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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
PUBLIC UTILITY  
Tuesday, April 12, 2016  
Chicago, Illinois

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

- PRESENT:
- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
  - ANN MCCABE, Commissioner
  - SHERINA E. MAYE EDWARDS, Commissioner
  - MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
  - JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by  
PATRICIA WESLEY  
CSR NO. 084-002170

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

3 MR. MATRISCH: Yes, we are, Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings  
5 Act, I call the April 12, 2016 Regular Open Meeting  
6 of the Illinois Commerce Commission to order.

7 Commissioners McCabe, del Valle,  
8 Edwards, and Rosales are present with me in Chicago.  
9 We have a quorum.

10 We have no requests to speak.

11 Moving on to our Public Utilities  
12 Agenda, there are edits to the Minutes of our  
13 March 16th Energy Efficiency Policy Session and our  
14 March 23rd and 29th Regular Open Meetings.

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

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing none, the Minutes as edited  
19 are approved.

20 Item E-1 concerns Revisions to  
21 MidAmerican's Purchased Electricity Rider.

22 Are there any objections to not

1 suspending the filing?

2 (No response.)

3 Hearing none, the filing is not  
4 suspended.

5 Item E-2 concerns Ameren's Petition  
6 Requesting a Waiver of No Liability Associated with  
7 Certain Outages Resulting from the June 7, 2015  
8 storms.

9 There are substantive edits to the  
10 proposed Order.

11 Is there a motion to approve the  
12 edits?

13 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 All those in favor, say aye.

19 (Chorus of ayes.)

20 Opposed, say nay.

21 (No response.)

22 The edits are adopted.

1                   Is there a motion to enter the Order  
2 as edited?

3           COMMISSIONER ROSALES:    So moved.

4           CHAIRMAN SHEAHN:    Is there a second?

5           COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS:    Seconded.

6           CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:    It's been moved and seconded.

7                   Any discussion?

8                                   (No response.)

9                   All those in favor, say aye.

10                                   (Chorus of ayes.)

11                   Opposed, say nay.

12                                   (No response.)

13                   The ayes have it and the Order as  
14 edited is approved.

15                   Item E-3 concerns a customer complaint  
16 against ComEd regarding billing/charges.

17                   Are there any objections to granting  
18 the parties Joint Motion to Dismiss?

19                                   (No response.)

20                   Hearing none, the Order is approved  
21 and the complaint is dismissed.

22                   Items E-4 through 9 concern various

1 Petitions for Confidential Treatment of certain  
2 reports.

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

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

8 Item E-10 concerns Citizens Utility  
9 Board and Environmental Defense Fund's Complaint to  
10 Open an Investigation regarding Ameren's Progress in  
11 Implementing its AMI Plan.

12 I believe there are some questions.

13 Commissioner McCabe.

14 COMMISSIONER McCABE: From my reading of Ameren's  
15 Annual Update, by the end of 2015, about 208,500  
16 meters were deployed but only 72,766 AMI meters  
17 communicated through the AMI network or used  
18 network-accessed data to bill customers, so  
19 approximately two-thirds of the meters deployed by  
20 the end of 2015 were not being used to bill  
21 customers.

22 At the end of 2015, a majority of

1 customers with Smart meters were not eligible for  
2 Peak Time Rewards.

3 I am concerned that meters are being  
4 installed but there is a delay in customers' ability  
5 to see the benefits of Smart meter deployment.

6 An investigation into accelerating  
7 Ameren's deployment of Smart meters should include a  
8 detailed examination of how to fully utilize AMI  
9 meters already deployed and soon to be deployed.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

12 Commissioner del Valle.

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

14 I don't have questions, but I have a brief  
15 statement.

16 I concur with this Order, but I  
17 disagree with the decision not to issue an  
18 investigation pursuant to Section 16-108.6.

19 CUB in the complaint argues that  
20 Ameren's filings lack consistency between its  
21 planned updates and formula rate updates.

22 They contend this frustrates the Commission's

1 statutory duty to examine Ameren's progress in  
2 meeting metrics and milestones identified by its  
3 approved AMI Plan.

4           These are all public filings and, to  
5 the extent that they are not simple apple-to-apple  
6 comparisons from filing to filing, understanding the  
7 progress of the AMI implementation reflects the lack  
8 of transparency that I believe runs contrary to the  
9 intent of the act.

10           This Order directs Ameren to file a  
11 Petition to Reopen its AMI Plan in Docket 12-0244 to  
12 seek approval of its proposed acceleration of its  
13 AMI rollout. This is consistent with the  
14 Commission's action when ComEd requested separation  
15 of its AMI Plan.

16           Ameren's response filed yesterday  
17 indicating that it intends to include in its  
18 petition not only the acceleration but also the  
19 expansion of AMI to 100 percent deployment  
20 constituting a complete revision of their original  
21 AMI Plan.

22           I agree with this course of action and

1 I hope that the ICC's examination of Ameren's  
2 proposed acceleration and expansion has been given  
3 the proper amount of time.

4 I also believe that reopening would  
5 provide Ameren with the opportunity to address and  
6 correct any issues in tracking costs in the fashion  
7 that allows for comparison, and Ameren should take  
8 advantage of that opportunity.

9 This record, Staff's report, and the  
10 CUB/EDF Petition all acknowledge this tracking  
11 problem and we do not want to be asking the same  
12 questions next year. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

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

16 (No response.)

17 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

18 Moving on to our Gas Agenda, G-1  
19 concerns Nicor's Part 280 Compliance Filing.

20 Are there any objections to not  
21 suspending the filing?

22 (No response.)



1                   Hearing none, the filing is not  
2 suspended.

3                   Item G-2 concerns the ICC's Motion to  
4 Initiate a Rulemaking to Repeal Part 500 and Amend  
5 Part 501 Standards of Service Gas Utilities and  
6 Alternative Gas Suppliers.

7                   Are there any objections to approving  
8 the proposed Order Initiating the Rulemaking and  
9 Authorizing the First Notice Period?

10   (No response.)

11                   Hearing none, the Order is approved.

12                   Item G-3 concerns Revisions to  
13 Ameren's Natural Gas Tariffs.

14                   Are there any objections to approving  
15 the proposed Order approving in part and rejecting  
16 in part?

17   (No response.)

18                   Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

19                   Items G-4 through 8 concerns various  
20 Petitions Seeking Confidential Treatment of certain  
21 reports.

22                   Are there any objections to

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

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

5 Item T-1 concerns an Informational  
6 Memo regarding WideOpenWest's Application for  
7 State-Issued Authorization to Provide Cable Service  
8 pursuant to the Cable and Video Competition Law of  
9 2007.

10 Do we need a motion to accept the memo  
11 or is it just the information?

12 JUDGE KIMBREL: Just information.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

14 Moving on to Item T-2 concerns the  
15 Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation's  
16 Petition for Annual Determination of Line Charge and  
17 Assessment pursuant to Part 755 of the Illinois  
18 Administrative Code.

19 Are there any objections to approving  
20 the proposed Order?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

1                   Items T-3 through 5 concern various  
2   Petitions Seeking Determination from certain  
3   reports.

4                   Are there any objections to  
5   considering these items together and approving the  
6   proposed Orders?

7                                   (No response.)

8                   Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

9                   Item T-6 concerns Herschel's Coin  
10   Communications' Petition Requesting Cancellation of  
11   its Certificate of Service Authority.

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

14                                   (No response.)

15                   Hearing none, the Order is approved.

16                   Item T-7 concerns Impact Network  
17   Solutions' Petition to Cancel its Certificate of  
18   Service Authority and to provide Resource  
19   Interexchange Service in Illinois.

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

22                                   (No response.)

1                   Hearing none, the Order is approved.

2                   Moving on to our Miscellaneous topics,  
3 Item M-1 concerns Ameren's Petition Requesting an  
4 Exemption from Section 280.50(c)(7), 410.210(a)(5),  
5 500.33(a)(1)(D) and 501.410(a)(5) of the Commission  
6 rules.

7                   Are there any objections to approving  
8 the proposed Order?

9   (No response.)

10                   Hearing none, the Order is approved.

11                   Under Other Business, we have a  
12 Resolution Supporting the 2016 Call Before You Dig  
13 Month.

14                   Is there a motion to adopt the  
15 resolution?

16           COMMISSIONER del VALLE:    So moved.

17           CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:    Is there a second?

18           COMMISSIONER ROSALES:    Seconded.

19           CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:    Any discussion?

20   (No response.)

21                   All those in favor, say aye.

22   (Chorus of ayes.)

1                           Opposed, say nay.

2   (No response.)

3                           The ayes have it and the resolution is  
4 adopted.

5                           Judge Kimbrel, do we have any other  
6 matters to come before the Commission today?

7           JUDGE KIMBREL:   No, Mr. Chairman.

8           CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:  Commissioners, do you have any  
9 other business to raise before the Commission this  
10 morning?

11   (No response.)

12                           Hearing none, the meeting stands  
13 adjourned.  Thank you.

14   (Whereupon, the above  
15 matter was adjourned.)

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