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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
BENCH SESSION
(PUBLIC UTILITY)
Wednesday, April 8, 2014
Chicago, Illinois

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

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

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
PATRICIA WESLEY
CSR NO. 084-002170

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CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. In Springfield, are you ready?

MR. MATRISCH: Yes, we are.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, I call the April 8, 2015 Bench Session of the Illinois Commerce Commission to order.

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

Pursuant to the Administrative Code, we allow members of the public to address the Commission. According to the Chief Clerk, we have one timely-received request to speak at today's meeting.

Ms. Worman, would you please come forward, have a seat, and make sure the mic is on, if you will introduce yourself and spell your name for the record, please. You will have three minutes.

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PRESENTATION

BY

MS. WORMAN:

Thank you. I'm Terri Worman,
T-E-R-R-I W-O-R-M-A-N. Good morning. I serve as
the Associate State Director for Advocacy and
Outreach for AARP in Illinois, and I speak today on
behalf of the more than 700,000 AARP members in the
City of Chicago and Lake County.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity
to address the distinguished members of the Illinois
Commerce Commission on a critical issue potentially
affecting thousands of Chicago area consumers.

With Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
on the verge of being acquired by Wisconsin Group,
we urge state regulators to insure that specific
provisions are built into the deal to protect
consumers against poor service and unwanted higher
rates.

Wisconsin Energy is looking to buy
Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, which serves

1 consumers of the City of Chicago and Lake County.
2 The request for the merger must be approved by the
3 Illinois Commerce Commission. Consumers of both
4 utility companies have often complained about poor
5 service, slow reconnection and increasing rates.

6 People Gas is in the middle of
7 a \$300 million infrastructure revamp and has just
8 won a large delivery rate increase. With Peoples
9 Gas being significantly late in replacing its
10 outdated cast iron gas pipes and with projected
11 costs of this massive infrastructure project
12 mushrooming from \$2.2 billion to \$4.6 billion,
13 additional service disruptions and higher monthly
14 bills are very likely to affect consumers if the
15 acquisition is approved without any protections
16 built into the agreement. Peoples Gas and North
17 Shore Gas consumers are justifiably concerned.

18 On behalf of our members in the City
19 of Chicago and Lake County and on behalf of the
20 ratepayers, we urge the ICC to hear from consumers
21 about their experiences with Peoples Gas and North
22 Shore Gas before voting on the merger request.

1 Along with this testimony, we are
2 delivering over 260 petitions and stories collected
3 by AARP among Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
4 customers in Chicago and Lake County. It is
5 critical that state regulators hear the voice of the
6 consumers so that if the merger is approved
7 consumers are assured of quality service and
8 affordable rates. Thank you.

9 What do I do with these?

10 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. If you want to just
11 leave them there, we will have someone pick them up.

12 MS. WORMAN: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

14 On our Public Utility agenda, we have
15 some corrections to the Minutes of our March 11,
16 2015 Public Utility Bench Session.

17 Are there any objections to making the
18 changes?

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, the edits are approved.

21 Is there a Motion to Approve the
22 Minutes of our March 11, 2015 Bench Session Minutes

1 as amended? Is there a motion to approve the
2 minutes.

3 COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Seconded.

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

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 Opposed, say no.

9 (No response.)

10 The motion carries.

11 On Item E-1 is Ameren Illinois' filing
12 updating Rider EUA.

13 Are there any objections to not
14 suspending the filing in this case?

15 (No response.)

16 Hearing none, the filing is not
17 suspended.

18 Item E-2 is MidAmerican's filing to
19 correct language in its new Electric Service Tariff.

20 Is there any objection to not
21 suspending the filing in this case?

22 (No response.)

1 Hearing none, the filing is not
2 suspended.

3 Item E-3 is an Order establishing the
4 Electricity Price Index for 2015 to be used pursuant
5 to Section 451.

6 Is there any objection to entering the
7 Order?

8 (No response.)

9 Without objection, the Order is
10 entered.

11 Item E-4 is an Order to Initiate a
12 Rulemaking Proceeding and Authorize the Submission
13 of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the Secretary
14 of State for amendments to Part 465 metering.

15 Are there any objections to entering
16 the Order?

17 (No response.)

18 Without objection, the Orders are
19 entered.

20 Item E-5 is an Order to Initiate a
21 Proceeding to Investigate ComEd's Compliance with
22 the Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Standards

1 for Plan Year 6.

2 Is there an objection to entering the
3 Order?

4 (No response.)

5 Without objection, the Order is
6 entered.

7 Items E-6 and 7 involve Stipulation
8 and Joint Motions to Dismiss Complaints Against
9 ComEd.

10 Is there any objection considering and
11 approving these two items together?

12 (No response.)

13 Without objection, the Motions to
14 Dismiss are approved.

15 Item E-8 is an Order to Dismiss the
16 Complaint against ComEd.

17 Are there any objections to entering
18 the Order to Dismiss the complaint?

19 (No response.)

20 Without objection, the Order is
21 entered.

22 Item E-9 concerns a Motion to Withdraw

1 an Application for a Certificate of Service
2 Authority to Operate as an Alternative Retail
3 Electric Supplier.

4 Are there any objections to granting
5 the motion?

6 (No response.)

7 Without objection, the motion is
8 granted.

9 Items E-10, 11 and 12 are Applications
10 for Licensure of Agents, Brokers and Consultants.

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

14 (No response.)

15 Without objection, the Orders are
16 approved.

17 Items E-13, 14 and 15 are Applications
18 for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installer
19 Authority.

20 Are there any objections to
21 considering these items together and approving the
22 proposed Orders?

1 (No response.)

2 Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

3 Items E-16 and 17 are both Petitions
4 for Confidential Treatment of various reports.

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

8 (No response.)

9 Without objection, the Orders are
10 entered.

11 Item E-18 concerns ComEd's Application
12 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and
13 Necessity for its Grand Prairie Gateway Project in
14 an Order directing the company to construct a
15 transmission line. This matter is before us on
16 rehearing.

17 Are there any objections approving the
18 proposed Order on Rehearing which rejects
19 modifications to the Commission's approved route?

20 (No response.)

21 Without objection, the Order on
22 Rehearing is approved.

1 Item G-1 is Nicor's filing to modify
2 its billing format.

3 Are there any objections to not
4 suspending the filing in this case?

5 (No response.)

6 Hearing none, the filing is not
7 suspended.

8 Items G-2 and 3 are Joint Motions to
9 Dismiss Gas Complaints Against Peoples Gas.

10 Are there any objections to
11 considering these items together and granting the
12 motions?

13 (No response.)

14 Without objection, the motions are
15 granted.

16 Item G-4 is a Motion to Withdraw an
17 Application for Service Authority to Operate as an
18 Alternative Gas Supplier.

19 Are there any objections to granting
20 the motion?

21 (No response.)

22 Without objection, the motion is

1 granted.

2 Items G-5 and 6 are Orders Approving
3 Reconciliation of Revenues Under Gas Adjustment
4 Charges for North Shore and Peoples Gas.

5 Are there any objections to
6 considering these items together and entering the
7 proposed Order?

8 (No response.)

9 Without objection, the Orders are
10 entered.

11 Item G-7 concerns the Revision of our
12 Part 500 Standard of Service for Gas Utility and
13 Alternative Gas Suppliers.

14 Are there any objections to entering
15 the proposed Order authorizing the Second Notice
16 Period?

17 (No response.)

18 Without objection, the Order is
19 entered.

20 Item T-1 is an Order Canceling a
21 Certificate for Cellular Wireless Authority.

22 Are there any objections to entering

1 the proposed Order?

2 (No response.)

3 Without objection, the Order is
4 entered.

5 Item T-2 is a Petition for
6 Confidential Treatment of an Annual Report.

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

9 (No response.)

10 Without objection, the Order is
11 entered.

12 Items T-3 through T-11 are Joint
13 Petitions for Interconnection Agreements or
14 Amendments to Interconnection Agreements.

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

18 (No response.)

19 Without objection, the Orders are
20 entered.

21 Judge Wallace, are there any other
22 matters to come before the Commission today?

1 JUDGE WALLACE: Mr. Chairman, that's all.

2 CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do you have any
3 other business?

4 (No response.)

5 Hearing none, the meeting stands
6 adjourned. Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, the above matter
8 was adjourned.)

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