BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

REGULAR OPEN MEETING

PUBLIC UTILITY

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Chicago, Illinois

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

PRESENT:

BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman
ANN MCCABE, Commissioner
SHERINA E. MAYE EDWARDS, Commissioner
MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner
JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
PATRICIA WESLEY
CSR NO. 084-002170
CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Are we ready to proceed in Springfield?

MR. MATRISCH: Yes, we are, Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, I call the April 12, 2016 Regular Open Meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission to order.

Commissioners McCabe, del Valle, Edwards, and Rosales are present with me in Chicago.

We have a quorum.

We have no requests to speak.

Moving on to our Public Utilities Agenda, there are edits to the Minutes of our March 16th Energy Efficiency Policy Session and our March 23rd and 29th Regular Open Meetings.

Are there any objections to approving the Minutes as edited?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Minutes as edited are approved.

Item E-1 concerns Revisions to MidAmerican's Purchased Electricity Rider.

Are there any objections to not
suspending the filing?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

Item E-2 concerns Ameren's Petition Requesting a Waiver of No Liability Associated with Certain Outages Resulting from the June 7, 2015 storms.

There are substantive edits to the proposed Order.

Is there a motion to approve the edits?

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

(No response.)

All those in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed, say nay.

(No response.)

The edits are adopted.
Is there a motion to enter the Order as edited?

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHN: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: It's been moved and seconded.

Any discussion?

(No response.)

All those in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed, say nay.

(No response.)

The ayes have it and the Order as edited is approved.

Item E-3 concerns a customer complaint against ComEd regarding billing/charges.

Are there any objections to granting the parties Joint Motion to Dismiss?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved and the complaint is dismissed.

Items E-4 through 9 concern various
Petitions for Confidential Treatment of certain reports.

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

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Item E-10 concerns Citizens Utility Board and Environmental Defense Fund's Complaint to Open an Investigation regarding Ameren's Progress in Implementing its AMI Plan.

I believe there are some questions.

Commissioner McCabe.

COMMISSIONER McCabe: From my reading of Ameren's Annual Update, by the end of 2015, about 208,500 meters were deployed but only 72,766 AMI meters communicated through the AMI network or used network-accessed data to bill customers, so approximately two-thirds of the meters deployed by the end of 2015 were not being used to bill customers.

At the end of 2015, a majority of
customers with Smart meters were not eligible for Peak Time Rewards.

I am concerned that meters are being installed but there is a delay in customers' ability to see the benefits of Smart meter deployment.

An investigation into accelerating Ameren's deployment of Smart meters should include a detailed examination of how to fully utilize AMI meters already deployed and soon to be deployed.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

Commissioner del Valle.

COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have questions, but I have a brief statement.

I concur with this Order, but I disagree with the decision not to issue an investigation pursuant to Section 16-108.6.

CUB in the complaint argues that Ameren's filings lack consistency between its planned updates and formula rate updates. They contend this frustrates the Commission's
statutory duty to examine Ameren's progress in
meeting metrics and milestones identified by its
approved AMI Plan.

These are all public filings and, to
the extent that they are not simple apple-to-apple
comparisons from filing to filing, understanding the
progress of the AMI implementation reflects the lack
of transparency that I believe runs contrary to the
intent of the act.

This Order directs Ameren to file a
Petition to Reopen its AMI Plan in Docket 12-0244 to
seek approval of its proposed acceleration of its
AMI rollout. This is consistent with the
Commission's action when ComEd requested separation
of its AMI Plan.

Ameren's response filed yesterday
indicating that it intends to include in its
petition not only the acceleration but also the
expansion of AMI to 100 percent deployment
constituting a complete revision of their original
AMI Plan.

I agree with this course of action and
I hope that the ICC's examination of Ameren's proposed acceleration and expansion has been given the proper amount of time.

I also believe that reopening would provide Ameren with the opportunity to address and correct any issues in tracking costs in the fashion that allows for comparison, and Ameren should take advantage of that opportunity.

This record, Staff's report, and the CUB/EDF Petition all acknowledge this tracking problem and we do not want to be asking the same questions next year. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Moving on to our Gas Agenda, G-1 concerns Nicor's Part 280 Compliance Filing.

Are there any objections to not suspending the filing?

(No response.)
Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

Item G-2 concerns the ICC's Motion to Initiate a Rulemaking to Repeal Part 500 and Amend Part 501 Standards of Service Gas Utilities and Alternative Gas Suppliers.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order Initiating the Rulemaking and Authorizing the First Notice Period?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-3 concerns Revisions to Ameren's Natural Gas Tariffs.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order approving in part and rejecting in part?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Items G-4 through 8 concern various Petitions Seeking Confidential Treatment of certain reports.

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

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Item T-1 concerns an Informational Memo regarding WideOpenWest's Application for State-Issued Authorization to Provide Cable Service pursuant to the Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007.

Do we need a motion to accept the memo or is it just the information?

JUDGE KIMBREL: Just information.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.


Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.
Items T-3 through 5 concern various Petitions Seeking Determination from certain reports.

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

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Item T-6 concerns Herschel's Coin Communications' Petition Requesting Cancellation of its Certificate of Service Authority.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item T-7 concerns Impact Network Solutions' Petition to Cancel its Certificate of Service Authority and to provide Resource Interexchange Service in Illinois.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)
Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Moving on to our Miscellaneous topics,

Item M-1 concerns Ameren's Petition Requesting an Exemption from Section 280.50(c)(7), 410.210(a)(5), 500.33(a)(1)(D) and 501.410(a)(5) of the Commission rules.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Under Other Business, we have a Resolution Supporting the 2016 Call Before You Dig Month.

Is there a motion to adopt the resolution?

COMMISSIONER del VALLE: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

(No response.)

All those in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)
Opposed, say nay.

(No response.)

The ayes have it and the resolution is adopted.

Judge Kimbrel, do we have any other matters to come before the Commission today?

JUDGE KIMBREL: No, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do you have any other business to raise before the Commission this morning?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the meeting stands adjourned. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above matter was adjourned.)