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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
PUBLIC UTILITY  
Tuesday, June 21, 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
  - SHERINA E. MAYE EDWARDS, Commissioner
  - MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
  - JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner

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



1 Utility Company's Compliance Filings.

2 Are there any objections to not  
3 suspending the filings?

4 (No response.)

5 Hearing none, the filings are not  
6 suspended.

7 Item E-2 concerns Ameren's AMI  
8 Deployment Plan. I move to reopen the docket for  
9 the limited purpose of reviewing Ameren's proposal  
10 to accelerate and expand its AMI Deployment Plan and  
11 set a schedule that would allow for a final order by  
12 September 24, 2016.

13 Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 All those in favor, say aye.

18 (Chorus of ayes.)

19 Opposed, say nay.

20 (No response.)

21 The ayes have it and the Order is  
22 approved.

1                   Item E-3 concerns ComEd's  
2 Reconciliation of Revenues Collected under its  
3 Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Adjustment  
4 Rider.

5                   Are there any objections to approving  
6 the proposed Order?

7                                   (No response.)

8                   Hearing none, the Order is approved.

9                   Item E-4 concerns the Independent  
10 Evaluator's Evaluation Report on the Electric and  
11 Gas On-Bill Financing Programs required by the  
12 Public Utilities Act.

13                   Is there a motion to adopt the  
14 proposed Order?

15           COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Moved.

16           CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

17           COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

18           CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there any discussion?

19                                   Commissioner del Valle.

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

21 On-Bill Financing was meant to allow utility  
22 customers to purchase cost-effective energy

1 efficiency measures and realize the benefits of  
2 savings in energy costs and consumer energy to the  
3 benefit of all ratepayers.

4 The program originally found that two  
5 years into the program application rejection rates  
6 were up 50 percent across all utility programs. It  
7 also found that interest rates were within the  
8 national average had increased since the program's  
9 inception.

10 I agree with the utility's position  
11 that they do not need legislative changes to begin  
12 exploring the evaluator's recommendations and  
13 improving these programs.

14 Ameren Illinois has already taken  
15 steps to address the high rejection rates by  
16 initiating a pilot utilizing bill payment histories  
17 as a means to establish program eligibility.

18 I hope they explore not only the usage  
19 but help to increase participation and reduce the  
20 rejection rates but also whether the resulting data  
21 support lowering the credit score threshold, and I  
22 encourage On-Bill Financing programs to explore

1 similar pilots and implement the best practices  
2 learned.

3 I also encourage the utilities to work  
4 with their program's lenders to ensure that it is  
5 soliciting funding sources with the best terms  
6 available, including the lowest reasonable interest  
7 rate.

8 These steps should help to ensure that  
9 On-Bill Financing better serves as a low-cost  
10 financing option for utility customers who are  
11 otherwise unable to afford alternatives.

12 This program was not designed for  
13 higher income folks and it wasn't even, I think in  
14 my opinion, designed for the upper middle class but  
15 rather for that middle, middle and lower income  
16 folks who would not have the perfect credit score  
17 but, in many instances, struggle and pay their bills  
18 and pay them on time and should not be rejected,  
19 because it's a program designed to help them and  
20 they shouldn't be rejected outright, and the  
21 rejection rate is very high, and, in fact, it's also  
22 that there's a high percentage, even though it's

1 across the board, of applications being withdrawn  
2 which means that finding a better deal elsewhere,  
3 and so that's why I think we would have to pay close  
4 attention to the interest rate.

5 So having said that, Mr. Chairman, I  
6 support the report, but I wish we would have gone  
7 further in encouraging the further development of  
8 this very important program that helps people  
9 replace their equipment and become more energy  
10 efficient which in the long run helps all  
11 ratepayers. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

13 Any further discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 There's a motion and second to adopt  
16 the proposed Order. All those in favor, say aye.

17 (Chorus of ayes.)

18 Opposed, say nay.

19 (No response.)

20 The ayes have it and the Order is  
21 adopted.

22 Items E-5 through 7 concern various

1 customer complaints.

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

5 (No response.)

6 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

7 Items E-8 through 10 concern  
8 Applications for Certificates of Authority to  
9 Operate as Agents, Brokers and Consultants.

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

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

15 Item E-11 concerns C3 IoT's Petition  
16 for Interlocutory Review of the Administrative Law  
17 Judge's Ruling Denying C3's Petition to Intervene in  
18 ComEd's Annual Formula Rate Case.

19 Is there a motion to deny C3's  
20 Petition for Interlocutory Review?

21 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?



1 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 All those in favor of denying the  
5 petition, say aye.

6 Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: There are three Aye.

10 Opposed, say nay.

11 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I have one nay.

13 I will voteto grant the petition. I  
14 will have some data requests that reflect the policy  
15 raised by the intervenor's petition.

16 The vote is 3 to one and C3's Petition  
17 for Interlocutory Review is denied.

18 Item E-12 concerns Alphabuyer's  
19 Petition Requesting Cancellation of its Certificate  
20 of Service Authority.

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

1 (No response.)

2 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

3 Item G-1 concerns Ameren's  
4 Reconciliation of Revenues Collected under its  
5 Purchase Gas Adjustment Tariff.

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

8 (No response.)

9 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

10 Items G-2 through 3 concern various  
11 customer complaints against Peoples Gas.

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

15 (No response.)

16 Hearing none, the Orders are approved  
17 and the complaints are dismissed.

18 Item T-1 concerns Dex Media's Petition  
19 for Partial Waivers of certain sections of our  
20 Illinois Administrative Code which require  
21 publication of certain information and printed  
22 media.

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

3   (No response.)

4                   Hearing none, the Order is approved.

5                   Item T-2 concerns Everstream GLC  
6 Holding Company's Application for a Certificate of  
7 Authority to Operate as a Reseller and  
8 Facilities-Based Carrier of Telecommunications  
9 Services.

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

12   (No response.)

13                   Hearing none, the Order is approved.

14                   Item W-1 concerns Utility Services of  
15 Illinois' Petition for Approval of the Final  
16 Reconciliations under the Surcharges for Purchased  
17 Water and Sewer.

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

20   (No response.)

21                   Hearing none, the Order is approved.

22                   Item M-1 concerns the ICC's Motion

1 regarding rulemaking for the Development and  
2 Adoption of Rules concerning Rate Case Treatment of  
3 Charitable Contributions.

4 There are both substantive and  
5 non-substantive edits to the proposed Second Order  
6 Notice. I move for the adoption of all the edits.

7 Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there any discussion?

10 Commissioner del Valle.

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

12 I will be voting no and I'll be filing  
13 a dissenting vote explaining my vote.

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor of adopting  
15 the edits, say aye.

16 Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed, say nay.

20 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Nay.

21 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The vote is 3 to one and the  
22 edits are approved.

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

3           COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS:   So moved.

4           CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:   Is there a second?

5           COMMISSIONER ROSALES:   Seconded.

6           CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:   Any discussion?

7                                   (No response.)

8                   All those in favor, say aye.

9                   Aye.

10          COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS:   Aye.

11          COMMISSIONER ROSALES:   Aye.

12          CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:   Opposed, say nay.

13          COMMISSIONER del VALLE:   Nay.

14          CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:   The vote is 3 to one and the  
15 Second Notice Order as edited is approved.

16                   Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other  
17 matters to come before us?

18          JUDGE KIMBREL:   Mr. Chairman, E-3 of the ComEd  
19 reconciliation there was also a Request for Oral  
20 Argument.

21          CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN:   Okay. There is a motion  
22 concerning granting Oral Argument in Item E-3. I

1 would move that we decline Oral Argument.

2 Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 All those in favor, say aye.

7 Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed, say nay.

11 (No response.)

12 The ayes have it and the request for  
13 Oral Argument is denied.

14 Any further matters?

15 JUDGE KIMBREL: That's all, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Do any of the Commissioners  
17 have any other business to come before the  
18 Commission this morning?

19 COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, may I  
20 make an announcement. I just want to announce that  
21 my policy advisor, Nakhia Crossley, was appointed to  
22 chair the Utility Marketplace Access Staff

1 Subcommittee. I want to congratulate her on that.

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Congratulations.

3 If there's no other business, we stand  
4 adjourned.

5 (Whereupon, the above matter  
6 was adjourned.)

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