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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

BENCH SESSION

(TRANSPORTATION)

Chicago, Illinois  
Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m.,  
September 30, 2015.

PRESENT:

- MR. BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
- MS. ANN McCABE, Commissioner
- MR. MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
- MR. JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner
- MS. SHERINA MAYE, Commissioner (telephonically)

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1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: There are no edits to our  
2 September 10, 2015 Transportation Bench Session  
3 Minutes. Are there any objections to approving the  
4 minutes?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the minutes  
7 are approved.

8 Moving on to our Transportation  
9 Railroad Agenda, Items RR-1 through 4 are stipulated  
10 agreements authorizing grade crossing safety  
11 improvement projects throughout Illinois.

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

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are  
17 approved.

18 Moving on to our Motor Carriers  
19 Agenda, Items MC-1 through 5 are all stipulated  
20 agreements concerning alleged violations of the  
21 Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.

22 Are there any objections to

1 considering these items together and approving the  
2 proposed Orders?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are  
5 approved.

6 Under Collateral Recovery, Item CR-1  
7 involves an Application for a Class "E" Recovery  
8 Permit pursuant to the Collateral Recovery Act.

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

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is  
13 approved.

14 Moving on to Administrative Matters  
15 under the Transportation Agenda, Item AM-1 concerns  
16 the Transportation Regulatory Fund's 2015 Annual  
17 Report.

18 Steve Matrisch, I believe you're  
19 available to provide a brief summary?

20 MR. STEVE MATRISCH: Yes, Chairman. Good  
21 morning, Chairman and Commissioners.

22 Agenda Item AM-1 is a recommendation

1 to the Commission to approve the Fiscal Year 2015  
2 Transportation Regulatory Fund Annual Report. Per  
3 the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law, the  
4 Commission is required to submit this report to the  
5 Governor and the General Assembly, and the report is  
6 to contain expenditures from the Transportation  
7 Regulatory Fund.

8 This year's report contained a summary  
9 of the revenue deposited into the fund as well as  
10 Commission expenses and a listing of the Staff  
11 positions paid by that fund. For Fiscal Year 2015,  
12 the total amount of revenue deposited into the fund  
13 was \$11.6 million dollars. Of that amount,  
14 approximately, 7.4 million was derived from Motor  
15 Carrier, Tele, Collateral Recovery, and Warehousing  
16 activities. 4.2 million came from the railroad  
17 industry, or the Grade Crossing Protection Fund.

18 Of the \$11.6 million dollars, more  
19 than half -- or 6.5 million -- came from just two  
20 sources: The Unified Carrier Registration Program,  
21 which is an annual registration that the  
22 Transportation Bureau performs of interstate motor

1 carriers in the state of Illinois, and 3 million from  
2 a Grade Crossing Protection Fund that is used by the  
3 Commission for administrative purposes relating to  
4 our rail safety activities. The Unified Carrier  
5 Registration and Grade Crossing Protection Fund  
6 amounts have remained at their current levels for a  
7 number of years and are set by law.

8                   The largest increase in revenue for  
9 FY 2015 was from the Collateral Recovery industry.  
10 The first year that the Commission regulated that  
11 industry, which was FY 2013, we collected just a  
12 little over \$541,000 in revenue. The second year  
13 that amount was \$783,000. For FY 2015, the total  
14 revenue from Collateral Recovery licensing activity  
15 is \$1.2 million dollars. That increase is primarily  
16 caused by rule-making that became effective in the  
17 spring of 2014.

18                   As for expenses that are reflected in  
19 this year's report, \$10.5 million dollars was spent  
20 from the fund. This amount reflects a \$660,000  
21 decrease from the prior fiscal year due largely to  
22 vacancies being unfilled and a reduction in travel

1 commodity and equipment costs.

2                   For FY '15, 5-and-a-half million was  
3 spent on personnel services. This amount is more  
4 than \$300,000 less than what had been spent each of  
5 the prior three fiscal years. In FY 2015, 62 ICC  
6 Staff positions were paid for with Transportation  
7 Regulatory Fund dollars. 15 of those positions were  
8 outside of the Transportation Bureau and include  
9 positions from the Office of the Chairman and  
10 Commissioners, the Executive Director's Office, Human  
11 Resources, External Affairs, Information Technology,  
12 and Administrative Services.

13                   I recommend that the Commission  
14 approve the report presented to you today, and I will  
15 be happy to answer any questions that the Chairman or  
16 the Commissioners may have for me.

17                   CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Do we have any questions?  
18 Commissioner De Valle?

19                   COMMISSIONER DE VALLE: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of quick questions.

21                   Are all of the fees and fines that are  
22 transportation-related that are collected by the

1 Commission reflected in this fund?

2 MR. STEVE MATRISCH: Yes. They are all  
3 deposited into the Transportation Fund.

4 COMMISSIONER DE VALLE: There are no  
5 exclusions?

6 MR. STEVE MATRISCH: Not that I am aware of,  
7 Commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER DE VALLE: Okay. I know we're  
9 covering personnel. Are we covering any  
10 non-personnel costs with the fund?

11 MR. STEVE MATRISCH: Yes. Non-personnel costs  
12 would be such things as --

13 By "personnel costs" I assume you mean  
14 salary?

15 COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: Right.

16 MR. STEVE MATRISCH: Yes. Other costs include  
17 travel equipment commodities, the things that we need  
18 to operate in the Transportation Bureau.

19 COMMISSIONER DE VALLE: And unlike other  
20 agencies, will we have authorization to spend the  
21 non-personnel dollars?

22 MR. STEVE MATRISCH: For FY '15?

1           COMMISSIONER DE VALLE: For this fiscal year,  
2 this next fiscal year -- the current fiscal year.

3           MR. STEVE MATRISCH: No. This report reflects  
4 revenue and expenses for FY '15, which ended on June  
5 30th.

6           COMMISSIONER DE VALLE: I understand that. I'm  
7 talking about the current fiscal year. We don't have  
8 authorization to spend non-personnel dollars out of  
9 that fund; is that correct?

10          MR. STEVE MATRISCH: I believe that question is  
11 best posed to someone other than me. My  
12 understanding is that the Transportation Bureau and  
13 the Commission as a whole have the same issues as  
14 other State agencies.

15          COMMISSIONER DE VALLE: Okay. Thank you.  
16 You've answered my question. Thank you.

17          CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any other questions?

18                               (No response.)

19          CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. Thank you, Steve.

20                               Is there a motion to approve the  
21 report?

22          COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.



1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.

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

4 (Chorus of Ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed say, Nay.

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The Ayes have it, and the  
8 report is approved.

9 Moving on to our Public Utilities  
10 Agenda, there are edits to the minutes of our  
11 September 10, 2015 Regular Opening Meeting.

12 Are there any objections to approving  
13 the minutes as edited?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the minutes as  
16 edited are approved.

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