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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN MEETING
Wednesday, August 12, 2020
Chicago, Illinois

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

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman
- MARIA BOCANEGRA, Commissioner (via videoconference)
- SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner (via videoconference)
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner
- MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner
(via videoconference)

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
BRAD BENJAMIN, CSR
LICENSE NO. 084-004805

1 Chairwoman ZALEWSKI: Okay. Before we begin,
2 I'm just going to do a quick sound check with all of
3 the Commissioners.

4 Commissioner Bocanegra, can you hear
5 us?

6 COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Here. Thank you.

7 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Commissioner Carrigan?

8 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: I'm here in
9 Springfield.

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Great. Commissioner
11 Oliva?

12 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Yes. I can hear you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: And Commissioner Kimbrel
14 is here with me in Chicago.

15 Judge Teague Kingsley, are you on?

16 JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: Yes. I am.

17 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Great.

18 Okay. Under the Open Meetings Act and
19 in accordance with the governor's Executive Orders, I
20 call the August 12th, 2020, Regular Open Meeting to
21 order.

22 Before we proceed, for the clarity of

1 the record -- and the court reporter is in the room
2 with us, but since some commissioners are
3 participating remotely, I would ask everyone to state
4 their name before speaking and to speak slowly and
5 clearly so that he can capture everything that is
6 said.

7 I've checked that all Commissioners
8 are with us. We have a quorum.

9 We have no requests to speak.

10 Under our Public Utilities Agenda:
11 There are edits to the July 15, 2020, Regular Open
12 Meeting Minutes.

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

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Minutes
17 are approved.

18 Item E-1 concerns ERM 20-091, which is
19 MidAmerican's annual filing to modify its Rate
20 Qualifying Facility, Cogeneration & Small Power
21 Production Facilities, or Rate QF, to revise its
22 rates for purchase of electricity from cogeneration

1 and small power production facilities. The
2 adjustment is made in accordance with the directives
3 of Part 430 of the Commission rules. The Commission
4 staff recommends not suspending the Filing, finding
5 the changes to be reasonable.

6 Are there any objections to not
7 suspending the Filing?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Filing
10 is not suspended.

11 Item E-2 concerns an application for a
12 certification to install distributed generation
13 facilities. The Administrative Law Judge and
14 Commission staff recommend denial of the certificate
15 because the applicant has not provided requested
16 information in their application. The Order denies
17 the certificate.

18 Are there any objections to approving
19 the Order?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
22 is approved.

1 Items E-3 through E-7 concern
2 applications for certifications to install
3 distributed generation facilities in Illinois. The
4 Orders grant the certificates, finding that the
5 applicants meet the requirements.

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

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Orders
11 are approved.

12 Item E-8 concerns a citation against
13 North Shore Energy Consulting for failure to comply
14 with Part 454 of the Commission rules. The
15 Commission staff filed a motion to dismiss this
16 proceeding with prejudice because the Company
17 petitioned to cancel its certificate voluntarily.

18 Are there any objections to granting
19 the Motion to Dismiss?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Motion
22 to Dismiss is granted.

1 Item E-9 concerns a Citation against
2 Options Consulting Services for failure to comply
3 with Part 454 of the Commission's rules. The Company
4 failed to appear at the hearings and to show cause
5 why the Commission should not suspend the license.
6 The Order suspends the certificate for 90 days from
7 the date of the Order.

8 Are there any objections to approving
9 the Order?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
12 is approved.

13 Item E-10 concerns Docket 20-0167,
14 which is a complaint against Ameren regarding alleged
15 failure to notify the complainant of a planned power
16 outage. Ameren filed a motion to dismiss, and the
17 Complainant has contacted both Ameren and the
18 Administrative Law Judge to express support for
19 dismissal of the case. The Order dismisses the
20 complaint without prejudice for want of prosecution.

21 Are there any objections to approving
22 the Order?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
3 is approved.

4 Item E-1 -- excuse me -- E-11 and E-12
5 concern applications for licenses to operate as
6 retail electric agents, brokers, and consultants in
7 Illinois. The Orders grant the license, finding that
8 the applicants meet the requirements.

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

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Orders
14 are approved.

15 Item E-13 concerns an application for
16 certification to install, maintain, and repair
17 electric vehicle charging facilities. The Order
18 grants the license, finding that the applicant meets
19 the requirements.

20 Are there any objections to approving
21 the Order?

22 (No response.)

1 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
2 is approved.

3 Item E-14 concerns a petition to
4 cancel a certificate of service authority to operate
5 as an agent, broker, and consultant. Petitioner has
6 indicated that it plans to cease operations in
7 Illinois. The Order cancels the certificate and
8 finds that the cancellation will not be contrary to
9 the public interest.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the Order?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
14 is approved.

15 Item E-15 concerns a petition to
16 cancel a certificate of service authority to install
17 energy efficiency measures. Petitioner has indicated
18 that it plans to cease operations. The Order cancels
19 the certificate and finds that the cancellation will
20 not be contrary to public interest.

21 Are there any objections to approving
22 the Order?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
3 is approved.

4 Items E-16 through E-18 concern
5 applications for authority to install energy
6 efficiency measures in Illinois. The Orders grant
7 the certificates, finding that the applicants meet
8 the requirements.

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

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Orders
14 are approved.

15 Under our Gas items: Item G-1 concerns
16 Ameren's request to reconcile revenues under
17 Supplemental Customer Public Utility Assessment
18 Charge, or Supplemental PUAC, for the 12-month period
19 from July 1st, 2018, to June 30th, 2019. The Order
20 approves the reconciliation of part -- or excuse
21 me -- as set in the Appendix to the Order, finding
22 that the costs during the reconciliation period are

1 accurate and consistent with the terms of the Natural
2 Gas Supplemental Customer Charge Tariff; therefore,
3 the costs are recoverable.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 the Order?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
8 is approved.

9 Item G-2 concerns Nicor's petition to
10 initiate review of its energy savings and
11 cost-effectiveness results for the Energy Efficiency
12 Plan, or EEP. Nicor has contracted with an
13 independent evaluator to determine if Nicor's EEP
14 meets the energy savings and cost-effectiveness goals
15 of Section 8-104 of the Public Utilities Act for the
16 EEP Plan Years 4 through 6. The independent
17 evaluation was verified that Nicor's EEP has exceeded
18 the statutory goals in Plan Years 4 through 6.

19 The Commission staff has also reviewed
20 Nicor's filing and finds no reason to contest the
21 independent evaluation. The Order finds that Nicor
22 achieved its energy savings goals during its EEP Plan

1 Years 4 through 6 in a cost-efficient manner in
2 compliance with the mandates in Section 8-104(c) of
3 the Public Utilities Act.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 the Order?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
8 is approved.

9 Item G-3 concerns a petition to cancel
10 an alternative gas supplier certificate of service
11 authority. The petitioner no longer plans to operate
12 in Illinois and has no customers. The Order cancels
13 the certificate.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the Order?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
18 is approved.

19 Item G-4 concerns Consumers Gas
20 Company's request to incur indebtedness through
21 various financial instruments. The Commission staff
22 has reviewed the request and has no objections. The

1 Order approves the request to incur debt.

2 Are there any objections to approving
3 the Order?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
6 is approved.

7 There are no Telecommunications items.

8 Under our Water and Sewer items:

9 Item W-1 concerns Utility Services' request to
10 reconcile revenues under its Public Utility Fund
11 Supplemental Customer Charge for the 12-month period
12 from July 1st, 2018, to June 30th, 2019. The Order
13 approves the reconciliation as set in the Appendix to
14 the Order, finding that the reconciliation is
15 accurate and reasonable.

16 Are there any objections to approving
17 the Order?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
20 is approved.

21 Item W-2 concerns Docket 20-0306,
22 which is Illinois-American Water Company's, or IAWC,

1 application for approval of the purchase of certain
2 water distribution assets of the Four Lakes Village
3 Condominium Homeowners' Association. IAWC is
4 requesting Commission approval of engagement
5 agreements for appraisals [sic] who will determine
6 the market value of the water distribution assets.
7 The Commission staff has reviewed the agreements and
8 recommends approving IAWC's request. The Interim
9 Order approves the agreements between IAWC and the
10 appraisers.

11 Are there any objections to approving
12 the Interim Order?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Interim
15 Order is approved.

16 Under our Miscellaneous items:
17 Item M-1 concerns an initiation of a Notice of
18 Inquiry proceeding to gather information on electric
19 and natural gas service safety and reliability.

20 There have and continue to be
21 accidents related to the public utilities property
22 that results in the loss of life or injury to person

1 or property as well as outages and other reliability
2 issues that impact customers. Safe and reliable
3 electricity and natural gas services are essential to
4 the health and welfare of Illinois citizens. It is,
5 therefore, important that the Commission ensure that
6 its rules and regulations and the practices and
7 procedures of public utilities provide for safe and
8 reliable electricity and natural gas services.

9 Accordingly, the Commission initiates
10 this Note [sic] of Inquiry as a vehicle for gathering
11 information on these matters. The Notice sets
12 deadlines of September 15, 2020, for submission of
13 initial comments and October 15th, 2020, for reply
14 comments.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the Notice of Inquiry?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Notice
19 of Inquiry is approved.

20 There are no Petitions for Rehearing.

21 Under our Other Business items:

22 Item O-1 concerns approval of batches, contracts, and

1 confirmations under the Illinois Adjustable Block
2 Program.

3 Are there any objections to approving
4 the Program Administrator's Submissions?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
7 Submissions are approved.

8 This concludes our Public Utilities
9 Agenda.

10 Judge Teague Kingsley, do we have
11 other matters to come before the Commission today?

12 JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

13 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

14 Before we adjourn, I just want to make
15 a couple of announcements:

16 Yesterday was August 11th, or 8/11,
17 and was National Safe Digging Day. The day serves as
18 a good public reminder to the public of the dangers
19 of potentially hitting buried gas, electric,
20 communications, water, or sewer lines. Anyone
21 planning to engage in any outdoor digging project,
22 regardless of how deep you plan to dig, should call

1 8-1-1 at least two business days before digging.

2 Also, I would like to say thank you
3 and best wishes to two interns that will be leaving:
4 first, Andrea Jakubas was an intern from Chicago-Kent
5 College of Law, who was with our office for five
6 months, and, then, Gabrielle Reardon, who was a
7 summer extern from Northwestern Law School. They
8 both did a great job for the Commission while they
9 were here, and we wish them the best in the future.

10 Do any Commissioners have any other
11 business to discuss?

12 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Madam Chairman --

13 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Yes --

14 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Go ahead, Commissioner.

15 COMMISSIONER OLIVA: This is Commissioner
16 Oliva, for the record, and I just have a quick also
17 farewell to my legal and policy intern, Greta
18 Gangestad. Greta joined our office in May, and today
19 is her last day. She's leaving us to continue into
20 her second year at Northwestern Law.

21 Greta brought a new perspective and
22 genuine enthusiasm to her work with our office, which

1 has been especially refreshing during these
2 challenging times. She really brought great value to
3 every project that she was involved in. And I along
4 with the rest of my team wish Greta nothing but the
5 best in all of her future pursuits. Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Commissioner Carrigan?

7 COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: Chairman, this is
8 Commissioner Carrigan. If I can just have a minute
9 in joining with you and Commissioner Oliva. I'd be
10 remiss if I didn't recognize the extern that worked
11 with myself and my team this summer.

12 I want to take this opportunity to
13 thank Dylan McDonough, who worked very hard at the
14 ICC this summer. He's very dedicated; took his job
15 very seriously. Dylan, his work was invaluable, and
16 he worked very well with my assistants.

17 He has left to go back to law school,
18 his last year of law school at Notre Dame. He left a
19 little over two weeks ago, but I'd be remiss if I
20 didn't recognize him. So thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

22 Any other business to discuss?

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(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none and without objection, the meeting's adjourned.

Thank you.

(Whereupon the above matter was adjourned.)