BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN MEETING
Wednesday, October 30, 2019
Chicago, Illinois

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

PRESENT:
CARRIE ZALEWSKI, Chairwoman
MARIA BOCANEegra, Commissioner
BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Commissioner
SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner
D. ETHAN KIMBREL, Commissioner

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
BRAD BENJAMIN, CSR
LICENSE NO. 084-004805
CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Good morning. I have 10:30 on my watch. I'm going to go ahead and get started.

Are we ready to proceed in Springfield?

CHIEF CLERK: Yes, we are.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Thank you.

Under the Open Meetings Act, I call the October 30th, 2019, Regular Open Meeting to order. Commissioners Bocanegra, Kimbrel, Oliva, and Sheahan, are with me in Chicago. We have a quorum.

Moving on to Public Utility items, there are edits to the September 18th and October 2nd, 2019, Regular Open Meeting Minutes. There are no edits to the October 10th, 2019, Special Open Meeting Minutes.

Are there any objections to approving the Minutes as edited?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Minutes are approved.

Moving on to our Electric items, Item
E-1 concerns Docket 18-1856, which is a petition to cancel the Certificate to Install, Maintain, or Repair Electric Vehicle Charging Station Facilities in Illinois and to issue a new Certificate to a new company due to corporate changes. The Order grants the petition.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?  
(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item E-2 is Docket 19-0067, which concerns ComEd's request to reconcile charges collected under Rider ECR or Environmental Cost Recovery Adjustment. The Order approves the reconciliation.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?  
(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Items E-3 through E-10 concern
applications for Certification to install Distributed Generation Facilities in Illinois. The Orders grant the licenses, finding that the applicants meets 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-11 concerns Docket 19-0135, which is a complaint against ComEd related to alleged billing errors. The parties have reached a settlement and have stipulated that all matters in the dispute have been resolved. The parties ask to dismiss the matter for -- excuse me -- matter with prejudice.

Are there any objections to granting the Motion to Dismiss?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the motion's granted.
Item E-12 concerns Docket 19-0646, which is a complaint against ComEd related to late payment charges. The parties have filed a Stipulation and Joint Motion to Dismiss the matter with prejudice because all matters have been resolved.

Are there any objections to granting the Motion to Dismiss?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Motion is granted.

Item E-13 concerns Docket 19-0489, which is a complaint against Spark Energy related to billing. Spark Energy has filed a Motion to Dismiss, and Complainant has not responded to the Motion. The Order dismisses the complaint for want of prosecution.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.
Item E-14 concerns Docket 19-0941, which is a motion to withdraw a certificate of service authority to operate as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier.

Are there any objections to granting the Motion?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Motion is granted.

Item E-15 concerns Docket 19-0947, which is an application for a certificate of service authority to operate as an agent, broker, or consultant engaged in assisting end users to procure electricity and power. The Order grants the certificate, finding that the applicant meets the requirements.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Items E-16 through E-31 concern
applications for authority to install Energy Efficiency Measures. The Orders grants 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.

JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: Excuse me, Chairman. Item 16 is a little bit different than the rest. It's denying.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Oh, yeah. You're right. Can I -- can we hold E-16 for today? Thank you. I appreciate it.

So the record is to say Items E-17 through E-31.

COMMISSIONER SHEAHAN: Do you want to vote on that --

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SHEAHAN: -- just to make sure
it's --

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: I'm going to go ahead and vote on that. Thank you.

So Items E-17 through E-31 concern applications for authority to Install Energy Efficiency Measures. The Orders grant the certificates, finding 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. We're going to hold E-16 for today.

Thank you.

Now, moving on to our Gas items, Item G-1 concerns an order initiating rulemaking to updating -- excuse me -- to update 83 Illinois Administrative Code 590. Part 590 incorporates certain federal rules related to gas transportation and gas pipeline safety. The Order updates Part 590 to incorporate recent changes to the federal rules.
The Order will initiate a rulemaking proceeding and authorize the first notice period.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-2 concerns Docket 18-1735, which is the Liberty Utilities' request to reconcile charges collected under the Rider PGA, Purchased Gas Adjustment. The Order approves the reconciliation.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-3 concerns Docket 19-0020, which is a complaint against Peoples Gas related to gas service in Chicago. The Order finds that Complainant's meter was tampered with and the Complainant owes Peoples Gas for her unmetered gas use -- gas usage. The Order does not find that the
complainant had tampered with the meter or had knowledge that the meter was tampered with. However, it does find the Complainant was aware that she was receiving gas service without paying for it. Thus, the Order directs Complainant to pay the outstanding gas bill.

We have substantive edits to the Order proposed by Commissioner Bocanegra's office.

Commissioner Bocanegra?

COMMISSIONER BOCANEGRA: Thank you, Chairman. I have proposed edits to this order for two reasons: one, to clarify that Peoples Gas could not charge a tampering fee, a late charge, or interest for the unmetered gas usage since Peoples Gas did not prove the petitioner was responsible for the tampering.

And, second, Peoples Gas is directed to set up a deferred payment plan to assist the petitioner in paying the fees owed.

I move to incorporate the Proposed Edits.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Is there a second?
COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: All in favor of opposing -- or, excuse me -- approving the proposed edits, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: All opposed, say nay.

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: The ayes have it. The edits are approved.

Are there any objections to approving the Order as edited?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-4 concerns Docket 19-0488, which is a complaint against Spark Energy Gas related to improper enrollment. Spark Energy filed a Motion to Dismiss, and, despite an extension, Complainant has not filed a response and has made no further attempts to prosecute the complaint. The Order
dismisses the proceeding for want of prosecution.

Are there any objections to approving the Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-5 concerns Docket 19-0942, which is Greenlight Energy's motion to withdraw its application for a certificate of service authority to operate as an AGS.

Are there any objections to granting the Motion?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Motion is granted.

We have no Telecommunication items.

Moving onto our Water and Sewer items, Item W-1 concerns Docket 19-0721, which is an Interim Order approving the agreements with the appraisers related to Aqua Illinois' asset purchase in Lake County. The Order finds that the terms of engagement agreements are reasonable and compliant with the law.
Are there any objections to approving the Interim Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

We have three items under Other Business. Item O-1 concerns approval of October 2019's Solicitation of Bids to Sell Renewable Energy Credits from New Utility-Scale Wind Projects to Ameren, ComEd, and MidAmerican Energy Company. The Procurement Administrator recommends rejecting results of the October 2019 procurement event because there were no bids that were found to be compliant with all of the requirements of the RFP.

Are there any objections to approving the Procurement Administrator's recommendations and rejecting the results of the October 2019 Solicitation?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the Recommendations are approved.

Item O-2 concerns approval of the
Commission's 2020 calendar.

Are there any objections to approving the calendar?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the calendar is approved.

Item O-3 concerns administrative matters, execution of employment contract with Christy George for that position of the Executive Director of the Commission, pursuant to the Public Utilities Act.

Ms. George has an impressive résumé of serving in both the public and private sector and overseeing budgeting, technology, consumer protection, employment, and general management matters for various agencies.

Ms. George currently serves as the Deputy Budget Director for the City of Chicago, overseeing and developing the budgets for Chicago's public safety departments, with a portfolio expanding across five agencies and over $2 billion in funds.

She also chaired the Chicago Emergency
Telephone System Board, which is the regulatory body that plans the City's 9-1-1 system; coordinates and supervises the implementation, upgrade, and maintenance of the 9-1-1 system; receives revenues from the 9-1-1 surcharge imposed per law; and authorizes all expenditures from the fund.

Ms. George was also a member of the Chicago Information Technology Governance Board, which works to align the City's technology projects to a uniform digital strategy.

Prior to joining the Budget Office, Christy served as an assistant commissioner for the Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. In that role, Christy managed a team of administrative staff, who received and tracked all complaints regarding businesses. While at the department, Christy temporarily oversaw the liquor license application and adjudication process.

Christy also served as -- at the Social Security Administration, advising administrative law judges on legal issues and conducting policy and compliance training for
regional legal staff. Christy's worked in private
practice as a plaintiff-side lawyer and employment
attorney.

Ms. George is a graduate of Ohio
Wesleyan University, and she earned her law degree
from Loyola University-Chicago School of Law.

Ms. George's impressive qualifications
and background make her well equipped to take on the
role of the executive director, and we are looking
forward to having her at the Commission.

I'd like to note that, while there
have been no -- there have been interim female
executive directors, Christy will be the first
permanent female executive director at the
Commission.

Are there any objections to executing
the Employment Contract?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none, the
Contract is approved.

With this vote concluded, I'd like to
say a special thanks to Dr. Jim Zolnierek, who
graciously did double- and -- I would argue --
triple-duty as serving as interim ED since April. As
you all know, Jim is extremely hard-working, he's
extremely hard-working, knowledgeable, and committed
member of the staff. And I'm just grateful that we
didn't totally burn him out and that he's willing to
step back into his role as Bureau Chief of Public
Utility.

Jim, thank you for stepping up in this
way. The Commission is lucky to have you.

This concludes our Public Utilities
Agenda. Judge Teague Keeks- -- excuse me -- Teague
Kingsley, do we have any other matters to come before
the Commission today?

JUDGE TEAGUE KINGSLEY: No, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Do any of the
commissioners have any other business to discuss?

COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: I'd just like to add
that, Jim, we can't thank you enough for your service
for the last six, seven months in that role. You're
in Springfield; I can't see you on the screen, but I
hope you're smiling.
(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER KIMBREL: We really can't -- we can't thank you enough.

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Anything else?

(No response.)

CHAIRWOMAN ZALEWSKI: Hearing none and without objection, this meeting is adjourned.

Thank you.

(Whereupon the above matter was adjourned.)