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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
REGULAR OPEN MEETING
PUBLIC UTILITY
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Chicago, Illinois

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

- PRESENT:
- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
 - SADZI MARTHA OLIVA, Acting Commissioner
 - SHERINA E. MAYE EDWARDS, Commissioner
 - MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
 - JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner

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

3 CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings
5 Act, I call the March 22, 2017 Regular Open Meeting
6 to order.

7 Commissioners del Valle, Edwards, and
8 Rosales, and Acting Commissioner Oliva are with us
9 in Chicago. We have a quorum.

10 We have no requests to speak and will,
11 therefore, move on to our Public Utilities Agenda.

12 There are edits to the Minutes of our
13 March 1, 2017 Regular Opening Meeting.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the Minutes as edited?

16 (No response.)

17 Hearing none, the Minutes are
18 approved.

19 Item E-1 concerns a consumer complaint
20 against Ameren.

21 Are there any objections to approving
22 the Order dismissing the proceedings?

1 (No response.)

2 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

3 Items E-2 and 3 concerns Joint
4 Petitions for Approval of Residential Customer
5 Releases.

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

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

11 Item E-4 concerns USA Group's Petition
12 for Withdrawal of ABC's License Certificate and
13 issuance of an ABC Certificate of Service Authority.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the proposed Order granting the petition?

16 (No response.)

17 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

18 Item E-5 concerns XOOM Energy's Motion
19 for Confidential Treatment of Certain Information.

20 Are there any objections to approving
21 the proposed Order granting the petition?

22 (No response.)

1 Hearing none, the petition is granted.

2 Item E-6 concerns SFE Energy's
3 Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

4 Are there any objections to granting
5 the Motion to Withdraw?

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, the motion is granted.

8 Item E-7 concerns Inspire Energy's
9 Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the proposed Order granting the Certificate?

12 (No response.)

13 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

14 Item G-1 concerns West Shore
15 Pipeline's Petition for Use of Eminent Domain.

16 Are there any objections to granting
17 the Motion to Withdraw the Petition?

18 (No response.)

19 Hearing none, the motion is granted.

20 Items G-2 and 3 concern Petitions for
21 Confidential Treatment of Certain Information.

22 Are there any objections to

1 considering these items together and approving the
2 proposed Orders granting the petitions?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

5 Moving on to our Telecommunications

6 Agenda, Item T-1 concerns Illinois Electric

7 Cooperative's Application for Designation as an

8 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the purpose

9 of receiving Federal Universal Service Support.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the proposed Order granting the application?

12 (No response.)

13 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

14 Item T-2 concerns an Amendment to

15 Part 790 Interconnection with the Illinois

16 Administrative Code.

17 Are there any objections to approving
18 the proposed Order adopting the rules?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

21 Item T-3 concerns a consumer complaint

22 against AT&T.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the proposed Order dismissing the proceedings?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

5 Items T-4 and 5 concern Petitions for
6 Confidential Treatment of Certain Information.

7 There is a scrivener's error on the
8 agenda. T-5 relates to the 2016 Report just for the
9 sake of clarity.

10 Are there any objections to
11 considering these items together and approving the
12 proposed Orders granting the petitions?

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

15 Item T-6 concerns FSH Communications'
16 Petition to Withdraw a Certificate.

17 Are there any objections to approving
18 the proposed Order canceling the certificate?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

21 The Petition for Rehearing of
22 Item PR-1 concerns Commonwealth Edison's Annual

1 Formula Rate Update.

2 Are there any objections to approving
3 the proposed Order on Rehearing?

4 (No response.)

5 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

6 Item PR-2 concerns Nicor Energy's
7 Efficiency Plan.

8 Are there any objections to approving
9 the proposed Order on Rehearing?

10 (No response.)

11 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

12 Under Other Business, we have four
13 items. The first concerns the Commission's comments
14 to the PJM Consolidated Transmission Owners
15 Agreement Committee.

16 Are there any questions regarding the
17 comments?

18 (No response.)

19 Are there any objections to approving
20 the comments?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the comments are

1 approved.

2 Second item concerns the Commission's
3 comments to MISO concerning Capacity Transfer
4 Rights.

5 Are there any questions?

6 (No response.)

7 Are there any objections to approving
8 the comments?

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing none, the comments are
11 approved.

12 The third item on our agenda concerns
13 an ICC Resolution in support of "Fix-a-Leak" Week as
14 part of the EPA's campaign to reduce wastewater.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the resolution?

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing none, the resolution is
19 adopted.

20 The fourth item concerns a Resolution
21 pertaining to the Grid Modernization Study.

22 Today the Illinois Commerce Commission

1 is launching in consideration of the
2 utility-of-the-future called "NextGrid." The
3 approximately 18-month study will be a consumer
4 focus effort to study ways to leverage the state's
5 restructured energy market investment in smart grid
6 technology and significant expansion of renewable
7 energy and energy efficiency resulting from the
8 recently passed Future Energy Jobs Act.

9 The ICC is committed to fostering
10 collaboration and inclusion among stakeholders to
11 address many issues crucial to the development of
12 the utility-of-the-future model that will benefit
13 all customers and communities throughout Illinois.

14 Historically, the Illinois Commerce
15 Commission has led successful collaborative
16 processes working with stakeholders to craft
17 solutions that benefit customers, utilities, and
18 other participants, including new competitors and
19 environmental interests.

20 NextGrid will continue its initiative
21 of empowering customers and communities. The study
22 will be led and overseen by the Illinois Commerce

1 Commission with the assistance of a facilitator who
2 will seek input from all stakeholders on goals in
3 facilitating the process which will be presented to
4 the ICC at a formal policy session in the early
5 summer.

6 We welcome comments and suggestions
7 which can be submitted through the Commission's
8 website until April 30th.

9 Is there any discussion?

10 Commissioner del Valle.

11 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 I'm encouraged to see that Illinois is
13 exploring what the future could look like for our
14 electric utilities. Bringing together a wide range
15 of stakeholders around a third-party facilitated
16 process and preparing a range of recommendations for
17 the General Assembly is a good next step in this
18 important journey. I would like to thank you for
19 moving this forward.

20 This undertaking looks beyond the
21 relatively simple process of increasing capital
22 spending for necessary modernization of our grid.

1 By the end of this decade, ComEd and
2 Ameren's ratepayers will have already invested
3 approximately \$3.5 billion in capital spending on
4 grid modernization from our 2011 law.

5 Through last year's Future Energy Jobs
6 Act, customers will also be spending billions more
7 on energy efficiency, renewable generation, and
8 nuclear generation.

9 The utilities and vendors have their
10 capital funds guaranteed through these legislative
11 actions. Now this NextGrid process is the
12 Commission's opportunity to present a range of
13 recommendations to the General Assembly that are
14 primarily focused on the customer and maximizing
15 their net benefits.

16 These recommendations have to include
17 mechanisms to allow us to adequately track,
18 optimize, and ensure the value and affordability of
19 the grid to all customers. As such, I believe the
20 recommendations must start with a robust,
21 multi-stakeholder integrated Distribution Planning
22 process.

1 I look forward to this exciting and
2 important endeavor. Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

4 Any other comments?

5 (No response.)

6 All those in favor of approving the
7 resolution, say aye.

8 (Chorus of ayes.)

9 Opposed, say nay.

10 (No response.)

11 The resolution is adopted.

12 Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other
13 matters to come before the Commission?

14 JUDGE KIMBREL: No, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do you have any
16 other items you would like to bring before the
17 Commission this morning?

18 (No response.)

19 Hearing none and without objection,
20 the meeting stands adjourned. Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, the above
22 matter was adjourned.)