BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN MEETING

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

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

PRESENT:

CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman

MARIA BOCANEGRA, Commissioner

SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner

D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner

MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner

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CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning, everyone. Are we ready to proceed in Springfield.

CHIEF CLERK: Yes. We are.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Under the Open Meetings Act, I call the February 5th, 2020, Regular Open Meeting to order. Commissioners Bocanegra, Oliva, and Kimbrel, are with me in Chicago. We are also joined by Commissioner Michael Carrigan, who was appointed by Governor Pritzker on January 31st of this year.

Commissioner Carrigan, welcome to the Commission.

So we now have a quorum. Commissioner Carrigan has indicated that he will be abstaining from all votes today.

Commissioner Carrigan, is that correct?

COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN: That is correct.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you. Please let the voting record reflect his abstention in all votes going forward for today's meeting.

We have no requests to speak.

So moving on to our Public Utility Agenda. There are edits to the January 8, 2020, Regular Open Meeting Minutes.
Are there any objections to approving
the Minutes as edited?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Minutes
are approved.

Under our Electric items, Item E-1
concerns ERM #20-001, which is ComEd's filing to
extend the re-evaluation period for Rider
Non-Advanced Metering Infrastructure Metering, or
Rider NAM. The time extension is to allow ComEd to
obtain additional stakeholder input concerning the
Rider and will not affect the final end date for the
Commission's investigation into the tariff. The
Commission Staff recommends to not suspending the
filing.

Are there any objections to not
suspending the filing?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the filing
is not suspended.

Item E-2 concerns the initiation of
Ameren's reconciliation of revenues collected under
the Hazardous Materials Adjustment Clause Rider, or
HMAC Rider, for the calendar year 2019. The Order
commences the annual reconciliation proceedings under
the Rider.

Are there any objections to approving
the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
is approved.

Item E-3 concerns the initiation of
MidAmerican's reconciliation of revenues collected
under the Energy Efficiency and Cost Recovery
Adjustment Rider, or Riders EECR, for the Calendar
Year 2017. The Order commences the annual
reconciliation proceedings pursuant to Section
8-408(b) of the Public Utilities Act.

Are there any objections to approving
the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
is approved.

Item E-4 concerns the initiation of
Ameren's, ComEd's, Nicor's, North Shore Gas's, and
Peoples Gas's reconciliation of revenues collected
under their respective coal tar riders for the
calendar year of 2019. The Order commences the
annual reconciliation proceedings pursuant to consolidated Docket Nos. 19-0080 through 19-0095.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item E-5 concerns the initiation of Ameren's, ComEd's, and MidAmerican's reconciliation of revenues collected under their respective power procurement riders from June 1st, 2018, through May 31st, 2019. The Order commences the annual reconciliation proceedings pursuant to the tariff language in each power procurement rider.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Items E-6 through E-23 concern Orders initiating citation proceedings against retail electricity supply brokers, agents, or consultants to determine whether to suspend licenses for violation of Commission rules. The Orders initiate the
citation proceedings due to failure to file compliance reports or to maintain a license bond. The Orders direct licensees to appear before the Administrative Law Judge to show cause why the Commission should not suspend the license.

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

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Item E-24 concerns Docket 18-1624, which is the City of Mascoutah's petition for authority to exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire easements across two parcels of land. We have two issues before the Commission on this Agenda: first, the request for Oral Argument and, second, the Order proposed by the ALJ denying the Petition for Eminent Domain.

On the first matter: In its Brief on Exceptions, the City of Mascoutah has filed a request for Oral Argument pursuant to Section 200.850(a)(3) of the Commission Rules.

Are there any objections to granting
the request for Oral Argument?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the request for Oral Argument is granted. A due notice of Oral Argument will be issued.

On the second matter: Because the Commission granted the Oral Argument request, we will be holding this decision on the Order for later disposition.

Item E-25 concerns Ameren's request to reconcile revenues under its power procurement riders from June 27 to May 2018 -- excuse me -- June 2017 to May 2018. The Order approves reconciliation as set in the Appendix to the Order, finding that these costs during the reconciliation period were prudently incurred.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item E-26 concerns MidAmerican's request to reconcile revenues under its Electric Rider Tax Expense Revision Mechanism, or TERM, from
March 2018 -- excuse me -- April 2018 to March 2019.

The Order approves the reconciliation as set in the Appendix to the Order, finding that the costs during the reconciliation period were prudently incurred.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Items E-27 through E-31 concern applications for Certifications to install distributed generation facilities in Illinois. The Orders grant the certificates, finding that the applicants meet the requirements.

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

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Item E-32 concerns a Petition to Cancel a certificate to operate as an Energy Efficiency Installer. The petition notes that the owner has retired and does not intend to continue
operating under the certificate. The Order cancels
the certificate.

Are there any objections to approving
this Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order
is approved.

Items E-33 through E-37 concern
applications for certifications to install energy
efficiency measures in Illinois. The Orders grant
the certificates, finding that the applicants meet
the requirements.

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

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Orders
are approved.

Moving on to our Gas items:

Item G-1 concerns MidAmerican's
request to reconcile revenues under its Natural Gas
Rider TERM, which is the Tax Expense Revision
Mechanism, from April 2018 to March 2019. The Order
approves the reconciliation as set in the Appendix to
the Order, finding that the costs during the reconciliation period were prudently incurred.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-2 concerns North Shore Gas's and Peoples Gas's requests to reconcile revenues under its Energy Efficiency and On-Bill Financing Adjustment Riders, or Riders EOA, collected in 2018. The Order approves the reconciliation as set in the appendices in the Order, finding that the costs during the reconciliation period were prudently incurred.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-3 concerns North Shore Gas's and Peoples Gas's requests to reconcile revenues under its Rider Variable Income Tax Adjustment, or Rider VITA, collected in 2018. The Order approves
the reconciliation as set in the Appendices to the 
Order, finding that the costs during the 
reconciliation period were prudently incurred. 

Are there an objections to approving the Order? 

(No response.) 

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved. 

Item G-4 concerns Docket 19-0505, which is a complaint against Peoples Gas related to alleged overbilling. Peoples Gas filed a Motion to Dismiss, stating that the complainant failed to identify which charges she is disputing. The Order grants the Motion to Dismiss the case without prejudice. 

Are there any objections to approving the Order to dismiss the case without prejudice? 

(No response.) 

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved. 

Item G-5 concerns a request for proprietary treatment of information in an Annual Gas Rate Report of an alternative gas supplier. The Order grants the protection, finding that the
information is highly proprietary and confidential.
Are there any objections to approving the Order?
(No response.)
CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Under our Telecommunications items:
Items T-1 through T-8 concern requests for proprietary treatment of information in the petitioners' annual reports. The Orders grant the protection, finding that the information is highly proprietary and confidential.
Are there any objections to considering these items together and approving the Orders?
(No response.)
CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Under our Water and Sewer Items, Item W-1 concerns Aqua's filing to revise its water tariff to implement a franchise fee for customers in the Village of Grant Park. This filing is pursuant to a Grant Park ordinance authorizing this franchise fee. The Commission Staff recommends to not suspend the
filing.

Are there any objections to not suspending the filing?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

Item W-2 concerns Aqua Illinois' request to reconcile revenues under its Qualifying Infrastructure Plant Surcharge Riders for calendar year 2018. The Order approves the reconciliation as set in the Appendices to the Order, finding that the costs during the reconciliation period were prudently incurred.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item W-3 concerns Aqua Illinois' petition for a limited expansion of the Company's existing certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide wastewater collection service to customers in the Village of Manteno. The Order expands the certificate and finds that Aqua Illinois
has met the requirements to expand its certificate of authority.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Under Miscellaneous items, Item M-1 concerns an application to use, occupy, and construct facilities in public right-of-ways for the delivery of cable and video service for the State-issued Authority to provide cable and video service in Gibson City. The Administrative Law Judge recommends granting the Authority for the applicant to use, occupy, and construct facilities and to provide cable and video service to the service area footprint requested in the application, subject to the applicant's lawful operation.

Are there any objections to granting the Authorization?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Authorization is granted.

And the Commission notes that this
grant of authority is subject to the lawful operation of cable and video service by the Applicant, its affiliated entities, and its successors in interest.

We have no petitions for rehearing.

Under Other Business, Item 0-1 concerns approvals of Batches, Contracts, and Confirmations under the Illinois Adjustable Block Program.

Are there any objections to approving the Program Administrator's Submissions?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Submissions are approved.

This concludes our Public Utilities Agenda.

Judge Teague Kingsley, do we have any other matters to come before the Commission?

JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

I just wanted to talk a second to again welcome Commissioner Carrigan. As I mentioned, Governor Pritzker appointed Governor -- or, excuse me -- Commissioner Carrigan to a five-year term on January 31st, 2020.
Most recently, Commissioner Carrigan served as the president of the Illinois AFL-CIO. He was an officer of the AFL-CIO for more than 19 years, including seven years as secretary-treasurer prior to becoming president.

He started his career as a journeyman wireman in -- with Decatur-based IBEW Local 146 in 1978, spending the next 22 years rising through the ranks, becoming a business agent and finally its business manager and secretary. His impressive background includes his service on several state and regional and national boards and councils. Commissioner Carrigan brings a wealth of experience that will be an asset to the Commission.

We welcome him and the unique perspective he will bring to the Commission.

Do any other Commissioners have any other business to discuss or would like to say anything else?

COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: I'd just like to take a moment to welcome you as well, Commissioner Carrigan. I think that it's very important that your presence in the Springfield office, it will be great for the morale of this Commission. So, although we do visit
the Commission for those meetings that are scheduled there, it's different when you have a Commissioner there. So I know the Springfield office is ecstatic that you're here. So welcome.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Anything else?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing nothing else and without objection, this meeting stands adjourned.

Thank you.

(Whereupon the above matter was adjourned.)