BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

REGULAR OPEN MEETING

(PUBLIC UTILITIES)

December 13, 2017

Chicago, Illinois

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

PRESENT:

BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman

SADZI M. OLIVA, Commissioner

MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner

JOHN R. ROSALES, Commissioner

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CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, I call the December 13th, 2017 Regular Open Meeting to order. Commissioners del Valle, Rosales, and Oliva are with me in Chicago. We have a quorum.

We have one request to speak this morning. As a reminder, you only have 3 minutes. We'll let you know when you have 2 minutes, 1 minute, and when your time has expired.

Please be aware that while the Commission affords the public an opportunity to comment, we will not respond directly to your comments. Your comments will be made part of the record but cannot be relied upon to resolve disputed issues of fact in a contested case.

Our first and only speaker is Paul Hammond.

Welcome back, sir. Make sure the mic is on.

MR. PAUL HAMMOND: Paul Hammond, 511 Beverly, Lake Forest.

Let me pass over a sketch to the
Commissioners that I believe will help clarify the
issue today (tendering).

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

MR. PAUL HAMMOND: There are high voltage poles
on private property in Lake Forest and other
communities. I've been working this issue for 27
years. And the reason this issue has been unresolved
for so long is that fixing a splice during a storm
condition on an overhead high voltage line should be
less than $200, but Commonwealth Edison's solution is
to build a new mile-long underground transmission
line for more than $200,000 but may be as much as
$600,000.

The problem is, the residents need a
splice for about $200. The Commonwealth Edison
solution is a new mile-long transmission line for
more than $200,000. Their solution is a thousand
times more than the cost of the initial problem.

It is scary to me that the ICC would
accept such a solution from ComEd. ComEd is a
monopoly, who proposes a solution that is a thousand
times greater than the initial problem. It's an
unnecessary tax on everyone that uses those monopoly services. I still believe Commonwealth Edison should maintain all overhead residential high voltage -- over 600-volt lines, poles, and other related equipment -- from their utility substation to the utility step-down transformer located on the residential properties, because local residential electricians do not have high voltage equipment that is insulated to those high voltages.

The sketch I passed out shows Area A with an easement for ComEd and Area B without an easement for ComEd. Area B is similar to the problem on the east side of Beverly that I explained at the last meeting.

There are six homes on Cherokee Road, Timber Road, and Forest Hill Road in Lake Forest that have two high voltage poles that ComEd expects those homeowners to maintain. Those residents have not been notified of their new responsibility. It's strange that they were not invited to the Beverly-ComEd meeting that addressed the same issue of being required to maintain high voltage lines.
There are hundreds of examples throughout Lake Forest and other communities with the same problem. The residents of Timber, Forest Hill, and Cherokee Roads have been given preferential treatment.

Similar to the residents on the east side of Beverly, ComEd must visit the site to open these switches to isolate the fall after a tree branch falls on that high voltage line. The time to fix a line after a branch falls on the line takes less time than to return a second time to close their switch when the work is done.

This morning I filed a complaint with the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois - Eastern Division. And based on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Title 2, commencing the action, all four members of the Illinois Commerce Commission Board are listed as defendants.

Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir.

Moving into our Public Utilities Agenda, there edits to our November 24th, 2017 Regular Open Meeting.
Are there any objections to approving the minutes as edited?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the minutes are approved.

Moving on to our Electricity Agenda,

Item E-1 concerns MidAmerican Energy and Mt. Carmel's reconciliation of revenues collected under fuel adjustment charges.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order commencing the reconciliation proceedings?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item E-2 concerns Ameren's Reconciliation of Revenues collected under its Transmission Service Rider.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is
Item E-3 concerns a Petition for Interlocutory Appeal.

Is there a motion to affirm the ALJ's decision regarding the Petition to Intervene?

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER OLIVA: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there any discussion?

Commission del Valle?

COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: We were asked to reconsider the Administrative Law Judge's decision to deny the Petition to Intervene. In this proceeding ComEd is seeking approval for recovery of its microgrid pilot and its base rates and earn a profit off of it.

ComEd's leadership used the widespread deployment of the microgrids as an important part of their platform of the future and have attempted to persuade the General Assembly to authorize the recovery of the cost for their microgrids.

Unable to advance their microgrid
proposal in the Future Energy Jobs Act negotiations, they have turned to the ICC. Similar to the approval for the recovery of the online marketplace pilot earlier this month, the Commission is being asked to consider narrow questions about a discrete pilot. And, again, it is a pilot with broad and substantial implications for the definition of utility service and what is recoverable.

As part of ComEd's microgrid proposal the Company might recover the cost of owning or leasing solar resources and/or storage including fossil fuel generation for the first time in 22 years. These utility proposals presented in the innovation research cannot be accepted at face value or approved with minimal analysis.

The initial proposal of ComEd's microgrid pilot involves entry into completely new, potentially competitive, services. The Commission's approval of the pilot must ensure proper pilot design, study design, with clearly defined and meaningful metrics.

Any party with expertise in
distributed energy resource development in markets aids in the Commission's arrival at a correct and proper pilot study design. Whether an intervenor may participate is discretionary by a rule. This discretion should be exercised to ensure that the Commission is able to assemble a complete factual record as a basis for not only a legally sustainable decision but a correct one.

Allowing this intervenor to participate does not offend any of the other considerations under the Commission's standard of discretion and, importantly, benefits the Commission's goal to come to a correct decision.

The Petition For Interlocutory Review should be granted, and I will be voting No on the motion.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you, sir.

All of those in favor of affirming the ALJ's decision say "aye."

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Opposed say "nay".

COMMISSIONER DEL VALLE: Nay.
CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: The vote is 3 to 1. The "ayes" have it, and the ALJ's decision is affirmed.

Item E-4 concerns a consumer complaint against Green Mountain Energy.
Are there any objections to approving the Joint Motion to Dismiss?
(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Joint Motion is approved.

Item E-5 concerns MPower Energy NJ's application to operate as an alternative retail electric supplier.
Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order approving the application?
(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Items E-6 through E-121 concern Applications for Certifications to Install Energy Efficiency Measure.
Are there any objections to considering these items together and approving the
proposed Orders?
(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Moving on to our Gas Agenda, Item G-1 concerns various utility Reconciliation of Revenues collected under gas adjustment charges.
Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order commencing the Reconciliation Proceedings?
(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item G-2 concerns MPower Energy NJ's application to operate as an alternative gas supplier.
Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order approving the application?
(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Moving on to our Telecommunication
Agenda, Item T-1 concerns Madison Communications application for to provide cable service in Madison County.

Are there any objections to approving the application?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the application is approved.

Item W-1 under our Water Agenda concerns Aqua Illinois's petition to approve its asset purchase to operate portions in Will County.

Are there any objections to approving the interim Order approving contracts with approved appraisers?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the interim Order is approved.

Under our Miscellaneous Agenda we have one. M-1 concerns interest rates to be paid on consumer deposits for 2018.

Are there any objections to approving the interest rate set in the proposed Order?
CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Item M-2 concerns amendments to Code Part 340.

Are there any objections to approving the proposed Order adopting the amendments?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Under Petitions for Rehearing, PR-1 concerns a consumer complaint against Peoples Gas.

Are there any objections to denying the Petition for Rehearing?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the petition is denied.

We have one other item of Other Business; approval of the report on the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act’s Infrastructure Program and Performance-Based Formula Rate.

Are there any objections to approving
the report?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, the Order is approved.

Judge Kimbrel, do you have any other matters to bring before the Commission this morning?

JUDGE KIMBREL: No, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do any of you have any other business that you'd like to discuss?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Hearing none, and without objection, therefore, the meeting stands adjourned thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was adjourned.)