BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
REGULAR OPEN MEETING
(PUBLIC UTILITIES)
Chicago, Illinois
Tuesday, January 7th, 2014

Met pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. at
160 North LaSalle Street, 8th Floor, Chicago, Illinois

PRESENT:
MR. DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, Chairman
MR. JOHN T. COLGAN, Commissioner (via videoconference)
MS. ANN McCABE, Commissioner
MR. MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
MS. SHERINA E. MAYE, Commissioner

MIDWEST LITIGATION SERVICES, by
Julie McCarron
Certified Shorthand Reporter
Illinois CSR No. 84-4777
CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Pursuant to the provisions of the
Open Meetings Act, I now convene the regularly scheduled
Open Meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission. In
Springfield, is Commissioner Colgan; with me in Chicago,
are Commissioner McCabe, Commissioner del Valle,
Commissioner Maye. I'm Chairman Scott. We have a
quorum.

Before moving into the agenda, according to
Section 1700.10 of Title 2 of the Administrative Code,
this is the time we allow members of the public to
address the Commission. Members of the public wishing
to address the Commission must notify the Chief Clerk's
office at least 24 hours prior to Commission meetings.
According to the Chief Clerk's office, we have no
requests to speak at today's session.

We will start with the approval of minutes
from our December 9th Special Open Meeting. I
understand amendments have been forwarded. Is there a
motion to amend the minutes?

COMMISSIONER MAYE: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner Maye.

Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER McCabe: Second.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Second by Commissioner McCabe.

All in favor, say aye.
(Ayes heard.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and the amendments are adopted.

Is there now a motion to approve the minutes as amended?

COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner McCabe.

Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MAYE: Second.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Second by Commissioner Maye.

All in favor, say aye.

(Ayes heard.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and the minutes from our December 9th Special Open Meeting as amended are approved.

Before moving into the bulk of today's agenda, without objection, we'll address Item 26 first. This is Nicor's year-end report on its compliance with merger conditions. We have President and CEO of AGL Resources, Mr. John Somerhalder, and Senior Vice President of AGL Resources and President of Nicor, Ms. Beth Reese, here
to deliver a presentation.

So I will turn it over to you.

MS. REESE: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Glad to have you here. And thanks for coming and I look forward to your remarks.

MS. REESE: Good morning, Chairman Scott.

Good morning, Commissioners. We're glad to be here today. And before we go into our report on the merger conditions, we thought we'd talk about the weather since that seems to be the topic of the day.

As a lot of you have noted, some news agencies are saying that we are colder than the South Pole today and yesterday. It's a good day to be in the gas business. But just to give some perspective on it, our system is designed for 79-degree HDD and we were at 78 HDDs yesterday, but with the real feel, if you would, the effective degree days were 84. So we exceeded design day. We had the largest throughput we've ever had or sendout, 4.8 Bcf, a third of that from our storage fields. And if you think about how we respond to the extreme weather conditions like yesterday and today, it's really about our people, our planning, and our process. So our people -- We started really planning with our people early last week when it became apparent what was going to happen with the temperatures.
We have had people on mandatory 12-hour shifts monitoring stations to make sure we understood what was going on with the pressures. We had people spending the nights in storage fields. They bring in their cots and tents -- not tents, but cots and sleeping bags and spend the night down there.

We changed our meter reading routes to be able to have the meter readers read on Saturday instead of Monday to be able to deliver appropriate bills. We had our gas control folks obviously working 24/7. They do anyway, but really focused on that. It's really about having the right people doing the right things. It's also about planning; and it's simple things like the foresight that the leaders of Nicor Gas had in understanding what the aquifers could do for storage. So having that storage there really allowed us to meet yesterday's demand.

And as Commissioner McCabe noted to me earlier, you know, we didn't have any curtailments and we didn't impact any customers. We were able to meet a third of our sendout through the storage facilities, which is really terrific, and we are really lucky to have those. But as planning for -- We plan for the normal day, but we also plan for the extreme day. And we're really glad to have that and obviously our
processes in place to make sure that we are focused on safety and reliability every day. And yesterday was no exception, as is today. So I'm really glad to give that report to the Commission, that we had a good day yesterday, hopefully having a good day today. All reports before we came in were having a good day across the system today. So I'm glad to do that.

And I am going to let our Chairman and CEO, John Somerhalder, from AGL Resources speak a little bit about industry and the successful management of our merger conditions, and then I will speak a little bit more.

MR. SOMERHALDER: Thank you, Beth.

And thank you, Chairman and Commissioners. It's a pleasure to be here again with you this year. When I was here last year, it was mild weather. And, in fact, the cab driver, I think, commented how lucky I was to come from Atlanta to Chicago with such mild weather. And I wanted to tell him, for the gas guy, that's not exactly good luck. But this is a little bit on the opposite extreme. We like the fact that we are seeing how the system performs, and it's performing well, but we're quite happy with normal weather. This is a little extreme.

I am pleased to report that of the 34 merger
conditions in a firm that we are in compliance with those, 11 of those conditions were not recurring. They were the first year. We met those conditions. Twenty-three are recurring. We are in compliance with those and we filed reports that will give you more detail. As you know, we filed a report back in November and one in June that have more detail on that. And, in fact, Beth will go through a little bit more detail, and I think you'll see when she goes through that report, that our focus centers around those conditions, making sure that everything we do -- make sure that we are in compliance with those conditions.

We really are at a good time, from an industry standpoint, and everyone knows about the abundance of shale gas and what that's done for lower customer bills for all four and a half million of our meters and customers, but it's also helped on job development, job growth. We've seen that stimulate a lot of industrial growth, those type things -- really good for the Country. And we're blessed with good infrastructure in this Country that's been put in place over many, many decades, but it is really important that we keep that infrastructure in good shape.

As one example, with all this shale gas that was coming on, people were not counting on storage to
the greatest extent because there was so much
production. Well, the report for this week is -- we
store -- at the beginning of the winter, we have about
3.9 trillion cubic foot of gas in storage -- working
gas. They believe this week, the forecast is that
300 Bcf or almost 10 percent of that will be pulled out
in one week because of the cold weather we've seen. So
it really is important that we have that infrastructure
in good shape. As Beth went through, our storage for
our system was remarkably important to have -- we
perform, but it also means that everything from pressure
improvement to replacing certain categories of lines --
like cast iron, bare steel, certain vintages of
plastic -- that we have that in good shape as well. And
we're very committed, and I hope you can see that, to do
what is necessary to keep our system in good shape. And
that's why things like the qualified infrastructure
statute that was passed here is really important to us
and really allows us to continue to invest in the system
in a way that continues to improve reliability and the
safety of our system.

We look forward to working with the Commission
this year and filing the specifics of that program. And
even what we're seeing this week with the stress on our
system, allows us to better understand what can really
help with the reliability of our system. So we look
forward to that.

It's also important to, you know, see things
like what was done here with the legislation related to
fracking and transparency that will allow -- you know,
even though we have an abundance of shale gas, you have
to have the right regulations in place. We want supply
closer to our system so what could be done related to
shale gas in Illinois with that transparency in a
responsible way is something that is very positive.

The other thing we're focused on, and I won't
go into a whole lot of detail, is using natural gas with
the abundance for transportation. And as a company, we
are focused on everything from using liquified natural
gas for the higher horsepower-type applications -- rail,
marine, big trucks -- all the way through home refueling
and what we can do to continue and improve those
technologies and central refueling, converting some of
our own fleet to natural gas. And Beth has more details
on that.

Kind of another important issue for us is --
it's important for the entire Country, and that's cyber
security. And the major focus for us is through
American Gas Association. We're a member of the
American Gas Association and we play a large role in
that. And, in fact, we have Rob Mims, who some of you may have met last year. He spoke at the IRPS conference in Springfield. He's our chief security officer and the managing director of corporate and information security for us. He is chairing committees with AGA and working with a lot of the other participants here in Illinois and across the Country to make sure that we continue to make progress on monitoring -- having the right programs in place to protect from a cyber security standpoint.

One final point before I turn it back to Beth, one of the ways we believe we're successful running our business is with the shared services model, where we use services in Atlanta to help support what goes on across our system. We use services here in Naperville to help support outside of Illinois so that we provide the best services -- the best customer service in a cost-effective way. And we recently had an internal audit to make sure that that was the case. And I'm pleased to report the results did show that we had good performance from those functions and meeting our customer service obligations. So we feel very good about the relationship we've had, the business in Illinois; and we want to continue to be a very good operator in the system. And Beth can give you much more detail about how we're going to do that. And I'll be
glad to answer questions at the end, after Beth's presentation.

MS. REESE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you.

MS. REESE: So I would like to highlight five areas of focus that we -- for today. Safety -- And we talked about reliability a little bit so I won't talk anymore about that, but safety and reliability, workforce development, economic development, customer satisfaction, and then our final area, community outreach.

Last year, we reported on our personal safety numbers. I'm glad to say that our year-over-year safety numbers have improved and we are continuing to -- committed -- we are committed to continuing to improve the positive trajectory. Our OJIs or on-the-job injuries were down by approximately 10 percent. And damages, which are really more of a public safety -- damages as a result of poor locates, are down about 4 percent, just to highlight two focuses and examples of improvements. Our motor vehicles accidents were not down as much as we would like to have. The weather played a little part of that, but we continue to focus on that. And safety is our number one priority, whether it's personal, public, or -- personal or public or
pipeline.

For workforce development, I'm happy to say we have a commitment -- one of our merger commitments is about number of jobs. Our number of jobs commitment has been met, and we continue to meet that. As I've shared with a lot of you, as you've toured our facilities or have had a chance to meet with you, workforce development is an area of focus for us. One of the things we did this year was take a leadership role within the Illinois Energy Workforce Consortium. That's part of the Center for Energy Workforce Development, which is a national group that I happen to serve on the board for. And then the Illinois Energy Workforce Consortium is a group that's been brought together to really bring energy companies and state together to talk about what we're doing to address the future workforce needs. And one of my executives that works with us is the leader for that -- the executive leader for that. That was a great thing for us to be able to do.

The Illinois Energy Learning Exchange, Dr. David Loomis leads, is also engaged with the Illinois Energy Workforce Consortium, which is great. We continued our financial support of community colleges. We've even expanded some more of those and took partnership when we opened our marketing and outreach
center in Crestwood. For instance, we have partnered
with Moraine Valley Community College and Prairie State
to really talk about the jobs that we had and engage
with them. And we are also working with local workforce
development organizations and local schools. Promoting
STEM education is really one of our focuses. We need a
lot of people who can be engineers and scientists, but
we really need people who can do math, in general. So
we are really focused on the M in STEM, as much as we
are the S T E.

We also support the Hispanic American
Construction Industry Association; the Illinois Hires
Heroes Consortium we are a part of, and we also work
with Chicago United and the Chicago -- and Quad County
Urban Leagues. To try to get our name out there, we
partner with them on some things.

From an economic development perspective, we
want natural gas to be the fuel of choice for our
customers, whether it's for industrial processes, space
heating, cooking, water heating, vehicle fuel -- And we
want to help potential employers locate here in
Illinois. So the good news is, we've seen some growth.
We saw a 20 percent increase in new services this year
and we are anticipating another 20 percent increase in
2014. We are seeing an uptick in fuel switching to
natural gas. And thank you to the Commission for approving and authorizing us to move into Lake Carroll and bringing that community into our footprint. We've already run some main to the common areas and will continue to install approximately two-thirds of the potential 900 new services this year and then the remaining third in 2015. They also have a lot of underdevelopment lots that we will now be able to put natural gas in directly to. We've increased the usage of natural gas for our commercial and industrial customers by about 17 million therms.

And we are really seeing natural gas as an alternative transportation fuel here in Illinois. There is a total of 15 stations attached to our system. There are four full public stations and four limited public stations, one of which happens to be Rockford, one of which is in Des Plaines. So we'll continue to look at natural gas vehicles for our own fleet. We have not very many coming into our fleet, but a few -- some in Rockford, some in Des Plaines, where there are public fueling stations.

Customer satisfaction is also something that we are very focused on. We are focused on our communication initiatives as well as leveraging our energy efficiency program. We focused on a new
education and safety campaign targeted towards children. We are actually focused on making all of our materials bilingual so all of our meter tags have been changed to bilingual and door hangers.

We are working and making sure that our energy assistance program, specifically around winter heating, is well communicated. And we are partnering with organizations to make sure that customers who need us, really understand what they have -- options available to them.

Community outreach, we realize that in addition to communicating with our customers, we want to be working with them and we want them to see us giving back to the communities where they live and work. So we've given out our commitment of about $2.2 million worth of -- spend, but that was -- the commitment is to spend at the same level that we did pre-merger. That's about the same -- That is the same amount. And we've partnered with a lot of organizations to do that, so -- one of which is United Way. We've been a top 25 contributor for the past several years and we continue to do that, but through employee contributions and company contributions. I happen to serve on that board as well, the United Way of Metro Chicago board.

And two of our local boards, we have members of our
teams on those local boards as well.

We supported the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation and their scholarships that they gave out. We supported the Black Caucus Foundation and their golf tournament that they used to raise money for scholarships -- DuPage Habitat for Humanity, the Northern Illinois Food Bank -- just to name a few. There's a number of organizations that we are able -- that we are able to support. In fact, over 200 organizations have really benefited from our support.

So I'm sorry. I went through that very quickly, but I was trying to be very respectful of your time and want to make sure that we leave time for questions. So that is the official report I have. And now we'll open up for questions.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Great.

Questions anybody?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I think I had one. You mentioned the 20 percent uptick in new services. Is that due both from economic development upturn and with the cost of gas being what it is, maybe people -- maybe some switching of services to gas from --

MS. REESE: It is. So we had about 400 -- a little over 400 people convert from other fuels to natural gas.
And we really have a focused campaign on that, of trying to -- We don't have very many people who are out there that use other fuels for heating, but we do have some and so we are focused on those. A lot of them are at the end of our system so we're trying to figure out how to get to those customers, but, you know, it's really a lot of economic development and people building houses again. And you can see it around where there are communities that builders had bought that the infrastructure was there, maybe the main was there, but services weren't in. And they're really building. The information we have from the builders is that they are not doing these huge 2- to 500 home subdivisions anymore. They are really doing smaller pockets where they can turn them pretty quickly, but we are seeing a nice uplift, both -- and on the commercial industrial side, too. So that's a good thing.

COMMISSIONER MAYE: I have a question. I know a couple months ago a few of us went to a conference at IIT, I believe. And an organization called the Illinois Great Energy Network presented and discussed the fact that many of the utilities in the state of Illinois are partnering with community colleges to focus on STEM and to focus on workforce development because of the lack of attrition that we're seeing -- or lack of, I guess,
talent acquisition in this industry. And I was curious
to know -- I know you mentioned two community colleges
you are working with. Is that through that program or
is that outside --

MS. REESE: No, it's really on our own.

MS. MAYE: Oh, that's awesome.

MS. REESE: We are trying to figure out how to
partner with them differently. It's interesting because
one of the things we are learning through the Center for
Energy Workforce Development is the other state energy
workforce consortium. So in Indiana, all of their
community colleges are part of one system so that is
really easy to partner with. Here, it is not quite as
easy to do that. So we are trying to figure out how to
work with each community college in our territory and
leverage what they bring to the table. So COD is the
largest one -- College of DuPage. It's the largest in
our territory. It's one of the largest -- I think it's
the largest in the state. In fact, it's one of the
largest institutions in the state. We're trying to look
at creative things to use them, perhaps to augment
training even for our own employees. So they have a
great welding school -- Can we leverage them? So we are
trying to figure out how to partner with them a little
differently.
COMMISSIONER MAYE: Got it. Okay.

MS. REESE: But we'll definitely follow up on that as well, see if there's a way to work on that.

COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: As a follow-up, the program that you have at Dawson with community colleges is not replicated at other community colleges throughout the state?

MS. REESE: So the one at Dawson is actually Peoples -- The City Colleges, Peoples has that. That is not our program.

COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: But that program, is it -- do you have a similar program?

MS. REESE: We do not, currently. So the way that Peoples -- And I know very little about it. I have visited with Peoples and gone out and seen it. They actually use that as a full training program. And when those folks come out and graduate, they are ready to be hired on directly and they really don't do much training at all at Peoples once they get on because they come on as certified to build -- to work on their system. They've worked really hard with their unions to be able to bring that training in and some other things. So we're trying to understand --

COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: So it's more of a union-operated program?
MS. REESE:  It is a more union-operated program. So we're trying to -- And in fact, I think that their union has a foundation that helps pay for it and it's very much a partnership with the union. And because Peoples is centered in Chicago, they have the location issue, whereas we are much broader. But it's a very interesting program they have and we certainly are trying to understand it and learn from and see if there are pieces and parts we can replicate.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Questions?

Mr. Colgan, do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Yeah, I had a question. I know that the community outreach and customer satisfaction -- I just saw some -- a report today that the LIHEAP program had lost as much as $155 million this year. And over the last five years, nearly $2 billion has been cut out of that program. I'm wondering if you have any relations with our congressional delegation to discuss that program, the importance of it. I think on a day like today, you know, you build our system to be able to meet peak demand; and you know, the LIHEAP program is a program that's important all through the year, but on a day like today, it's a health and safety issue. And I have concern that here in the state of Illinois, just in the
past year, as much as 30 percent of the people who
participated last year, can't participate because of
lack of funding. Do you have any relations with members
of Congress to discuss this issue?

MR. SOMERHALDER: Commissioner, I'll start out.
One of our top priorities year after year with the
American Gas Association has been the LIHEAP program and
the highest level of funding that's appropriate. As you
know, we've had pressure on that. You quoted some of
the numbers. We've seen that reduced, both with this
Congress and then the fact they look at the lower
natural gas prices. But still, even with the lower
natural gas prices, there are many people in need. So
we put that as a high priority. And so both through our
relationships through American Gas Association and their
influence in Washington on this, we put this as a high
priority.

And, Beth, specifically in Illinois --

MS. REESE: We do. So we've partnered with the
intake organizations here in Illinois to make sure that
we've given them some funding directly so that they have
resources to be able to reach out to customers.

We also have a share program that is
administered through the Salvation Army that allows
customers who don't quite qualify for LIHEAP, but
probably are that -- more working poor -- allow them access to some funds. So we are very aware and focused on those customers who may not be able to really afford our product. And it is a health and safety issue. So we are trying to do it in a very thoughtful manner. And, you know, one of our municipalities has asked us to provide information in their newsletter, for instance, on how their constituents and citizens can access funds. We're trying to help educate as much as we possibly can.

COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Anybody else?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Well, thank you very much.
MS. REESE: You're welcome.
CHAIRMAN SCOTT: We appreciate you coming.
Mr. Somerhalder, and Mr. Weaver, in the back there, I appreciate you coming all the way from Atlanta. Maybe we will do this in October to save you from coming here in the middle of the deep freeze. But thank you very much. We really appreciate it. I appreciate your working with our staff, too, on the issues you mentioned and many others and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.
MR. SOMERHALDER: Thank you.
MS. REESE: Thank you, Commissioners. Nice to see
COMMISSIONER MAYE: Take care. Get home safe.

(Exit Ms. Reese and Mr. Somerhalder.)


ALJ Von Qualen recommends entry of an Interim Order approving the program.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is there a motion to enter the Order?

COMMISSIONER McCabe: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner McCabe.

Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: Second.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Second by Commissioner del Valle.

All in favor, say aye.

(Ayes heard.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and the Order is entered. We will use this five to nothing vote for the remainder of today's agenda unless
otherwise noted.

Item 3 is Docket No. 11-0580. This is Donald Davis' complaint against ComEd as to service in Machesney Park. Petitioner has filed an Interlocutory Appeal of the ALJ's denial of ComEd's Motion to Stay the proceeding and Staff's Motion for Reconsideration. This item will be held for disposition at a future Commission proceeding.

Items 4 through 7 can be taken together. These items are complaints against ComEd as to billing and/or charges and services. In each case, the parties have apparently settled their differences and have filed a Stipulation and Joint Motion to Dismiss, which the ALJ in each case recommends we grant.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Are there any objections?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the motions are granted and the complaints are dismissed.

Items 8 through 15 can be taken together. These items are Applications for Licensure of Agents, Brokers, and Consultants under Section 16-115C of the Public Utilities Act. In each case, ALJ Kimbrel recommends entry of an Order granting the certificates.
Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders are entered.

Item 16 is Docket No. 10-0684. These are reconciliation proceedings concerning revenues collected under Ameren gas adjustment charges with actual costs prudently incurred. ALJ Albers recommends entry of an Order approving reconciliation.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered.

Item 17 is Docket No. 13-0522. This is Plymouth Rock Energy's Motion to Withdraw its Application for Certificate of Service Authority under Section 19-110 of the Public Utilities Act. ALJ Jorgenson recommends we grant the motion and dismiss the proceeding.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)
CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Are there any objections to granting the motion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion is granted and the proceeding is dismissed.

Item 18 is Docket No. 13-0534. This is Peoples Gas' Petition for approval of the tariff pursuant to Section 9-220.3 of the Public Utilities Act. ALJ Teague Kingsley recommends entry of an Order granting the Petition.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered.

Item 19 is Docket No. 13-0636. This is Liberty Utilities Verified Petition pursuant to Section 285.140 for waiver of Part 285 Provisions. ALJ Riley recommends entry of an Order granting the Petition.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

(No response.)
CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered.

Item 20 is Docket No. 13-0480. This is USCOC of Central Illinois' Petition to partially relinquish its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier under 47 USC Section 214(e)(2). ALJ Riley recommends entry of an Order granting the Petition.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered.

Item 21 is Docket No. 13-0631. This is Oneida Network Services' Petition for Emergency Relief to protect highly proprietary information and obtain a report from disclosure for not less than two years. ALJ Von Qualen recommends entry of an Order granting the Petition.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered.
Items 22 through 24 can be taken together.

These items are Joint Petitions for approval of a negotiated interconnection agreement or an amendment to an agreement pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(e). In each case, ALJ Baker recommends entry of an Order approving the agreement.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Orders are entered.

Item 25 is Docket No. 13-0576. This is AT&T and TDS Metrocom's Joint Petition for approval of a 16th Amendment to their interconnection agreement dated October 15th, 2013 pursuant to 47 USC Section 252. ALJ Baker recommends entry of an Order approving the amendment.

Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any objections?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the Order is entered.

We have one item of other business to consider
today, which is a FERC matter concerning pending litigation. So we'll go into closed session to address that.

Is there a motion to go into closed session?

COMMISSIONER McCabe: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner McCabe.

Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER Maye: Second.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Second by Commissioner Maye.

All in favor, say aye.

(Ayes heard.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and the Commission will now go into closed session.

Please let me know when the room is ready in Springfield.

(Exit Commissioner del Valle and unidentified members.)

COMMISSIONER COLGAN: We're ready here.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: We're just waiting for Commissioner del Valle. We'll be ready in a moment.

COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Okay.

(A short break was had.)

(Enter Commissioner del Valle.)
(Whereupon proceedings were held in closed session and bound under separate cover.)

(Whereupon the following proceedings were held in open session.)

COMMISSIONER COLGAN: I think we're all set here.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: In closed session, the Commission discussed FERC Docket No. EL 14-12-000 on the comments on the complaint of Association of Business Advocating Tariff Equity, et. al. versus MISO, et. al.

Is there a motion to file the comments with FERC?

COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

COMMISSIONER COLGAN: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Moved by Commissioner McCabe, seconded by Commission Colgan.

All in favor, say aye.

(Ayes heard.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Any opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SCOTT: The vote is five to nothing and the filing will be made with FERC.

Judge Wallace, any other matters to come before the Commission today?

JUDGE WALLACE: No, there's not, Mr. Chairman.
CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, sir.

Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned.

Happy New Year, everybody, and stay warm.

(Meeting adjourned.)
JULIE MCCARRON, CSR, RPR

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before me this 14th day of January, A.D., 2014.

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