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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN MEETING
Wednesday, November 1, 2018
Chicago, Illinois

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

PRESENT:

- BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
- SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner
- JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner (via telephonically)
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner (via videoconference)
- ANASTASIA PALIVOS, Acting Commissioner

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1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning.

2 Are we ready to proceed in
3 Springfield?

4 CHIEF CLERK: We are.

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open
6 Meetings Act, I call the November 1st, 2018, Regular
7 Open Meeting to order. Commissioners Oliva and
8 Acting Commissioner Palivos are with me in Chicago.
9 Commissioner Kimbrel is in Springfield. We have a
10 quorum.

11 Commissioner Rosales is seeking to
12 participate by phone. Commissioner Rosales, are you
13 with us?

14 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: I am, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Are there any objections to
16 allowing Commissioner Rosales to participate by
17 phone?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, Commissioner
20 Rosales is granted permission to participate by
21 phone.

22 We have two requests to speak this

1 morning. As a reminder, you'll have three minutes.
2 We'll let you know when you have two minutes left,
3 one minute left, and when your time has expired.

4 Please be aware that while the
5 Commission affords the public an opportunity to
6 comment, we will not respond directly to your
7 comments. Your comments will be made part of the
8 record. However, they cannot be relied on to resolve
9 disputed issues of fact in contested cases.

10 Our first speaker is Vern see.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Chairman, they're both here
12 in Springfield again.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. Okay.

14 MR. VERN C: Chairman Sheahan and
15 Commissioners:

16 My comments refer to the Illinois
17 Rivers Project. First off, I'm in favor of renewable
18 energy. When you flip the switch, I want lights just
19 like everyone else.

20 Here's a copy of the sign-in sheet of
21 the Electric Transmission Planning/Approval meeting
22 held here in this building on July 8th, 2014, called

1 by the ICC and the Illinois Department of
2 Agriculture. This is my recollection of that
3 meeting.

4 The utilities were more strongly
5 represented than the public or consumer. They spoke
6 of job creation and the reliability of power new
7 transmission lines would effect. There were many
8 strained arms by their constant effort to pat
9 themselves on the back.

10 When I was finally allowed to speak, I
11 said, "I am a landowner. My question is, How many of
12 these ominous lines do you intend to cross our state
13 with?"

14 The mood quickly changed. The
15 response was "We don't have that information in front
16 of us." Ameren's CEO said, "We did not suppose the
17 landowner had a stake in this." Senator Rose went
18 ballistic, explaining that we certainly do. He
19 introduced a bill which passed the Senate 58 to
20 nothing, 58 to nothing to protect future landowners.
21 We win a battle.

22 Someone finally said, "When are you

1 going to answer this man's question?" The response
2 was 9 to 11 proposed lines to cross our state. The
3 fish certainly swim toward that government money. I
4 believe most of these lines have been abandoned due
5 to this meeting. We win another battle: wind farms
6 in Illinois -- new wind farms in Illinois and
7 Indiana, and the change in government policy.

8 It appears proposing these lines was
9 influenced by government policy to promote renewable
10 energy. As usual, a well-intended program has been
11 misdirected to increase their bottom line.

12 Here's a copy of a sale bill of 6,200
13 acres of strip-mined land in east central Illinois
14 and west central Indiana which already has a
15 transmission line running through it, very close to
16 the Sugar Creek generating station, where the
17 Illinois Rivers Projects intend to go. It may, in
18 fact, go to the Sugar Creek station. I don't know.

19 The land was sold in 60 or so lots
20 ranging in price from 3- to \$500 per acre. A perfect
21 place to make renewable energy, near population
22 without the need of additional lines, yet no utility

1 made a bid. We have won a few battles yet the war
2 rages on, wasting our money we could spend on needed
3 things.

4 The job of regulating the utilities
5 and acting in the best interest -- interest of the
6 consumer is truly difficult. The Illinois Rivers
7 Project has hundreds of flaws. I ask that you
8 terminate it at the Kansas substation.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir.

11 Our next speaker is Tom Ogle.

12 MR. TOM OGLE: Thank you.

13 My name is Tom Ogle. Thank you for
14 this opportunity to speak.

15 Shortly after the Illinois Commerce
16 Commission approved the Kansas-Indiana State Line
17 segment of the Illinois Rivers on August -- or
18 Illinois Rivers Project on August 20th, 2013,
19 landowners received certified letters on or around
20 September 10th, 2013. This was our first knowledge
21 that an intervener's segment of a hybrid line would
22 cross a large segment of Edgar County.

1 A group of us affected filed an
2 application for rehearing in a timely manner with
3 this Commission. We were denied. We then pled our
4 case to the Fourth Appellate Court. That court ruled
5 we were premature because our property rights were
6 not at risk yet, because it was merely a line drawn
7 on a map.

8 Later, Ameren filed condemnation on 34
9 landowners on this segment. Ameren accepted our 34
10 sworn statements of no notice into evidence. Judge
11 DeArmond granted our motion to dismiss on the grounds
12 that the application [sic] version of Section 8-406.1
13 was unconstitutional.

14 Recently, the Illinois Supreme Court
15 Justices were not unanimous in their opinions. Our
16 Constitutional rights have still not been addressed
17 over five years later.

18 How did the expedited review provision
19 work on our segment of the Illinois Rivers Project?
20 Not very expedited.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir.

1 That concludes our Public Comments.

2 We'll now move into our Public Utility Agenda.

3 There are edits to the October 10th
4 Policy Session Minutes.

5 Are there any objections to approving
6 the Minutes as edited?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Minutes
9 are approved.

10 Item E-1 concerns MidAmerican's
11 reconciliation of revenue collected under its fuel
12 adjustment charges.

13 Are there any objections to approving
14 the Proposed Order approving the reconciliation?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
17 approved.

18 Item E-2 concerns Ameren's
19 reconciliation of revenues collected under its
20 utility consolidated billing and purchase of
21 receivables program.

22 Are there any objections to approving

1 the Proposed Order approving the reconciliation?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
4 approved.

5 Item E-3 concerns MidAmerican's
6 Reconciliation of Revenues Collected under its
7 Transmission Service Rider.

8 Are there any objections to approving
9 the Proposed Order approving the reconciliation?

10 (No response.)

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

13 Item E-4 concerns Ameren's annual
14 formula rate update.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the Proposed Order approving the reconciliation and
17 rate increase?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
20 approved.

21 Item E-5 concerns Ameren's petition
22 for the approval of Customer Generation Rebate and

1 Customer Generation Charge Rider.

2 Are there any objections to approving
3 the Proposed Order approving the Petition?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
6 approved.

7 Item E-6 concerns American's --
8 Ameren's petition for the approval of various updates
9 and changes to its Energy Efficiency and Demand
10 Response Investment Rider.

11 Are there any objections to approving
12 the Proposed Order approving the Petition?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
15 approved.

16 Item E-7 concerns MC Squared Energy
17 Services' application for authority to operate as an
18 Alternative Electric Supplier.

19 Are there any objections to approving
20 the Proposed Order approving the application?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is

1 approved.

2 Item E-8 and 9 concern applications
3 for authority to operate as Agents, Brokers and
4 Consultants.

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

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are
10 approved.

11 Item E-10 through 31 concern
12 Applications for Authority to Install Energy
13 Efficiency Measures.

14 Are there any objections to
15 considering these items together and approving the
16 Proposed Orders?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are
19 approved.

20 Item G-1 concerns MidAmerican's
21 Reconciliation of Revenues collected under its gas
22 adjustment charges.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the Proposed Order approving the reconciliation?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
5 approved.

6 Item G-2 concerns Ameren's rate
7 increase.

8 Are there any objections to approving
9 the Proposed Order approving the rate increase?

10 (No response.)

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

13 Moving on to Other Business, Item O-1
14 concerns the consolidated FERC Docket No. EL 18-178.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the ICC's Reply Comments?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Comments
19 are approved.

20 Judge Teague Kingsley, do you have any
21 matters to bring before the Commission this morning?

22 JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do any of you
2 have any other business you'd like to discuss this
3 morning?

4 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: No, Mr. Chairman.

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none and without
7 objection, the meeting is adjourned.

8 Thank you.

9 (Whereupon the above
10 matter was adjourned.)

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