BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
REGULAR OPEN MEETING
PUBLIC UTILITY
Tuesday, November 24, 2015
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 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 Open Meetings Act, I call to order the November 24, 2015 Regular Open Meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Commissioners McCabe, del Valle, Edwards and Rosales are present with me in Chicago. We have a quorum.

We have no requests to speak and will, therefore, move into our regular agenda. There are edits to the Minutes of our November 4, 2015 Special Open Meeting.

Are there any objections to approving the Minutes as edited?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Minutes as edited are approved.

Item E-1 concerns MidAmerican's filing to modify its definition of "Residential Service" and clarify how certain charges are applied to high-use residential customers.
Are there any objections to not suspending the filing?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

Item E-2 concerns MidAmerican's Application for a Certificate of Service Authority. Are there any objections to granting the Emergency Motion to Extend the Time for obtaining MISO Membership?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the motion is granted. Item 3 concerns a billing complaint filed against Commonwealth Edison. Are there any objections to granting the parties Joint Motion to Dismiss?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the motion is granted and the complaint is dismissed.

Item E-4 concerns Astral Energy's Application for a Certificate of Service Authority. Are there any objections to approving
the proposed Order and denying the application?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order denying the application is approved.

Item E-5 concerns Ameren Transmission Company's Petition Requesting Authorization to Use Eminent Domain.

I believe we have a few non-substantive edits to the Order.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order as edited?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order as edited is approved.

Item E-6 concerns Energy Choice's Application seeking Authority to Operate as an Agent, Broker or Consultant under the Public Utility Act.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.
Item E-7 concerns Glacial Energy's Petition Requesting to Cancel its Certificate of Service Authority to Operate as a Alternative Retail Electric Supplier.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-1 concerns MidAmerican Energy's filing modifying two riders in anticipation of future action by the Illinois General Assembly.

Are there any objections to not suspending the filing?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

Item G-2 concerns Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company's modification to its gas tariff to comply with its Implementation Plan relative to Illinois Administrative Code, Part 280.

Are there any objections to not suspending the filing?
(No response.)

Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

Item G-3 concerns a complaint filed against Nicor Advanced Energy.

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

(No response.)

Hearing none, the motion is granted and the complaint is dismissed.

Under other business, the Commission would like to take a moment to give thanks for a special young Illinois heroine, Ashley Aldridge.

On September 15, 2015, Ashley was making lunch for her children when she heard Earl Moorman cry for help as one of the wheels of his chair was caught between the rails at a crossing across the street from her home. She bravely ran to the tracks and pulled him free from his chair only moments before an Amtrak train struck and destroyed it.

Yesterday, the ICC Police Chief, Kim
Castro; and ICC Railroad Safety Specialist and State Coordinator for the Operation Lifesaver, Chip Pew; and Bob Gough, Senior Public Information Officer, made a presentation to honor Ms. Aldridge. Chief Castro and Chip are here to tell us more.

Gentlemen, welcome and thanks for your work on this. You have the floor.

Mr. Pew

MR. PEW: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHHAN: Thank you.

MR. PEW: Mr. Chairman and Fellow Commissioners, two days before Thanksgiving we had a situation where we can truly be thankful.

As you said, Chief Castro, and myself, and Bob Gough met with Ashley Aldridge at the site of the crossing at Auburn, Illinois, and it was refreshing her modesty, her humility, the fact that we had what would have been a traffic incident involving a 75-year old man stuck in a wheelchair.

We know all too well that almost any incident involving a train and a vehicle or a person generally ends tragically, and, fortunately for this
woman, she took it upon herself to truly save
somebody's life, and it worked out really well.

I'm just happy to be here talking
about something that had a good ending as opposed to
one that we know all too well doesn't end very well.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Yes. Thank you. That's
really a remarkable story and an example of courage
on behalf of, you know, somebody who took it upon
themselves to put themselves at great risk to save
somebody else.

Any other Commissioners have anything
eye would like to add?

COMMISSIONER MAYE EDWARDS: Thank you,
Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Pew, I just want to thank you for
your service, and you diligence, and your
dedication.

I have been here for over two years.
It wasn't until the last few months that I even met
you, and you are so hard working, your team. It's
great. You are doing things that the Commission
doesn't even support you to do, because we don't
have the finances. I just want to say thank you and
thank you for what you do for the consumers of
Illinois.

MR. PEW: Thank you. I hope I do a better job
out there than I do working the swing.

(Laughter.)

I appreciate that. When we work with
our volunteers and we go and talk to people, we say
we can make a difference, but in many cases it's one
of those situations where you don't really know if
you made a difference. You assume that you have,
because maybe less incidents, less people are
involved or injured.

Certainly in this case it's as real as
it can get. She saved that man's life. There's no
question.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: And she put herself at a lot
of risk.

Chief Castro, we have just been
talking about Ms. Aldridge's efforts to save someone
disabled. You have got a long career in law
enforcement. Would you like to offer a perspective
on the incident or her bravery?

CHIEF CASTRO: Actually quite often you find people who don't want to make a move like that. They would let it pass or something like that. Here's somebody screaming and they wouldn't do anything.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Apparently there were cars that kind of passed by and the guy was struggling.

CHIEF CASTRO: Yes, exactly, the way it was, and being the young lady that she is, it was surprising that she took notice of it, and not to look out the window like many Chicagoans who look out the window watching it go by and let it go at that.

She decided to make a move. She got somebody to watch her two children and ran out there, and not only did she try, she tried hard, because she tried hard enough to get him out of there.

Once she saw that she couldn't get him off the rails, the wheels, she pulled him out of his chair, his wheelchair -- sorry. She had to pull him out of his wheelchair and she dragged him over and
out just as the train was coming and it destroyed
the wheelchair. It was something really beyond the
normal. It was definitely beyond the normal.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: I think the Legislature and
the Governor also have various ways they recognize
outstanding acts of individuals, so we should make
sure we forward this along to the appropriate
legislative and executive offices.

Commissioner del Valle.

COMMISSIONER del VALLE: Mr. Chairman, I think
that's an excellent suggestion.

I also want to thank you, because we
had a conversation early on when I read about this
heroic action. I thought it appropriate for the
ICC to do something, and I want to thank you for
following up and taking this action.

Basically by bringing it to the
Commission and making it a formal action, rather
than an informal recognition, I think that's really
important, and I hope we can do more of this. What
better way to deal with this when we talk about the
resolution that you sponsored on rail safety and how
it kind of coincides with that recognition of the rail safety.

So we need to look for more opportunities to educate the general public about the kind of actions that people and individuals can take to protect themselves. Thank you.

MR. PEW: It certainly makes sense in the fact that we do have jurisdictional oversight of all the public crossings in the state of which many people don't realize we are second only to Texas, and Texas is 4 1/2 times the size of Illinois, and when we talked about it, we thought certainly to recognize her efforts, and particularly around Thanksgiving certainly gives us something to be thankful for.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you. Thank you, gentlemen.

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

JUDGE KIMBREL: No, there's nothing further, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do we have any other business to discuss this morning?
(No response.)

Hearing none, we stand adjourned.

Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above matter was adjourned.)