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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
SPECIAL OPEN MEETING
(PUBLIC UTILITY)
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Chicago, Illinois

Met, pursuant to notice, at 9 o'clock A.M.,
at 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are.

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings
6 Act, I call the September 16, 2015 Special Open
7 Meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission to
8 order.

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

12 We have no requests to speak and will,
13 therefore, move into our Regular Public Utility
14 Special Open Meeting Agenda.

15 There are edits to the Minutes of our
16 August 18th and 25th 2015 Public Utility Bench
17 Session Minutes.

18 Are there any objections to approval
19 of the Minutes of the 12th and 25th -- I'm sorry --
20 the 18th and 25th as edited?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the Minutes as edited

1 are approved.

2 Item E-1 involves updates to Ameren's
3 Purchased Electricity Recovery Rider. Do we have
4 any questions on this?

5 (No response.)

6 If there are no objections then to
7 suspend the filing, the filing will not be
8 suspended.

9 Item E-2 commences a proceeding by
10 MidAmerican to reconcile revenues collected under
11 its Fuel Adjustment Charges.

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

14 (No response.)

15 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

16 Item E-3 involves a billing complaint
17 against ComEd.

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

20 (No response.)

21 Hearing none, the Order denying the
22 complaint is approved.

1 Item E-4 involves an investigation of
2 ComEd's Cost of Service for low-use customers.

3 We do have a number of non-substantive
4 edits to the proposed Order.

5 Is there a motion to adopt the edits?

6 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

10 COMMISSIONER MAYE: I do not have a discussion on
11 the non-substantive edits. I do have comments,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. Let's dispose of the
14 edits and then we'll have a vote --

15 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: -- on the main motion.

17 Without objection, then the edits are
18 adopted.

19 Is there a motion to adopt the Order
20 as edited?

21 COMMISSIONER MAYE: So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Moved and seconded.

3 Any discussion?

4 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank
5 you. I have previously and very recently raised
6 concerns about this issue regarding the variable
7 rates. I do appreciate the investigation process
8 and lack of the parties' ability to come to a
9 stipulated agreement on the issue, and although it
10 is not necessarily one that I do agree with, I want
11 to echo the following statement as it appears in the
12 Order. Our conclusion on the residential rates and
13 distribution rates are limited to this proceeding
14 and it should not have an impact upon rate design in
15 future proceedings. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

17 Any other discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 We have a motion to approve the Order
20 as edited and it's been seconded.

21 All in favor, say aye.

22 (Chorus of ayes.)

1 Opposed, say nay.

2 (No response.)

3 The vote is 5 to zero and the Order as
4 edited is approved.

5 Item E-5 involves MidAmerican's
6 Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience
7 and Necessity to construct, operate and maintain a
8 transmission line in Rock Island, Mercer, Henry and
9 Knox Counties.

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

12 (No response.)

13 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

14 Item E-6 involves Ameren
15 Transmission's Application for a Certificate of
16 Public Convenience and Necessity to construct,
17 operate and maintain a transmission line in Peoria
18 and Knox counties.

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

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

1 Items E-7 and 8 concern Applications
2 for Certifications as Installers of Distributed
3 Generation Facilities.

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 E-9 involves a Petition to
10 Initiate a Proceeding to Investigate the Adoption of
11 a Utility Time-of-Use Rate. I believe we do have
12 some questions or comments on this.

13 Commissioner McCabe.

14 COMMISSIONER McCABE: While this Order applies to
15 utilities, it's a reminder that the Commission, SGAC
16 and others should look at whether there are barriers
17 that Retail Electric Suppliers face in offering
18 Time-of-Use Rates and dynamic pricing. If so, these
19 barriers should be addressed. As AMI implementation
20 continues and suppliers roll out TOU pricing,
21 customer education will increase in importance.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

1 Commissioner del Valle.

2 COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
3 I would like to thank all of those involved for
4 their continued work on empowering more Illinois
5 customers through Time-of-Use Rates.

6 The Smart Grid Advisory Council
7 rightly stated that dynamic pricing products like
8 these are a primary consumer benefit of the
9 modernization. Despite this, we have seen
10 lackluster progress marked by piecemeal litigation
11 and delays.

12 ComEd has accelerated the deployment
13 of AMI meters and with them the benefits that flow
14 directly to the company; but for these key benefits
15 flowing directly to the customer, we are approaching
16 the end of 2015 and we still lack a robust market
17 for these pricing programs.

18 ComEd customers will have spent a
19 projected \$1.5 billion in capital by the end of this
20 year on EIMA, including roughly \$600 million in AMI
21 capital and O&M costs. By the end of 2015, ComEd is
22 projected to have installed roughly 1.6 million AMI

1 meters.

2 Although the ComEd zone's dynamic
3 pricing programs had a cap of 100,000 customers at
4 the end of 2014, only two ARES companies provided
5 these products, and it was to only 230 customers. I
6 do not expect these numbers will have changed much
7 over a year's time.

8 I will vote for the Order because I
9 concur it is not the proper time to require the
10 utilities to provide a Time-of-Use Rate. I'm not
11 confident, however, that the ongoing process will,
12 in a timely fashion, establish a robust market. I
13 will be watching it closely and look forward to
14 discussing barriers, either in a formal or informal
15 fashion, in the near future.

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

17 Are there any objections or comments?

18 (No response.)

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

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

1 Item E-10 involves DTE Energy's
2 Petition to Withdraw its License as an Alternate
3 Retail Electric Supplier.

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

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

8 Item E-11 is a billing complaint filed
9 against ComEd.

10 Are there any objections to granting
11 the parties' Joint Motion to Dismiss?

12 (No response.)

13 Hearing none, the motion is approved.

14 Item E-12 is a request for waiver of
15 the metering requirements for a housing facility for
16 homeless veterans.

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

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

21 Moving on to our Gas Agenda, Item G-1
22 concerns Nicor's Reconciliation of Revenues

1 Collected under its Gas Adjustment Charges.

2 We have two matters before us in this
3 item. The first is a Request for Oral Argument and
4 the second is an Approval of the Proposed Order.

5 Is there a motion to deny the requests
6 for Oral Argument?

7 COMMISSIONER MAYE: So moved.

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

9 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 vote is 5 to zero and the request
15 for Oral argument is denied.

16 There are a number of non-substantive
17 edits to the proposed Order. We can consider
18 approving the Order at the same time.

19 Is there a motion to approve the Order
20 as edited?

21 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Seconded.

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 All those in favor, say aye.

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 Opposed, say nay.

7 (No response.)

8 The ayes have it. The Order is
9 approved.

10 Item G-2 concerns the Reconciliation
11 of Revenues Collected under MidAmerican's Gas
12 Adjustment Charges.

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

15 (No response.)

16 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

17 Item G-3 involves a billing complaint
18 against Peoples Gas.

19 Is there any objection to approving
20 the proposed Order and granting the parties' Joint
21 Motion to Dismiss?

22 (No response.)

1 Hearing none, the motion is granted
2 and the complaint is dismissed.

3 Items G-4, 5 and 6 involve the
4 Reconciliation of Revenues Collected under Ameren's
5 Coal Tar Riders.

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

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

11 Under the Telecommunications Agenda,
12 Item T-1 is a Petition Seeking Approval of the
13 Planned Transfer of Customers from Impact and
14 AmericaTel to Matrix and a Cancellation of Authority
15 to provide various telecommunications services.

16 Upon approval of this Order, is there
17 any objection approving the proposed Order?

18 (No response.)

19 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

20 Item T-2 involves granting People's
21 Operator USA Authority to Operate as a Reseller of
22 Telecommunications Services.

1 Is there any objection to approving
2 the proposed Order?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

5 Item T-3 concerns Nextel's Application
6 to Cancel its Certificate of Service Authority.

7 Is there any objection to approving
8 the proposed Order?

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

11 Under other business, we have two
12 other items of other business. The first is
13 Approval of the Procurement Administrator's
14 Selection of Winning Bids regarding the September
15 Solicitation of Bids to Sell Zonal Resource Credits
16 to Ameren.

17 Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 Is there a motion to approve the
20 Procurement Administrator's Recommendations?

21 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.

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

3 (Chorus of ayes.)

4 Opposed, say nay.

5 (No response.)

6 The ayes have it and the
7 recommendations are approved.

8 The second is a Resolution in support
9 of "Illinois Rail Safety Week" September 13th
10 through 19th.

11 The State of Illinois has the second
12 largest rail system in the country with 53 railroads
13 operating over 7,400 miles.

14 We also have a commensurate number of
15 standards to help educate and inform the public of
16 the importance of rail safety.

17 The Commission supports Rail Safety
18 Week September 13th through 19th and encourages
19 everyone to use the railways safely.

20 Is there a motion to adopt the
21 resolution?

22 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER MAYE: Seconded.

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

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 Opposed, say nay.

6 (No response.)

7 The vote is 5 to zero and the
8 resolution is adopted.

9 Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other
10 matters to come before the Commission this morning?

11 JUDGE KIMBREL: Nothing further.

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do we any other
13 matters to discuss?

14 MR. ZURAWSKI: Excuse me, Chairman. This is
15 Richard Zurawski down in Springfield. We do have
16 two other procurement matters on the agenda today
17 for the standard energy block procurements that were
18 recently completed.

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: If it wasn't clear, we voted
20 to approve all of them together.

21 MR. ZURAWSKI: Okay. So the first one on the
22 zonal resource credits we would actually be

1 approving all three procurement credits?

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Correct.

3 MR. ZURAWSKI: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. Any other business,
5 Commissioners?

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, we stand adjourn. Thank
8 you.

9 (Whereupon, the above matter
10 was adjourned.)

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