hold the
17 position on a permanent basis. While she was only
18 here a short while, she did a lot of great things
19 for the Commission.

20 For example, she created new and more
21 robust resources for the Commission to carry out
22 its mission.

1 For example, Christy led the creation
2 of an agency-wide dashboard identifying key
3 performance metrics for ICC leadership. She
4 created and staffed three personnel units including
5 the creation of the new Aires AGF Enforcement Unit
6 in the office of general counsel, the new
7 electrical field inspection group in the safety and
8 reliability division and the utility research and
9 analytics division in the public utilities bureau.

10 She increased the information flow
11 both to the public and to staff. On the public
12 side she implemented live streaming for open
13 meetings and an online submission portal for public
14 speaking requests. She developed and issued our
15 first external news letter, The Wire. She
16 implemented a social media consumer education
17 campaign and modernized and streamlined the
18 website. She initiated the posting of certain
19 transportation orders online starting in 2019 that
20 were not previously posted.

21 Internally she reinitiated the ICC's
22 internal newsletter, news and notes and sends out

1 bi-weekly emails to keep staff addressed of
2 relevant information.

3 Finally, she helped the Commission
4 navigate an unprecedented pandemic. She led the
5 development and implementation of COVID-19 and
6 return to workplace safety protocols, and she also
7 oversaw the staff negotiations in the residential
8 connection moratorium Docket of 20-0309, but more
9 than this, I think Christy will be most remembered
10 for the way that she connected and supported the
11 hard-working staff of the Illinois Commerce
12 Commission. Though I am truly sorry to see her
13 leave, I am glad that we had her for the time that
14 we did.

15 Christy, your incredible leadership
16 and your friendship will be sorely missed. Thank
17 you for all that you did for the Commission and
18 please, keep in touch.

19 Do any other Commissioners have any
20 other business they would like to discuss?

21 COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: I'll add a comment in
22 regards to our executive director's departure.

1 We played chess once, I crushed you.
2 I crushed you. Don't let the door hit you on the
3 way out, Christy. We love you. That's it, just
4 jokes.

5 COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Commissioner
6 Bocanegra. I just wanted to echo, obviously, all
7 of your comments.

8 Christy, it has been a pleasure
9 working with you. You have done a fantastic job
10 and best of luck in your future endeavors, and,
11 yes, please stay in touch.

12 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Chairman, Mike
13 Carrigan, if I may?

14 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: And, Christy, I
16 contacted you earlier this morning and our
17 conversation was very similar to everything that
18 the Chairman identified. I just want to reinforce
19 that it has been a pleasure working with you and we
20 miss you already.

21 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: This is Commissioner
22 Sadzi Oliva, for the record, and I just want to

1 echo everything that everyone has said so far.

2 Christy, I wish you the best in your
3 new role and thank you for everything that you have
4 done for the Commission. At a very hard time you
5 accomplished a lot, so thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. And if there's no
7 other business and without objection, the meeting
8 is adjourned. Thank you.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
10 matter was adjourned.)

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