BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

REGULAR OPEN MEETING

PUBLIC UTILITY

Tuesday, June 21, 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

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: Good morning. Are we ready to proceed in Springfield?

CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Opening Meetings Act, I call the June 21, 2016 Regular Open Meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission to order. Commissioners del Valle, Edwards, and Rosales are present with me in Chicago and we have a quorum.

We have no requests to speak and will, therefore, move into our Regular Public Utility Agenda. There are edits to the Minutes of our May 26, 2016 Electric Policy Session. There are no edits to the Minutes of our May 25th and June 1st Regular Open Meetings.

Are there any objections to approving the Minutes?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Minutes are approved.

Item E-1 concerns Mt. Carmel Public
Utility Company's Compliance Filings.

Are there any objections to not suspending the filings?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the filings are not suspended.

Item E-2 concerns Ameren's AMI Deployment Plan. I move to reopen the docket for the limited purpose of reviewing Ameren's proposal to accelerate and expand its AMI Deployment Plan and set a schedule that would allow for a final order by September 24, 2016.

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 Order is approved.
Item E-3 concerns ComEd's Reconciliation of Revenues Collected under its Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Adjustment Rider.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.


Is there a motion to adopt the proposed Order?

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Moved.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there any discussion?

Commissioner del Valle.

COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On-Bill Financing was meant to allow utility customers to purchase cost-effective energy
efficiency measures and realize the benefits of savings in energy costs and consumer energy to the benefit of all ratepayers.

The program originally found that two years into the program application rejection rates were up 50 percent across all utility programs. It also found that interest rates were within the national average had increased since the program's inception.

I agree with the utility's position that they do not need legislative changes to begin exploring the evaluator's recommendations and improving these programs.

Ameren Illinois has already taken steps to address the high rejection rates by initiating a pilot utilizing bill payment histories as a means to establish program eligibility.

I hope they explore not only the usage but help to increase participation and reduce the rejection rates but also whether the resulting data support lowering the credit score threshold, and I encourage On-Bill Financing programs to explore
similar pilots and implement the best practices learned.

I also encourage the utilities to work with their program's lenders to ensure that it is soliciting funding sources with the best terms available, including the lowest reasonable interest rate.

These steps should help to ensure that On-Bill Financing better serves as a low-cost financing option for utility customers who are otherwise unable to afford alternatives.

This program was not designed for higher income folks and it wasn't even, I think in my opinion, designed for the upper middle class but rather for that middle, middle and lower income folks who would not have the perfect credit score but, in many instances, struggle and pay their bills and pay them on time and should not by rejected, because it's a program designed to help them and they shouldn't be rejected outright, and the rejection rate is very high, and, in fact, it's also that there's a high percentage, even though it's
across the board, of applications being withdrawn which means that finding a better deal elsewhere, and so that's why I think we would have to pay close attention to the interest rate.

So having said that, Mr. Chairman, I support the report, but I wish we would have gone further in encouraging the further development of this very important program that helps people replace their equipment and become more energy efficient which in the long run helps all ratepayers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

Any further discussion?

(No response.)

There's a motion and second to adopt the proposed Order. All those in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed, say nay.

(No response.)

The ayes have it and the Order is adopted.

Items E-5 through 7 concern various
customer complaints.

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

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Items E-8 through 10 concern Applications for Certificates of Authority to Operate as Agents, Brokers and Consultants.

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

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Item E-11 concerns C3 IoT's Petition for Interlocutory Review of the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Denying C3's Petition to Intervene in ComEd's Annual Formula Rate Case.

Is there a motion to deny C3's Petition for Interlocutory Review?

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?
COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

(No response.)

All those in favor of denying the petition, say aye.

Aye.

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: There are three Aye.

Opposed, say nay.

COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I have one nay.

I will vote to grant the petition. I will have some data requests that reflect the policy raised by the intervenor's petition.

The vote is 3 to one and C3's Petition for Interlocutory Review is denied.

Item E-12 concerns Alphabuyer's Petition Requesting Cancellation of its Certificate of Service Authority.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?
Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-1 concerns Ameren's Reconciliation of Revenues Collected under its Purchase Gas Adjustment Tariff.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Items G-2 through 3 concern various customer complaints against Peoples Gas.

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

Hearing none, the Orders are approved and the complaints are dismissed.

Item T-1 concerns Dex Media's Petition for Partial Waivers of certain sections of our Illinois Administrative Code which require publication of certain information and printed media.
Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item T-2 concerns Everstream GLC Holding Company's Application for a Certificate of Authority to Operate as a Reseller and Facilities-Based Carrier of Telecommunications Services.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item W-1 concerns Utility Services of Illinois' Petition for Approval of the Final Reconciliations under the Surcharges for Purchased Water and Sewer.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item M-1 concerns the ICC's Motion
regarding rulemaking for the Development and
Adoption of Rules concerning Rate Case Treatment of
Charitable Contributions.

There are both substantive and
non-substantive edits to the proposed Second Order
Notice. I move for the adoption of all the edits.

Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there any discussion?

Commissioner del Valle.

COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I will be voting no and I'll be filing
a dissenting vote explaining my vote.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor of adopting
the edits, say aye.

Aye.

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed, say nay.

COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Nay.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The vote is 3 to one and the
edits are approved.
Is there a motion to enter the Second Notice Order as edited?

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.

Aye.

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed, say nay.

COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Nay.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The vote is 3 to one and the Second Notice Order as edited is approved.

Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other matters to come before us?

JUDGE KIMBREL: Mr. Chairman, E-3 of the ComEd reconciliation there was also a Request for Oral Argument.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. There is a motion concerning granting Oral Argument in Item E-3. I
would move that we decline Oral Argument.

Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Any discussion?

(No response.)

All those in favor, say aye.

Aye.

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed, say nay.

(No response.)

The ayes have it and the request for Oral Argument is denied.

Any further matters?

JUDGE KIMBREL: That's all, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Do any of the Commissioners have any other business to come before the Commission this morning?

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, may I make an announcement. I just want to announce that my policy advisor, Nakhia Crossley, was appointed to chair the Utility Marketplace Access Staff
Subcommittee. I want to congratulate her on that.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Congratulations.

If there's no other business, we stand adjourned.

(Whereupon, the above matter was adjourned.)