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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITIES SPECIAL OPEN MEETING
Monday, March 18, 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
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner
- SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner

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

3 CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open
5 Meetings Act, I call the March 18, 2019, Special Open
6 Meeting to order. Commissioners Rosales, Oliva, and
7 Kimbrel are with me in Chicago. We have a quorum.

8 We'll now move to our Public
9 Utilities Agenda.

10 There are no edits to the February
11 21, 2019, Regular Open Meeting Minutes.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the Minutes?

14 (No response.)

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

17 Item E-1 concerns the reconciliation
18 of revenues collected under ComEd's Consolidated
19 Billing and Purchase of Receivables Rider.

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

22 (No response.)

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

3 Items E-2 through -5 concern various
4 consumer complaints.

5 Are there any objections to
6 considering these items together and granting the
7 Joint Motions to Dismiss?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Joint
10 Motions are granted.

11 Item E-6 concerns the reconciliation
12 of revenues collected under Ameren's Clean Energy
13 Assistance Charge Rider.

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

16 (No response.)

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

19 Item E-7 concerns an Amendment to
20 Code Part 200.

21 Are there any objections to approving
22 the Proposed Order authorizing the Second Notice

1 Period?

2 (No response.)

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

5 Items E-8 through -15 concern
6 Applications For Authority to Install Distributed
7 Generation Facilities.

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
13 are approved.

14 Items E-16 and -17 concern
15 Applications For Authority to Install, Maintain, or
16 Repair Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

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
22 are approved.

1 Item E-18 concerns Kinect Energy's
2 Application for Authority to Operate as Agents,
3 Brokers, and Consultants.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 the Proposed Order approving the Application?

6 (No response.)

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

9 Items E-19 through -24 concern
10 Petitions seeking confidential treatment of annual
11 reports.

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

15 (No response.)

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

18 Item E-25 concerns an Application for
19 Authority to Install Energy Efficiency Measures.

20 Are there any objections to approving
21 the Proposed Order denying the Application?

22 (No response.)

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

3 Items E-26 through -60 concern
4 Applications for Authority to Install Energy
5 Efficiency Measures.

6 Are there any objections to
7 considering these items together and approving the
8 the Proposed Orders?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders
11 are approved.

12 Item G-1 concerns Peoples Gas'
13 Petition for authority to issue \$200 million in
14 long-term debt.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the Order on Reopening granting the requested
17 extension?

18 (No response.)

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

21 Items G-2 through -4 concern various
22 petitions seeking the confidential treatment of

1 annual reports.

2 Are there any objections to
3 considering these items together and approving the
4 Proposed Orders?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders
7 are approved.

8 Item T-1 concerns a consumer
9 complaint against AT&T Illinois.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the Proposed Order dismissing the complaint?

12 (No response.)

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

15 Item T-2 concerns Dynalink
16 Communications' Application for Authority to Provide
17 Resold Commercial Mobile Radio Service.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the Proposed Order denying the application?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order
22 is approved.

1 Item T-3 concerns Vesta Solutions'
2 Application for Authority to Operate as a 9-1-1
3 System Provider.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 the Proposed Order approving the Application?

6 (No response.)

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

9 Items T-4 through -8 concern
10 petitions seeking the confidential treatment of
11 annual reports.

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

15 (No response.)

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

18 Item T-9 concerns Northeast
19 Technologies' Application for authority to provide
20 resold facilities based local and interexchange
21 telecommunications services.

22 Are there any objections to approving

1 the Proposed Order approving the Application?

2 (No response.)

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

5 Item W-1 concerns a consumer
6 complaint against Illinois-American Water.

7 Are there any objections to approving
8 the Proposed Order denying the complaint?

9 (No response.)

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

12 Under Other Business, Item O-1
13 concerns a Solicitation of Bids to Sell Zonal
14 Resource Credits to Ameren.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the Procurement Administrator's Benchmark
17 Methodology?

18 (No response.)

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

21 Item O-2 concerns a Solicitation of
22 Bids to Sell Standard Energy Products to Ameren,

1 ComEd, and MidAmerican.

2 Are there any objections to approving
3 the Benchmark Methodology?

4 (No response.)

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

7 Judge Teague-Kingsley, do you have
8 any other matters to bring before the Commission this
9 morning?

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

11 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

12 As many of you know, this is
13 Commissioner Rosales' last meeting.

14 I would like to thank you personally
15 and on behalf of the Commission for your service the
16 past four years.

17 Our commitment to diversity is
18 important to me, and I want to recognize John's
19 essential leadership in everything we've
20 accomplished. We continue to have the most diverse
21 Commission in the nation. At various times, we had
22 three out of five Hispanic Commissioners in the

1 entire country and still have half of the Hispanic
2 Commissioners in the nation.

3 Commissioner Rosales was the first
4 Hispanic President of the organization of PJM states,
5 the first Hispanic Co-Vice Chair of the Electric
6 Committee at NARUC, and was President of the NARUC
7 2017 conference.

8 I think we're all familiar with the
9 National Association of Regulatory Commissioners. It
10 was founded in 1889, and it is one of the oldest,
11 perhaps the oldest, association in the United States.
12 After 130 years, John Rosales was the first Hispanic
13 to serve on its Board of Directors. I'd also note
14 that Commissioner Oliva is the first female Hispanic
15 to serve on the NARUC board.

16 Consider for a moment that the only
17 two Hispanics to serve on the NARUC board in 130
18 years are sitting on the dais with me this morning.
19 He also served on the Board of Directors at NRRI.

20 When we started at the Commission
21 four years ago, nearly 90 percent of the ICC
22 employees were Caucasian. Over the past four years,

1 half of our new hires have been diverse. With one
2 exception, all of our Commissioners' Legal and Policy
3 Advisors in the last four years have been diverse.
4 And in the more than 100 history of the ICC, we've
5 had the first Hispanic Chief of Police, the first
6 African American Bureau Chief, the first African
7 American Chief ALJ, and now, Commissioner, the first
8 female African American Chief ALJ, among many other
9 firsts.

10 With your leadership and
11 encouragement, Illinois utilities have doubled their
12 support for diverse businesses today having a \$2
13 billion economic impact and employing 14,000 people
14 with a total payroll of more than \$400 million
15 annually.

16 During your tenure, the ICC has also
17 come to be recognized as one of the top two or three
18 leading Public Utility Commissions in the nation.

19 So, Commissioner Rosales, thank you
20 again for your service, your leadership, and your
21 friendship. I know this is not good-bye, but rather,
22 see you around. Good luck and stay in touch.

1 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Thank you,
2 Mr. Chairman.

3 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Just give me one or
4 two minutes to say something.

5 I just want to thank you so much for
6 all of your good advice, for your caring nature. In
7 the two years that I have served along you, it's been
8 such an honor learning from you and seeing you.

9 You have always known when I was
10 under stress, and you knock on my door, and you come
11 in and you say, well, I know it's really hard to be
12 away from Cristiano, and you have to travel, and when
13 you have to go away on these long Indonesian NARUC
14 trips, but you tell me why it's good and why I need
15 to keep on doing this, because in the end, I am doing
16 it for my son, Cristiano.

17 I will miss you so, so much, and I
18 will miss the thought-provoking questions you always
19 ask of our utilities and at our policy sessions while
20 at the same time bringing levity to our discussions.

21 So I wish you all the best, and I
22 will miss you every day.

1 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: You've got to the
2 say something.

3 (Laughter.)

4 COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: I'll talk to you.

5 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Fair enough.

6 It's been a privilege to be a part of
7 all of your professional lives, whether you wanted me
8 to be or not.

9 (Laughter.)

10 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: But truth be told, I was
11 always in awe of the talent at the ICC. I recall
12 going down to Springfield -- also, Mr. Chairman, we
13 talked about this as well -- met Gene Beyer for the
14 first time, and next to everyone's names in
15 Springfield, Randy and Bill, everybody down there,
16 there was a number attached to them. It seemed like
17 their age, but not really, and it was their years of
18 service with the ICC.

19 And Gene was so proud of that -- of
20 those numbers, and I was just as mortified by those
21 numbers, because I looked at them and said, what if
22 they all decide to retire at the same time?

1 I wasn't used to the culture, the ICC
2 culture, of staying and committing oneself to the
3 Commission. That doesn't happen very often today,
4 you know, in the working world. You know, to stay
5 that long and to be that dedicated.

6 Of all the accomplishments that the
7 Chairman talked about, what I'm really proud of is
8 the new folks that we all brought in to augment our
9 talent at the ICC. You all have performed so well --
10 most of you. And if you're still here, then I'm
11 talking about you.

12 The bar is raised really high here,
13 and the folks that I work with, Chief Martinez and
14 Bettina, Tonya, Tomas, Vanessa, not only did they
15 perform well, but except for Chief Martinez, their
16 transitions in their personal life -- they either got
17 married or in Tomas' case, their first child. And it
18 was an honor to watch them grow personally as well as
19 professionally.

20 I really want to thank Tomas and
21 Tonya for the amount of time that they spent with me.
22 You may not know, but they had additional

1 responsibilities of having to watch a number of '80s
2 and '90s movies because they couldn't understand the
3 references that I made in my speeches across the
4 country. And I recall Tonya saying, these movies,
5 they're in color; right? Smart Alec millennials,
6 man.

7 (Laughter.)

8 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: I really want to
9 thank Tomas. He not only was my Chief of Staff and
10 ran around the country with me, but obviously, became
11 a pseudo-advisor, and that's not really his position
12 since December, and he's been here helping me along
13 the way, and I really appreciate that.

14 I'd like to thank Governor Rauner for
15 this amazing opportunity to be part of this.
16 Governor Pritzker and the Administration, the new
17 Administration for allowing me to be here past my
18 time. I was supposed to be up in January, and I have
19 been here for months afterwards. So I really
20 appreciate the time to be here.

21 I'd like to thank my wife, Vasiliki,
22 for allowing me to -- as my colleagues have talked

1 about, the traveling that was involved. At one
2 point, I was gone every week. You might know her as
3 the first lady of NARUC 2017.

4 Do the wave so they can see you.

5 (Laughter.)

6 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: I want to thank my
7 colleagues, my former colleagues. They were very
8 good. Everybody that I was able to work with, Ann
9 and Anastasia, Trina Edwards. I'm thinking of Ann
10 McCabe. Did I miss anyone? And Miguel del Valle,
11 yeah. I learned from all of them, and I really
12 appreciated their support when I was coming in.

13 My two colleagues here now. I've got
14 to tell you, you have just been a dynamo coming in
15 to -- you know, coming in to the ICC. And the fact
16 that you and I are both half of the entire country of
17 Latino Commissioners, and I will pass the proverbial
18 baton to you with Hispanics and energy and let you
19 know that I will be supporting you every bit of the
20 way, because you're so good.

21 And for my other colleague over at
22 the end, he really came through for me in NARUC 2017,

1 and he's really become a really personal family
2 friend, so I appreciate the time.

3 You know, I always wanted to work in
4 a diverse organization. When I was vice president of
5 the Fortune 100 company, I was the only Latino
6 vice president, the only one in upper management.
7 When I went to work at Olive Harvey for City
8 Colleges, it was 98 percent African American. When I
9 went to be on the Board of the Little Village Chamber
10 of Commerce, it was 100 percent Latino. So I've
11 always wanted to work in a diverse location, and the
12 one person -- and I never in my wildest dreams
13 thought that the one person, the one person that
14 would actually get it, that would understand the
15 facets of diversity, follow the facets, not only just
16 race and gender, but geography and everything else
17 that comes with that, would be the white, male
18 Republican from DuPage County.

19 (Laughter.)

20 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: The Chairman. I was
21 honored and privileged by his direction, his
22 guidance, and I have to tell you all in closing, that

1 it comes from the top. I have learned that it comes
2 from the top.

3 We were so successful in NARUC 2017,
4 and everybody that was involved in that, thank you so
5 much. But it wouldn't have happened if it didn't
6 come from the top, if the Chairman wasn't clear that
7 this was very important. For all the work that we do
8 with the utilities with diversity, it really wouldn't
9 come to fruition, even with all the work that we do
10 as Commissioners, if the Chairman wasn't clear that
11 this was something really important to us. It always
12 comes from the top.

13 And the fact that we've had such
14 talent at the ICC and such good leadership with the
15 Chairman, it was an honor to be here.

16 Thank you so much.

17 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: With that, we're
20 adjourned. Thank you.

21 (WHEREUPON, the above-entitled
22 matter was adjourned.)