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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
BENCH SESSION
(TRANSPORTATION)
Wednesday, April 8, 2014
Chicago, Illinois

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

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

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CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. In Springfield, are you ready?

MR. MATRISCH: Yes, we are.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, I call the April 8, 2015 Bench Session of the Illinois Commerce Commission to order.

Commissioners McCabe, del Valle, Maye and Rosales are present with me in Chicago. We have a quorum.

Pursuant to the Administrative Code, we allow members of the public to address the Commission. According to the Chief Clerk, we have one timely-received request to speak at today's meeting.

Ms. Worman, would you please come forward, have a seat, and make sure the mic is on, if you will introduce yourself and spell your name for the record, please. You will have three minutes.

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PRESENTATION

BY

MS. WORMAN:

Thank you. I'm Terri Worman,
T-E-R-R-I W-O-R-M-A-N. Good morning. I serve as
the Associate State Director for Advocacy and
Outreach for AARP in Illinois, and I speak today on
behalf of the more than 700,000 AARP members in the
City of Chicago and Lake County.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity
to address the distinguished members of the Illinois
Commerce Commission on a critical issue potentially
affecting thousands of Chicago area consumers.

With Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
on the verge of being acquired by Wisconsin Group,
we urge state regulators to insure that specific
provisions are built into the deal to protect
consumers against poor service and unwanted higher
rates.

Wisconsin Energy is looking to buy
Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, which serves

1 consumers of the City of Chicago and Lake County.
2 The request for the merger must be approved by the
3 Illinois Commerce Commission. Consumers of both
4 utility companies have often complained about poor
5 service, slow reconnection and increasing rates.

6 People Gas is in the middle of
7 a \$300 million infrastructure revamp and has just
8 won a large delivery rate increase. With Peoples
9 Gas being significantly late in replacing its
10 outdated cast iron gas pipes and with projected
11 costs of this massive infrastructure project
12 mushrooming from \$2.2 billion to \$4.6 billion,
13 additional service disruptions and higher monthly
14 bills are very likely to affect consumers if the
15 acquisition is approved without any protections
16 built into the agreement. Peoples Gas and North
17 Shore Gas consumers are justifiably concerned.

18 On behalf of our members in the City
19 of Chicago and Lake County and on behalf of the
20 ratepayers, we urge the ICC to hear from consumers
21 about their experiences with Peoples Gas and North
22 Shore Gas before voting on the merger request.

1 Along with this testimony, we are
2 delivering over 260 petitions and stories collected
3 by AARP among Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
4 customers in Chicago and Lake County. It is
5 critical that state regulators hear the voice of the
6 consumers so that if the merger is approved
7 consumers are assured of quality service and
8 affordable rates. Thank you.

9 What do I do with these?

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. If you want to just
11 leave them there, we will have someone pick them up.

12 MS. WORMAN: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

14 (Public comments can be
15 found in the Public
16 Utility transcript.)

17 Moving on to our regular
18 transportation agenda, we have some corrections to
19 the March 25, 2015 Transportation Bench Session
20 Minutes.

21 Are there any objections to making
22 these changes?

1 (No response.)

2 Without objection, the edits are
3 approved.

4 Is there a motion to approve our --

5 COMMISSIONER MAYE: So moved.

6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: -- March 25th Bench Session
7 Minutes as amended?

8 Is there a second?

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor, say aye.

11 (Chorus of ayes.)

12 Opposed, say nay.

13 (No response.)

14 The motion carries.

15 Our railroad agenda, Items RR-1
16 through RR-5, all involve granting authority for
17 various public safety improvements to grade
18 crossings.

19 Are there any objections to
20 considering these items together and approving the
21 proposed Orders in RR-1 through RR-5?

22 (No response.)

1 Without objection, the Orders are
2 approved.

3 Moving on to our Motor Carrier agenda,
4 Items MC-1 through MC-7 are all Stipulated
5 Settlement Agreements for Violations of the Illinois
6 Commercial Transportation Law.

7 Are there any objections to
8 considering MC-1 through MC-7 together and approving
9 the proposed Orders?

10 (No response.)

11 Without objection, the Orders are
12 approved.

13 Under our Collateral Recovery agenda
14 Item CR-1 concerning Application for Rehearing for
15 a Class E Recovery Permit made pursuant to the
16 Collateral Recovery Act, is there a motion to deny
17 rehearing?

18 COMMISSIONER MAYE: So moved.

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

1 All those in favor of denying
2 rehearing, say aye.

3 (Chorus of ayes.)

4 Opposed, say no.

5 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: No.

6 COMMISSIONER McCABE: No.

7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The motion passes 3 to 2 and
8 the Motion for Rehearing is denied.

9 Mr. Matrisch, are there any further
10 transportation items to come before the Commission
11 today?

12 MR. MATRISCH: No, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

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

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