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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
Thursday, September 18th, 2019  
Springfield, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. at  
160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and  
at 527 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

PRESENT:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairman
- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Commissioner
- SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner
- MARIA S. BOCANEGRA, Commissioner
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner

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1 (Hearing start time: 10:30 a.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning. Are we  
3 ready to proceed in Chicago?

4 MS. OLIVA: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Under the  
6 Open Meetings Act I call the September 18th, 2019  
7 Regular Open Meeting to order. Commissioner Kimbrel  
8 is with me in Springfield. Commissioners Bocanegra,  
9 Oliva and Sheahan are in Chicago. We have a  
10 quorum. We have no requests to speak.

11 Moving on to our public utilities agenda.  
12 There are edits to the September 5th, 2018  
13 Special Open Meeting minutes. Any objection to  
14 approving the minutes as edited? Hearing none,  
15 the minutes are approved.

16 Item E-1 concerns docket 18-1617, which  
17 is an application for a permanent certificate of  
18 public convenience and necessity to own, control,  
19 operate and manage electric transmission  
20 facilities and to provide electric transmission  
21 services over facilities located partly in Massac  
22 County, Illinois. The Order grants the  
23 Applicant's Motion to Withdraw and dismiss the  
24 Application.

1           Are there any objections to approving the  
2 Order? Hearing none, the Order is approved.

3           Item E-2 concerns a consolidated docket  
4 18-1725 and 18-1824, which is ComEd's petition to  
5 approve Tariffs for a proposed rate residential  
6 type of use pricing pilot.

7           This item will be held for later  
8 disposition. Oral argument in this docket is  
9 scheduled for Monday, September 23rd, 2019 at  
10 10:00 a.m.

11           Item E-3 concerns docket 18-1772, which  
12 is ComEd's proposed revision to Rider Residential  
13 Real Time Pricing Program. The proposal is to  
14 establish a one-year pilot program that would  
15 invite a limited number of customers who are  
16 likely to save money under this rider to enroll  
17 on a risk-free basis during the term of the  
18 pilot.

19           The Order approves the rider revisions  
20 and authorizes ComEd to file respective new  
21 tariff sheets. Are there any objections to  
22 approving the Order? Hearing none, the Order is  
23 approved.

24           Item E-4 through E-6 concern Ameren's

1 request to reconcile revenues and costs  
2 associated with coal tar clean-up expenditures  
3 under the coal tar riders. The Orders approve  
4 the reconciliation.

5 Are there any objections to considering  
6 these items together and approving the Orders?  
7 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

8 Item E-7 concerns docket 19-0441, which  
9 is Sunrise Energy's petition to initiate a  
10 proceeding to investigate the Illinois Power  
11 Agency's adjustable block program lottery. This  
12 item is being held for later disposition.

13 Item E-8 concerns docket 19-0458, which  
14 is a petition for approval of an exclusive  
15 electric service areas of agreement relating to  
16 the City of Carmi and certain portions of White  
17 County.

18 The agreement is between Wayne-White  
19 Counties' Electric Cooperative and the City of  
20 Carmi. The Order approves the agreement. Are  
21 there any objections to approving the Order?  
22 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

23 Item E-9 concerns docket 19-0664, which  
24 is an application for authority to install a

1 distributed generation facility in Illinois. The  
2 Order grants the certificate finding that the  
3 applicant meets the requirements. Are there  
4 objections to approving the Order? Hearing none,  
5 the Order is approved.

6 Item E-10 and 11 concern dockets 19-0825  
7 and 19-0842. These items involve Ameren's  
8 petition to approve the release of its customers  
9 to the Village of Chatham and Corn Belt Energy.  
10 The Orders approve the customer release.

11 Are there any objections to considering  
12 these items together and approving the Orders?  
13 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

14 Item E-12 concerns docket 19-0826, which  
15 is an application for authority to operate as an  
16 Alternate Retail Electric Supplier in Illinois.  
17 The Order grants their certificate. Are there  
18 any objections to approving the Order? Hearing  
19 none, the Order is approved.

20 Items E-13 through E-25 concern  
21 Application for Authority to Install Energy  
22 Efficient Measures. The Order grants the  
23 certificates. Are there any objections to  
24 considering these items together? Hearing none,

1 the Orders are approved.

2 Now, moving onto our gas items.

3 Item G-1 concerns GRM19-233, which is North  
4 Shore Gas' request to remove the unincorporated  
5 town of Half Day from its listing of areas  
6 served due to its annexation by the Village  
7 of Vernon Hills.

8 The staff has reviewed the filing and  
9 recommends not suspending the filing. Are there  
10 any objections to not suspending the filing?  
11 Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

12 Item G-2 concerns docket 19-0292, which  
13 is Bolt Energy's Petition for Confidential  
14 Treatment of its Alternate Gas Supplier Report.  
15 The Order grants the petition. Are there any  
16 objections to approving the Order? Hearing none,  
17 the Order is approved.

18 Item G-3 concerns docket 19-0411, which  
19 is Consumer Gas' petition seeking authority to  
20 enter into a gas storage contract with Egyptian  
21 Gas Storage Corporation. The Order grants the  
22 petition. Are there any objections to approving  
23 the Order? Hearing none, the Order is approved.

24 Item G-4 concerns docket 19-0885, which

1 is Consumer Gas' petition to enter into a lease  
2 agreement for office space with CA Robinson  
3 Trust. The interim Order extends the effective  
4 period of the present office lease until a final  
5 Order is entered in this docket.

6 Are there any objections to approving the  
7 interim Order? Hearing none, the Order is  
8 approved.

9 Item G-5 concerns docket 19-0684, which  
10 is the Department of Commerce and Economic  
11 Opportunity's request to improve its energy  
12 efficiency evaluation reports for electric  
13 program years seven, eight and nine, and gas  
14 program years four, five, six.

15 Staff has reviewed the reports and  
16 recommends approving the energy savings. The  
17 Order approves the reports. Are there any  
18 objections to approving the Order? Hearing none,  
19 the Order is approved.

20 Item G-6 concerns docket 19-0766, which  
21 is a complaint against People's Gas about alleged  
22 negligence causing long-term disruption of  
23 service. The parties filed a Stipulation and  
24 Joint Motion to Dismiss.

1           Are there any objections to granting the  
2 motion to dismiss the complaint? Hearing none,  
3 the motion is granted.

4           Moving onto our Water and Sewer Items,  
5 Items W-1 and W-2 concern 18-1093 and 18-1498,  
6 which are applications for certificates of  
7 public convenience and necessity.

8           Aqua Illinois wishes to provide  
9 wastewater service to the Village of Grant Park  
10 in Kankakee County, and Illinois American wishes  
11 to provide water and wastewater service to areas  
12 in Peoria County and to purchase certain assets  
13 of the Village of Glasford, Illinois.

14           The Order grants the certificates and  
15 approves the Applications. Are there any objections  
16 to considering these items together and approving  
17 the Orders? Hearing none, the Orders are  
18 approved.

19           We have one miscellaneous item. Item M-1  
20 is docket 19-0033, which concerns amendments to  
21 83 Illinois Administrative Code 310, the waiver  
22 of filing and approval of certain contracts and  
23 arrangements with affiliated interests.

24           The amendment updates statutory citations



1 and references in the rules to conform to the  
2 current Federal and state law and allow  
3 electronic alternatives to use for publication  
4 for competitive bidding process. The Order  
5 drafts the rule upon receiving no objections from  
6 JCAR. Are there objections to approving the  
7 Order? Hearing none, the Order's approved.

8           We have three items under other business.  
9 Item O-1 concerns approval of the Procurement  
10 Administrator's recommendations regarding the  
11 Illinois Power Agency's solicitation of bids to  
12 sell zonal resource credits to Ameren under  
13 Section 16-111.5 of the Act.

14           Are there objections to approving the  
15 procurement of the Administrator's  
16 recommendations on selection of -- excuse me --  
17 winning bids? Hearing none, the recommendations  
18 are approved.

19           Item O-2 concerns approval of Batches,  
20 Contracts and Confirmations under the Adjustable  
21 Block Program. Are there any objections to  
22 approving the Program Administrator's submission?

23           Hearing none, the submissions are  
24 approved.

1           Item O-3 concerns authorizing the  
2 Commission Interim Director to execute a contract  
3 with Liberty Consulting Group to  
4 review costs associated with the People's Gas  
5 System Modernization Program in Rider QIP as  
6 directed in docket 16-0376.

7           We're going to hold this item for later  
8 disposition. This concludes our public utilities  
9 agenda. At this time, I'd like to invite Chip  
10 Pew, who is the State Coordinator for Illinois  
11 Operations Lifesaver to speak on rail safety.

12           Chip, I believe you're in Chicago?

13           MR. PEW: Is that on?

14           CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: We can hear you.

15           MR. PEW: Okay. Thanks for having me,  
16 Commissioners. We're about to undertake our  
17 sixth rail safety week here in Illinois. And  
18 staff of the Commission's Transportation Bureau  
19 Rail Safety Section would like to thank Governor  
20 J.B. Pritzker for proclaiming rail safety week  
21 the week of September 22nd to 28th in Illinois.

22           In 2018 there were 86 vehicle/train  
23 collisions at public highway rail crossings in  
24 Illinois, resulting in 15 fatalities.

1           In addition, another 40 pedestrian  
2 trespassers were struck by trains resulting in 22  
3 fatalities. Considering that more than 85  
4 percent of the collisions occur at public grade  
5 crossings equipped with active warning devices,  
6 rail safety education outreach is imperative to  
7 improving rail safety here in Illinois.

8           Working with the Illinois Association  
9 Chiefs of Police and dozens of other rail safety  
10 partners across the state, the Illinois Commerce  
11 Commission challenges everyone to learn more  
12 about railroad safety by visiting the  
13 transportation page of the ICC website at  
14 [icc.illinois.org](http://icc.illinois.org), or by visiting the Operational  
15 Lifesaver, Incorporated website at [oli.org](http://oli.org).

16           CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Thanks, Chip. Thanks  
17 for speaking on an important safety issue. Judge  
18 Teague-Kinsley, do we have any other matters  
19 before the Commission today?

20           JUDGE TEAGUE-KINGSLEY: No, Madam  
21 Chairman.

22           MS. ZALEWSKI: Do we have any other  
23 business to discuss? Hearing none, without  
24 objections, this meeting is adjourned. Thank

1 you.

2 (Hearing end time: 10:45 a.m.)

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