

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Springfield, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice via video conference at

11:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

MR. DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN (via Springfield office)

MICHAEL CARRIGAN, COMMISSIONER (via Springfield office)

CONRAD REDDICK, COMMISSIONER (via Chicago office)

STACEY PARADIS, COMMISSIONER (via Springfield office)

ANN McCABE, COMMISSIONER (via Chicago office)

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BY: Evelyn Carter, CER,

Notary Public

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moving on to our Public
2 Utilities Agenda.

3 There are edits to the December 14, 2023
4 and January 3, 2024 Regular Open Meeting Minutes. Are
5 there any objections to considering these items
6 together and approving the minutes as edited?

7 (No verbal responses.)

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
9 Minutes are approved as edited.

10 Moving on to electric items. Item E-1
11 concerns a Tariff Filing from MidAmerican to implement
12 a Utility Franchise Fee for Municipalities through
13 Rider UFM. The Filing further revises MidAmerican's
14 tariff to implement a franchise fee for the City of
15 Moline. Commission Staff has reviewed the filing and
16 recommends not suspending it.

17 Are there any objections to not
18 suspending the filing?

19 (No verbal responses)

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
21 filing is not suspended.

22 Item E-2 concerns a Motion to Correct

1 the Final Order in docket 22-0487 and 23-0082
2 consolidated, which is Ameren's petition for approval
3 of a Multi-year Integrated Grid Plan and Rate Plan.
4 Ameren seeks to correct three issues it identified in
5 the Final Order and its appendices related to the
6 approved rate base, return on equity, and bank facility
7 costs. Company also identified a typographical error
8 that it seeks to amend. The ALJs recommend the
9 Commission grant the Motion in part and issue an
10 Amending Order. The Amending order grants Ameren's
11 Motion as it relates to approved rate base bank
12 facility costs and the typographical error identified
13 by the Company. However, the Amending Order
14 clarifies that the Company's approved return on equity
15 is 8.715 percent. The Final Order and its Appendices
16 shall be updated accordingly.

17 Are there any objections to granting
18 Ameren's Motion in part and approving the Amending
19 Order?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, Ameren's
22 Motion is granted in part and the Amending Order is

1 approved.

2 Items E-3 through E-7 concern
3 Applications for Certification to Install Energy
4 Efficiency Measures. The Orders grant the
5 certificates, finding that the applicants meet the
6 requirements.

7 Are there any objections to considering
8 these items together and approving the orders?

9 (No verbal responses.)

10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
11 Orders are approved.

12 Moving on to our Gas items. Item G-1
13 concerns Liberty Utilities' proposed rate increase for
14 natural gas services. Staff recommends suspending this
15 filing and the Order suspends the filing.

16 Are there any objections to approving
17 the Order?

18 (No verbal response.)

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

21 Item G-2 concerns MidAmerican's filing
22 to revise its existing Utility Franchise Fee for

1 Municipalities, or Rider UFM, to implement a franchise
2 fee for the City of Moline. Commission Staff reviewed
3 the filing and recommends not -- to not suspend it.

4 Are there any objections to not
5 suspending the filing?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
8 filing is not suspended.

9 Items G-3 and G-4 concern requests to
10 reconcile revenues by North Shore and Peoples Gas under
11 each Companies' Purchase Gas Adjustment tariff for the
12 2022 calendar year. The Orders approve the
13 reconciliations as set forth in the appendices to the
14 Orders finding that the costs during the reconciliation
15 period were prudently incurred.

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

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
20 Orders are approved.

21 Item G-5 concerns a request to reconcile
22 revenues by Ameren under its Gas Energy Efficiency Cost

1 Recovery Rider, or Rider GER, for the 2022 calendar
2 year. The Order approves the reconciliation asset in
3 the Appendix to the Order, finding that the costs
4 incurred during the reconciliation period were
5 prudently incurred.

6 Are there any objections to approving
7 the Order?

8 (no verbal response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order
10 is approved.

11 Items G-6 and G-7 concern petitions by
12 North Shore and Peoples Gas seeking waivers from
13 certain requirements of Part 285 of the Commission's
14 rules. Commission Staff does not object to the
15 petitions, and the Orders grant the petitions.

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

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
20 orders are approved.

21 Moving now to Telecommunications items.
22 Items T-1 and T-2 concern applications for Certificates

1 of Wireless Authority to operate as resellers of
2 telecommunications services. The Orders grant the
3 certificates, finding that the applicants meet the
4 requirements.

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

7 (No verbal response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
9 Orders are approved.

10 Moving on to Water and Sewer items.

11 Item W-1 concerns Aqua Illinois' proposed rate increase
12 for water and sewer services. Commission Staff
13 recommends suspending the filing, and the Order
14 suspends the filing.

15 Are there any objections to approving
16 the Order?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order
19 is approved.

20 Item W-2 concerns a Petition to
21 reconcile revenues by Prairie Path Water under its
22 Qualifying Infrastructure Plant Surcharge rider, Rider

1 QIP, for the 2022 calendar year. The Order approves
2 the reconciliation, finding that Prairie Path's
3 calculations as revised by Staff are accurate as set
4 forth in the appendix to the Order.

5 Are there any objections to approving
6 the Order?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order
9 is approved.

10 Item W-3 concerns a request by Illinois
11 American Water for a Temporary Certificate of Public
12 Convenience and Necessity to expand its service area in
13 Peoria County, Illinois. The Interim Order finds an
14 emergency need exists for water services by the Company
15 to the property described in its application and grants
16 the Temporary Certificate.

17 Are there any objections to approving
18 the Interim Order?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
21 Interim Order is approved.

22 Moving on to our Petitions for

1 Rehearing. Item PR-1 concerns the Attorney General's
2 Application for Rehearing. In Docket 23-0345, the AG
3 requests rehearing regarding three cost categories, 1,
4 the planning, coordination and implementation
5 regulatory asset; 2, advertising expense; and 3,
6 charitable donations. The Commission grants the AG's
7 application with a limited scope.

8 Commission grants rehearing to reexamine
9 if the \$6.8 million in incremental internal labor costs
10 associated with Public Act 102-0662 should be included
11 in the Company's approved PCI regulatory asset.

12 Justification for this category requires further
13 information to determine if it qualifies for Regulatory
14 Asset Treatment consistent with the Commission's
15 interpretation of section 16-108.5(C)(4)(F) of the Act.
16 The Commission directs ComEd to provide disaggregated
17 cost within this category and justification for said
18 disaggregated cost for why they qualify for regulatory
19 asset treatment as prescribed by the Act.

20 Commission also enters an Amendatory
21 Order to address the AG's application on whether
22 Consumer Intervener Compensation Fund contributions by

1 the utility as required by Section 9-229(b)(4) of the
2 Act should be categorized as a rate case expense. The
3 Amendatory Order finds that Intervener Compensation
4 Fund contributions are a rate case expense and changes
5 the findings of the Final Order accordingly. Given
6 that ComEd agreed to treat the 2022 Intervener
7 Compensation Fund as a rate case expense in its reply
8 brief on exceptions, the Commission finds rehearing on
9 this issue to be unnecessary.

10 Are there any objections to granting the
11 AG's application with the limited scope as just
12 described and approving the Amendatory Order?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the AG's
15 application is granted with the limited scope as
16 described, and the Amendatory Order is approved.

17 Moving on to other business items.

18 Items 0-1 and 0-2 concern approval of Batches,
19 Contracts, and Confirmations under the Illinois
20 Adjustable Block Program and the Illinois Solar for All
21 Program.

22 Are there any objections to considering

1 these items together and to approving the Program
2 Administrators' Submissions?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the
5 submissions are approved. This concludes our agenda.

6 Judge T. Kingsley, do we have any other
7 matters to come before the commission today?

8 JUDGE T. KINGSLEY: No, Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you. Do
10 Commissioners have any other business to discuss?
11 Commissioner Paradis?

12 COMMISSIONER PARADIS: Yes, just one.
13 We just wanted to wish a happy birthday to the Chair
14 today.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thanks. I thought I
16 was going to skate by without anybody recognizing, but
17 thank you, Commissioner. I appreciate it.

18 Any other business to come before the
19 body? There are no further comments and without
20 objections, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, the above proceedings were
22 adjourned.)

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