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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR OPEN MEETING
Thursday, July 21, 2022
Chicago, Illinois
Met pursuant to notice at 11:30 AM at 160 North
LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman
- ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner
- MICHAEL CARRIGAN, Commissioner (via videoconference)
- ANN MCCABE, Commissioner

BRIDGES COURT REPORTING
BY: Quinn Dean
Electronic Reporter

1 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Under the Open
2 Meetings Act, I call the July 21st, 2022, Regular Open
3 Meeting to order.

4 Commissioners Kimbrel and McCabe are
5 with me in the Chicago office. We have a quorum.

6 Commissioner Carrigan is seeking to
7 participate remotely.

8 Commissioner Carrigan, are you with us?

9 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Yes, Chairwoman. I am.

10 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Great. Are there any objections
11 to allowing Commissioner Carrigan to participate
12 remotely?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Hearing none, Commissioner Carrigan is
15 granted permission to participate remotely.

16 Let the record reflect that there are
17 four commissioners now present. We have no requests to
18 speak.

19 We're moving on to our Public Utilities
20 Agenda. There are edits to the June 23rd, 2022,
21 Regular Open Meeting minutes.

22 Are there any objections to approving

1 the minutes as edited?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 Hearing none, the minutes are approved.

4 Under our electric utility items, Item
5 E-1 concerns ComEd's proposal of a new coal to solar
6 Rider CTS. The Rider allows ComEd to recover costs
7 associated with the procurement of renewable energy
8 credits, or RECs, from new renewable energy facilities
9 to be installed or at adjacent to the sites of electric
10 generating facilities that, as of January 1st of 2016,
11 burned coal as their primary fuel source, and to fund
12 the Coal to Solar Energy Storage Initiative Fund. The
13 order suspends the filing for a formal hearing process
14 as there may be stakeholders interested in
15 participating in this proceeding and commenting on the
16 terms of the new Rider CTS.

17 Are there any objections to approving
18 the suspension order?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Hearing none, the order is approved.

21 Item E-2 concerns Ameren's proposal of
22 a new Rider Coal to Solar and Energy Storage Charge, or

1 Rider CSECS -- excuse me -- CSESC. The Rider allows
2 Ameren to implement the Coal to Solar and Energy
3 Storage Initiative Charge and provide for the full
4 recovery of costs incurred because of these activities.
5 The order suspends the filing for a formal hearing
6 process as there may be stakeholders interested in
7 participating in this proceeding and commenting on the
8 terms of the new Rider.

9 Are there any objections to approving
10 the suspension order?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Hearing none, the order is approved.

13 Items E-13 -- excuse me -- E-3 three
14 through E-17 concern initiation of proceedings for
15 termination of abandon licenses to operate as agents,
16 brokers or consultants, or ABCs, for the procurement or
17 sale of retail electricity supply. The companies in
18 these dockets failed to comply with reporting
19 requirements and are not in good standing to conduct
20 business in Illinois, indicating abandonment of their
21 licenses. The orders initiate the proceedings to
22 terminate the Respondents' licenses unless the

1 companies appear and show cause why their licenses
2 should not be terminated.

3 Are there any objections to considering
4 these items together and approving the orders?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Hearing none, the orders are approved.

7 Item E-18 concerns initiation of a
8 proceeding to analyze the benefits and costs of
9 continued participation in MISO. The order directs
10 Ameren to perform an analysis of the benefits and costs
11 of participation in MISO, including consideration of
12 the relative net benefits of participation in MISO vs.
13 participation in PJM.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the order?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Hearing none, the order is approved.

18 Items E-19 and E-20 concern initiation
19 of proceedings to require ComEd and Ameren to file
20 their initial multiyear integrated grid plans and for
21 the Commission to determine whether these plans are
22 reasonable and compliant with the Public Utilities Act.

1 The orders initiate the proceedings and
2 direct each utility's plan to include information
3 required by the Public Utilities Act and to design
4 their plans to ensure, among other things, coordination
5 of the state's renewable energy goals, climate and
6 environmental goals with the utility's distribution
7 system investments, and programs and policies over a
8 5-year planning horizon to maximize the benefits of
9 each while ensuring utility expenditures are
10 cost-effective.

11 The plans must also propose
12 distribution system investment programs, policies, and
13 plans designed to optimize achievement of the
14 objectives of Section 16-105.17 of the Public Utilities
15 Act and achieve the performance and tracking metrics to
16 be approved by the Commission in Docket Number 22-0067
17 for ComEd and Docket Number 22-0063 for Ameren. All
18 programs, policies and initiatives proposed by the
19 Utility in its plan should be informed by stakeholder
20 input received during the workshop process held by the
21 Commission earlier.

22 The Utilities must file their grid

1 plans no later than January 20th of 2023. The
2 Commission must enter its order approving or rejecting
3 each plan no later than December 15th of 2023. The
4 Utilities are also directed to convene the procedural
5 and issues meetings and to submit the notices and
6 reports described in the order. The Staff is directed
7 to share this order with the grid planning workshop
8 distribution list.

9 Are there any objections to considering
10 these items together and approving the orders?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Hearing none, the orders are approved.

13 Item E-21 concerns a complaint against
14 ComEd for damages due to a power surge in Joliet,
15 Illinois. The Complainant informed ALJ that he does
16 not want to continue with the complaint. The order
17 dismisses the complaint for want of prosecution.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the order?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Hearing none, the order is approved.

22 Item E-22 concerns a complaint against

1 ComEd alleging lack of assistance and extremely high
2 bills in Sycamore, Illinois. The Complainant no longer
3 wishes to continue with this proceeding, and the order
4 dismisses the complaint for want of prosecution.

5 Are there any objections to approving
6 the order?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Hearing none, the order is approved.

9 Item E-23 concerns SA Energy's
10 complaint against ComEd alleging violations of Part 466
11 of the Commission Rules. The Complainant now filed a
12 motion for voluntary dismissal of its complaint.

13 Are there any objections to granting
14 the motion for voluntary dismissal?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Hearing none, the motion is granted.

17 Item E-24 concerns a complaint against
18 Just Energy Solutions regarding billing/charges. The
19 parties filed a stipulation and joint motion to
20 dismiss, stipulating that all matters in dispute have
21 been resolved and requesting that the Commission
22 dismiss the complaint with prejudice.

1 Are there any objections to granting
2 the motion to dismiss?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Hearing none, the motion is granted.

5 Items E-25 and E-26 concern
6 applications for certification to install, maintain, or
7 repair electric vehicle charging station facilities in
8 Illinois. The orders grant the certificates, finding
9 that the applicants meet the requirements.

10 Are there any objections to considering
11 these items together and approving the orders?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Hearing none, the orders are approved.

14 Items E-27 through E-29 concern applications for
15 certifications to install distributed generation
16 facilities in Illinois. The orders grant the
17 certificates, finding that the Applicants meet the
18 requirements.

19 Are there any objections to considering
20 these items together and approving orders?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Hearing none, the orders are approved.

1 Item E-30 concerns a citation
2 proceeding for termination of abandoned license. The
3 Respondent failed to appear for their hearing to show
4 cause why the Commission should not revoke or suspend
5 its certificate of authority to operate as an agent,
6 broker, or consultant. The order finds that the
7 certificate of authority is abandoned and terminates
8 it.

9 Are there any objections to approving
10 the order?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Hearing none, the order is approved.

13 Items E-31 and E-32 concern petitions
14 to cancel certificates of service authority to install
15 energy efficiency measures. The orders cancel the
16 certificates, finding that the cancellations will not
17 deprive Illinois residents of any necessary service and
18 are not otherwise contrary to the public interest. Are
19 there any objections to considering these items
20 together and approving the orders?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Hearing none, the orders are approved.

1 Items E-33 through E-36 concern
2 applications for certifications to install energy
3 efficiency measures in Illinois. The orders grant the
4 certificates, finding that the Applicants meet the
5 requirements.

6 Are there any objections to considering
7 these items together and approving the orders?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Hearing none, the orders are approved.

10 Moving on to our gas utility items.

11 Item G-1 concerns Peoples Gas' request
12 for a waiver of 49 CFR Section 192-62 -- or excuse
13 me -- .625 to permit Peoples Gas to not odorize one of
14 its transmission pipelines known as the Elwood 2
15 Pipeline. Staff finds that the request is reasonable
16 and is not inconsistent with pipeline safety and should
17 be granted. The interim order grants the waiver and
18 directs the office of the Chief Clerk to serve this
19 interim order on the respective federal agencies,
20 including the USDOT and the Pipeline and Hazardous
21 Materials Safety Administration.

22 Are there any objections to approving

1 the order?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 Hearing none, the order is approved.

4 Under our telecommunications items,
5 Item T-1 concerns a request for proprietary treatment
6 of information in the Petitioner's reports. The order
7 grants the protection, finding that the information is
8 highly proprietary and confidential.

9 Are there any objections to the order?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Hearing none, the order is approved.

12 So this concludes our agenda.

13 Judge Haynes, do we have other matters
14 to come before the Commission today?

15 JUDGE HAYNES: Nothing further, Chairman.

16 CHAIR ZALEWSKI: Do commissioners have any other
17 business to discuss?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 I just have a quick comment. I want to
20 welcome my new policy advisor, Robert Haggard. Robert
21 joins the ICC as my new policy advisor and brings with
22 him a wealth of knowledge and expertise.

1 In his most recent role, Robert worked
2 for the Advanced Energy Economy, or AEE, which is a
3 clean energy trade association where he led the
4 organization's legislative and regulatory engagement in
5 Illinois.

6 Before his time at AEE, Robert
7 completed his Master's of Public Policy at The
8 University Of Virginia, where he wrote his thesis on
9 potential wholesale market reform in the southeastern
10 United States and also interned for an electric
11 utility.

12 He is based here now in Chicago where,
13 according to him, he is now enjoying new restaurants,
14 spending time on Lake Michigan, and attending White Sox
15 games. We won't hold that against him.

16 So please welcome Robert to the ICC. I
17 am confident -- and he already has become a great fit
18 to our team, and he's going to do a great job bringing
19 his valuable prior expertise in helping us navigate the
20 CEJA implementation.

21 So if there are no further comments and
22 if there is no objection, the meeting is now adjourned.

1 Thank you.

2 (WHEREUPON, the above-entitled matter
3 was adjourned at 11:45 AM.)

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