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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY SPECIAL OPEN MEETING
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Springfield, Illinois

Met, pursuant to notice, at 11:30 a.m.

BEFORE:

- CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairperson
- D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner
- MARIA S. BOCANEGRA, Commissioner
(Via audiovisual conference)
- MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner

Reported by:
Carla J. Boehl
CSR #084-002710

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning. I'm going to
3 go ahead and proceed. Under the Open Meetings Act, I
4 call the December 1, 2021, Special Open Meeting to
5 order. Commissioners Carrigan and Kimbrel are with
6 me in Springfield, and Commissioner Bocanegra is in
7 the Chicago office. We have all four Commissioners,
8 and, therefore, a quorum. We have no requests to
9 speak.

10 Moving on to our Public Utilities
11 agenda, there are no edits to the November 4, 2021,
12 Regular Open Meeting minutes.

13 Are there any objections to approving
14 the minutes?

15 (No response.)

16 Hearing none, the minutes are
17 approved.

18 Item E-1 concerns emergency rules
19 proposed by Staff to reconcile Public Act 102-662
20 with Part 466, Electric Interconnection of
21 Distributed Generation Facilities. The proposed
22 amendment of Section 466.90 sets a standardized cost

1 for Level 1 interconnection at \$200, and the proposed
2 amendment Section 466.130 contains provisions for the
3 use of an ombudsman to resolve the disputes
4 concerning interconnection, as required in Public Act
5 102-662. The emergency rules would remain in effect
6 for 150 days, the maximum period allowed by the
7 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The general
8 rulemaking to accomplish the same results on a
9 permanent basis is underway in Docket 20-0700. The
10 Order adopts the emergency amendments.

11 Are there any objections to approving
12 the Order?

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

15 Item E-2 concerns emergency rules
16 governing the stakeholder process for the integrated
17 grid planning required by Public Act 102-662. The
18 proposed rules add Part 475 to the Commission rules -
19 the Multi-Year Integrated Grid Plans, that prescribes
20 rules for the initial utility filings, the workshop
21 process, data requests, the handling of confidential
22 materials, as well as the post-workshop comment

1 period, and the preparation and submission of a
2 report by the facilitator.

3 The Commission finds that the
4 emergency rules proposed by Staff strike an
5 appropriate balance between the interests of various
6 parties, allowing for broad, diverse participation
7 and robust exchanges of information, while not
8 imposing undue burdens on any party. The Order
9 adopts proposed emergency rules with an effective
10 date of December 14, 2021, and to remain in effect
11 for 150 days.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the Order?

14 (No response.)

15 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

16 Item E-3 concerns a protective order
17 governing the stakeholder engagement in the
18 Multi-Year Integrated Grid Planning process under
19 section -- under Public Act 102-662. Staff report
20 recommends that the Commission enter a protective
21 order, noting that it is probable that persons and
22 entities unfamiliar with the Commission rules and

1 practices and with the handling of confidential
2 materials generally, will practice in the stakeholder
3 process. The Order adopts the protective order
4 applicable to both the stakeholder process and the
5 independent baseline assessments.

6 Are there any objections to approving
7 the Order?

8 (No response.)

9 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

10 Item E-4 concerns MidAmerican's filing
11 to create a new Rider Unmetered Service (or Rider
12 US). MidAmerican proposes this tariff as a
13 methodology to permit customers with eligible small
14 electric devices with constant and readily calculable
15 usage, that is otherwise impractical or unsafe to
16 meter, to receive unmetered electric service. The
17 Commission Staff recommends not suspending the
18 filing.

19 Are there any objections to not
20 suspending the filing?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the filing is not

1 suspended.

2 Items E-5 through E-7 concern Ameren's
3 reconciliation of revenues collected under its coal
4 tar riders for Zones I, II and III. The Orders
5 approve the reconciliation as set in the appendices
6 to the Orders, finding that the costs during the
7 reconciliation period were prudently incurred.

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

11 (No response.)

12 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

13 Item E-8 concerns ComEd's
14 reconciliation of revenues collected under its power
15 procurement riders for the reconciliation period of
16 June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020. The Order
17 approves the reconciliation as set in the appendix to
18 the Order.

19 Are there any objections to approving
20 the Order?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

1 Item E-9 concerns MidAmerican's
2 reconciliation of revenues collected under Rider TS
3 (or Transmission Service) for 2020. The Order
4 approves the reconciliation as set in the appendix to
5 the Order.

6 Are there any objections to approving
7 the Order?

8 (No response.)

9 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

10 Item E-10 concerns Ameren's
11 reconciliation of revenues collected under Rider CGR
12 (or Customer Generation Rebate) and CGC (or Customer
13 Generation Charge) for 2020. The Order approves the
14 reconciliation as set in the appendix to the Order.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the Order?

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

19 Item E-11 concerns Mt. Carmel's
20 reconciliation of revenues collected under its Rider
21 Electric Public Utility Fund Deficit Charge (or
22 EPUFDC) and its Rider Gas Public Utility Fund Deficit

1 Charge (or GPUFDC) for the period from July 1, 2020,
2 through June 30, 2021. The Order approves the
3 reconciliation as set in the appendices to the Order.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 the Order?

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

8 Item E-12 concerns Docket 21-0365
9 which is American Illinois' annual formula rate
10 update under its Rate MAP-P Modernization Action
11 Plan. The Attorney General's Office filed a request
12 for oral arguments on the issue of capital structure
13 and other issues raised in the AG's Brief on
14 Exceptions.

15 Are there any objections to granting
16 the request for oral argument?

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing none, the request is granted.

19 The Commission will host the oral argument on
20 December 8 of 2021. A Notice of Oral Argument will
21 be issued shortly.

22 Item E-13 concerns Docket 21-0367

1 which is ComEd's annual formula rate update and
2 revenue requirement reconciliation. The single
3 contested issue in this proceeding concerns the
4 amortization of excess deferred income taxes (or
5 EDIT). The Order finds that the plain language of
6 P.A. 102-0662 requires a separate proceeding to
7 determine how to refund customers, and that any Order
8 in that new docket will have the effect of
9 superseding the ruling on EDIT reached in this
10 proceeding. Therefore, the Order concludes that it
11 is reasonable to calculate EDIT using the methods
12 that have been approved in prior dockets until the
13 issue is addressed in the upcoming docket.

14 Are there any objections to approving
15 the Order?

16 (No response.)

17 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

18 Item E-14 concerns Ameren's petition
19 for approval of the annual update to cost inputs for
20 Rider Energy Efficiency and Demand Response
21 Investment (or Rider EE). The Company also seeks the
22 approval of the annual savings values calculated by

1 the independent evaluator, the authorization of the
2 performance incentive pursuant to Rider Annual
3 Performance Modifier (or Rider APM), and, third, the
4 approval of the proposed charges under Rider EE to go
5 into effect with the January 2022 billing period.
6 The Order approves the reconciliation and revenue
7 requirements as set in the appendix to the Order and
8 approves Ameren's petition as amended in this
9 proceeding.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the Order?

12 (No response.)

13 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

14 MS. TEAGUE KINGSLEY: Pardon me, Chairman. I
15 have a quick question. For E-12, 21-0365, I wanted
16 to clarify the Order is being held, correct?

17 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Yes. The Order is being
18 held because we're granting oral arguments. Is it
19 suggested I call a vote to hold the Order or do I
20 just -- I guess I'll just say it. The Order for the
21 Docket 21-0365 is being held because of oral
22 arguments that are being held on December 8. Does

1 that answer your question?

2 MS. TEAGUE KINGSLEY: Yes, it does. And I
3 wanted to confirm that there was a vote on 21-0367,
4 on that Order, correct?

5 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: I believe so. I did call a
6 vote on Item E-13. I believe I did call a vote.

7 MS. ROLANDO: I believe you did.

8 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Okay. We are on Items E-15
9 and 16. I think that's right.

10 Items E-15 and 16 concern applications
11 for licenses to operate as Retail Electric Supply
12 Agents, Brokers and Consultants in Illinois. The
13 Orders grant the licenses, finding that the
14 applicants meet the requirements.

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

18 (No response.)

19 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

20 Items E-17 and E-18 concern
21 applications for Certificates of Service Authority to
22 install, maintain and repair electric vehicle

1 charging stations. The Orders grant the licenses,
2 finding that the applicants meet the requirements.

3 Are there any objections to
4 considering these items together and approving the
5 Orders?

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

8 Item E-19 concerns an application for
9 certification to install distributed generation
10 facilities in Illinois. The Order grants the
11 certificate, finding that the applicant meets the
12 requirements.

13 Are there any objections to approving
14 the Order?

15 (No response.)

16 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

17 Items E-20 and E-21 concern
18 applications for certifications to install energy
19 efficiency measures in Illinois. The Orders grant
20 the certificates, finding that the applicants meet
21 the requirements.

22 Are there any objections to

1 considering these items together and approving the
2 Orders?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

5 Moving on to our Gas items, Item G-1
6 concerns North Shore's filing creating a Rider TPTFA
7 (the Third-Party Transaction Fee Adjustment) to
8 recover the third-party billed costs of customer
9 credit card use from all customers. Staff recommends
10 suspending the filing, noting that Rider TPTFA
11 creates a new methodology for recovering expenses
12 related to direct third-party bill payment
13 transaction fees, and that the ICC has not reviewed
14 this methodology.

15 Are there any objections to suspending
16 the filing?

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing none, the filing is suspended.

19 Item G-2 concerns a complaint against
20 North Shore, alleging that North Shore disconnected
21 the complainant's gas without notice. Complainant
22 refused the installation of a new remote reading

1 device, asserting that it would have negative
2 implications on her health. After complainant
3 refused the installation, the North Shore employee
4 disconnected the gas service without informing the
5 complainant.

6 The Order finds that the North Shore's
7 Motion to Dismiss should be granted because the
8 Commission-approved tariffs clearly state that North
9 Shore may use remote reading devices, which includes
10 any device that reads the meter. Additionally,
11 complainant's request to opt out of a new ERT device
12 installation due to health concerns cannot be granted
13 by the Commission as the complainant has not cited
14 any law or tariff supporting the request. The Order
15 grants the Motion to Dismiss and dismisses the
16 proceeding with prejudice.

17 Are there any objections to approving
18 the Order?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

21 Item G-3 concerns a complaint against
22 Peoples Gas alleging that the complainant was

1 overcharged at a Class 2 rate due to an oversized
2 meter. The complainant states that on October 23 of
3 2020 Peoples Gas replaced its meter with a smaller
4 meter, changing his rate from Class 2 to Class 1, and
5 he is now requesting a refund for the difference --
6 the refund between what he was charged as a Class 2
7 rather than a Class 1.

8 The Order finds that it was the
9 complainant's responsibility to select the service
10 classification or rider under which he wished to
11 receive service, and thus denies the complaint.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the Order?

14 (No response.)

15 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

16 Item G-4 concerns North Shore and
17 Peoples Gas's petition to reconcile revenues under
18 Rider VBA (or Volume Balancing Adjustment Rider) for
19 2020 calendar year. The Order approves the
20 reconciliation as set in the appendix to the Order,
21 finding that the costs during the reconciliation
22 period were prudently incurred.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the Order?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

5 Item G-5 concerns Liberty's petition to
6 reconcile revenues under Rider VBA (or Volume
7 Balancing Adjustment Rider) for 2020 calendar year.
8 The Order approves the reconciliation as set in the
9 appendices to the Order, finding that the costs
10 during the reconciliation period were prudently
11 incurred.

12 Are there any objections to approving
13 the Order?

14 (No response.)

15 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

16 Under our Telecommunications items,
17 Item T-1 concerns a Commission Order pursuant to
18 Section 770.40(e) of the Commission rules setting
19 maximum rates and charges for the intrastate operator
20 services, effective January 1 of 2022. The new
21 maximum rates are based on updated GDP and other
22 macroeconomic factors that have changed in 2021.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the Order?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

5 Items T-2 through T-4 concern
6 applications for certificates to provide
7 telecommunications services in Illinois. The Orders
8 grant the certificates, finding that the applicants
9 meet the requirements.

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

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

15 Item T-5 concerns Illinois Bell
16 Telephone Company's petition to relinquish its
17 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Service status in
18 portions of its territory in Illinois. The Order
19 grants the petition, finding that the customers in
20 the designated relinquishment area will continue to
21 be able to obtain a Lifeline discount from other
22 carriers.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the Order?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

5 Under the Water and Sewer items, Item
6 W-1 concerns Utility Services of Illinois' proposed
7 increase in rates for water and sewer services. The
8 Order approves the proposed increase, subject to the
9 adjustments specified in the Order and its
10 appendices.

11 Are there any objections to approving
12 the Order?

13 (No response.)

14 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

15 Item W-2 concerns Illinois-American's
16 reconciliation of revenues collected under its
17 Variable Income Tax Rider (or Rider VIT) for 2020 and
18 for the rate effective period of April 1, 2020,
19 through March 31, 2021, for the Company's Zone 1,
20 Pekin, Lincoln, and Chicago Metro Wastewater Tariff
21 districts. The Order approves the reconciliation as
22 set in the appendix to the Order.

1 Are there any objections to approving
2 the Order?

3 (No response.)

4 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

5 Under Miscellaneous items, Item M-1
6 concerns the annual update to the Illinois Statewide
7 Technical Reference Manual for Energy Efficiency.
8 This version was developed by the Technical Reference
9 Manual Administrator and the stakeholder
10 participants. The Order approves the 2022
11 Illinois-Technical Reference Manual Version 10.0,
12 finding that the manual provides a transparent and
13 consistent basis for calculating energy and capacity
14 savings generated by the State of Illinois' energy
15 efficiency programs. The 2022 Illinois-TRM Version
16 10.0 filed in this docket is a consensus document
17 among non-financially interested parties and is
18 consistent with past Commission Orders.

19 Are there any objections to approving
20 the Order?

21 (No response.)

22 Hearing none, the Order is approved.

1 We have no petitions for rehearing.

2 Under our Other Business items, Item
3 O-1 concerns implementation of Public Act 102-0662
4 with respect to the workshop process for the
5 Multi-Year Integrated Grid Planning. Staff
6 recommends the Commission direct Staff to initiate a
7 workshop process for the purpose of establishing an
8 open, inclusive, and cooperative forum regarding
9 Electric Utility Multi-Year Integrated Grid Planning.

10 Are there any objections to approving
11 the Staff direction?

12 (No response.)

13 Hearing none, the direction is
14 approved.

15 Item O-2 concerns Staff report
16 regarding electric utility performance and tracking
17 metrics pursuant to Section 16-108.18(E)(6) of the
18 Public Utilities Act. Staff has filed the report
19 with the Commission as required by the Act. The
20 report will be published on the Commission's website
21 on the "Electric Utility Performance and Tracking
22 Metrics" page. The initial comments on the Staff

1 report are due by December 10 and reply comments in
2 response to the initial comments are due on December
3 17. Additional filing information will be posted on
4 the Commission's "Electric Utility Performance and
5 Tracking Metrics" webpage.

6 Item 0-3 concerns implementation of
7 Public Act 102-0662 with respect to Intervenor
8 Compensation Fund and Multi-Year Integrated Grid
9 Planning. The Staff recommends that the Commission
10 approve, first, Staff's recommendations for a
11 third-party administrator for an Intervenor
12 Compensation Fund pursuant to Section 9-229 of the
13 Public Utilities Act, and to authorize the executive
14 director to enter into contracts with the selected
15 entity; two, Staff's recommendation for a Multi-Year
16 Integrated Grid Planning workshop facilitator
17 pursuant to Section 16-105.17 of the Public Utilities
18 Act, and to authorize the executive director to enter
19 into contracts with the selected entity; and, third,
20 Staff's recommendation for an auditor to assist Staff
21 with electric grid plan-related activities pursuant
22 to Sections 16-105.10 and 16-105.17 of the Illinois

1 Public Utilities Act, and to authorize the executive
2 director to enter into contracts with the selected
3 entity.

4 Are there any objections to approving
5 these items?

6 (No response.)

7 Hearing none, the items are approved.

8 So, this concludes our Public
9 Utilities agenda. Judge Teague Kingsley, do you have
10 other matters to come before the Commission today?

11 JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN ZALEWSKI: Do the Commissioners have
13 other business to discuss?

14 (No response.)

15 Hearing none and without objection,
16 this meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

17 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:53 A.M.

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