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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
REGULAR OPEN MEETING
(PUBLIC UTILITIES)
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Chicago, Illinois

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

- PRESENT:
- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman (via Springfield)
 - SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner
 - D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Acting Commissioner
 - ANASTASIA PALIVOS, Acting Commissioner
 - JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner

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1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning, Commissioners.
2 Are we ready to proceed in Chicago?

3 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open
5 Meetings Act, I call the March 7th, 2018 Regular Open
6 Meeting to order.

7 I'm in Springfield. Commissioners
8 Rosales and Oliva, and Acting Commissioners Kimbrel
9 and Palivos are in Chicago. We have a quorum.

10 We have one request to speak. As a
11 reminder, you only have 3 minutes. We'll let you
12 know when you have 2 minutes left, 1 minute left, and
13 when your time has expired.

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

20 Our only speaker is Brian Morsch.
21 Brian, are you there?

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1 (No response.)

2 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: I don't believe he's
3 here, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. We'll move on then.

5 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Hold on a second,
6 Mr. Chairman. I think he may be signing in.

7 (Whereupon, there was a brief
8 pause.)

9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is Mr. Morsch present?

10 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Yeah, we're getting a
11 lot of nodding heads from folks here, so I'm guessing
12 yes.

13 (Whereupon, there was a brief
14 pause.)

15 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: He's here, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay.

17 MR. BRIAN MORSCHE: Good morning.

18 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Good morning. We were
19 waiting for you. You're on. You've got 3 minutes.

20 MR. BRIAN MORSCHE: Okay. Thank you. May I
21 present a packet to you?

22 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Give it to the gentleman

1 to your right.

2 MR. BRIAN MORSCH: (Tendering.)

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Mr. Morsch, could you turn
4 the microphone on, please.

5 MR. BRIAN MORSCH: (Complying.)

6 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Please proceed.

7 MR. BRIAN MORSCH: Are you ready to go?

8 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Yes.

9 MR. BRIAN MORSCH: Thank you so much. I'm
10 Brian Morsch. I live in DeKalb, Illinois. I am a
11 spokesman for this Woodlawn Utility Group, which is
12 part of what the Aqua rate increase for water and
13 sewer consists of. And I'm here to -- I'm here in
14 protest of it today.

15 I have included a docket -- or a
16 packet there for you (indicating). It's a very quick
17 and easy read. It also has a spreadsheet that
18 explains everything that is part of the citizens'
19 requests here, in terms of the factual information
20 that will back up what I have to say today.

21 So in there is, basically, as I said,
22 a summary of residents' requests and a spreadsheet.

1 The Woodlawn Subdivision Group met on January 18th to
2 discuss ways that we could investigate protesting
3 this water rate increase; and there was a person
4 there that mentioned the idea that -- upon getting
5 the request for a rate increase, he compared it to
6 his tax bill. And it turned out that, if this is
7 approved, at the final request of that, the actual
8 water bill would exceed the tax bill.

9 And so at this meeting we also talked
10 about the -- well, we created a form for the requests
11 of the citizens to submit to us. So, basically, on
12 the forms, people were to put their cost of their
13 water bill. So, basically, the long and short of
14 this whole thing is that we've created about --

15 Nearly 12 percent of the residents
16 complied with the statement that the water bill will
17 exceed the tax bill. In addition to that, we created
18 nearly 6 percent of customers that could actually say
19 that 75-and-a-half percent to 87 percent of the
20 residents -- actually, let me back up.

21 The water bill would represent
22 75-and-a-half to 87 percent of the tax bill. So all

1 totaled, a little bit less than 18 percent we feel is
2 encroaching on our tax bill. Water bills don't
3 typically rise to the level of mortgages and taxes.
4 Usually they're much lower. So we are protesting
5 this. We suggest an increase of more like 15 percent
6 rather than the 300-plus percent. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Chairman?

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Morsch.

9 That concludes our public comments.
10 We'll now move into our Public Utilities Agenda.

11 We have no minutes on today's agenda.

12 Item E-1 concerns a consumer complaint
13 against Ameren.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the proposed Order dismissing the complaint?

16 (No response.)

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

19 Item E-2 concerns Ameren's petition to
20 expand its corporate credit card program approved in
21 a previous docket.

22 Are there any objections to approving

1 the proposed Order granting the petition?

2 (No response.)

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

5 Items E-3 and 4 concerns applications
6 seeking authority to operate as Agents, Brokers, and
7 Consultants.

8 Are there any objections to
9 considering these items together and approving the
10 proposed Orders?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are
13 approved.

14 Item E-5 through E-45 concern
15 Applications for Authority to Install Energy
16 Efficiency Measures.

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

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are
22 approved.

1 Item G-1 concerns a consumer complaint
2 against Nicor Gas.

3 Are there any objections to approving
4 the proposed Order granting the Motion to Dismiss?

5 (No response.)

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

8 Moving on to our Water and Sewer
9 Agenda, Item W-1 concerns Aqua Illinois's rate
10 increase for water and sewer services.

11 Are there any objections to approving
12 the proposed Order?

13 (No response.)

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

16 Item W-2 concerns Illinois-American
17 Water's Informational Settlement issued for the
18 issuance of \$50 million dollars in long-term
19 indebtedness.

20 Are there any objections to approving
21 the Amandatory Order?

22 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
2 approved.

3 Item W-3 concerns Illinois American
4 Water's application for approval of purchase assets
5 and to operate in the city of Champaign and Fisher.

6 Are there any objections to approving
7 the proposed Order approving the application?

8 (No response.)

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

11 Under our Miscellaneous Agenda we have
12 one item for consent of the modification to the
13 Energy Efficiency Plan of various utilities in the
14 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the proposed Order on reopening?

17 (No response.)

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

20 Judge Teague-Kingsley, do you have any
21 other matters to bring before the Commission today?

22 JUDGE TEAGUE-KINGSLEY: No, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I should congratulate you,
2 Judge, on your permanent status. Congratulations.

3 JUDGE TEAGUE-KINGSLEY: Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: It's well-deserved. And
6 Judge Teague-Kingsley has become our first
7 African-American Chief Administrative Judge. So it's
8 historic, in addition to a very good choice.

9 Do any of the Commissioners have any
10 other business that they'd like to discuss?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: No? Okay. Hearing none,
13 and without objection, the meeting is adjourned.
14 Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
16 matter was adjourned.)

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