BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

BENCH SESSION

(PUBLIC UTILITY)

Wednesday, April 8, 2014

Chicago, Illinois

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

PRESENT:

BRIEN J. SHEAHAN, Chairman

JOHN R. ROSALES, Acting Commissioner

ANN McCabe, Commissioner

SHERINA E. MAYE, Commissioner

MIGUEL DEL VALLE, Commissioner

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by

PATRICIA WESLEY

CSR NO. 084-002170
CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Good morning. In Springfield, are you ready?

MR. MATRISCH: Yes, we are.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, I call the April 8, 2015 Bench Session of the Illinois Commerce Commission to order. Commissioners McCabe, del Valle, Maye and Rosales are present with me in Chicago. We have a quorum.

Pursuant to the Administrative Code, we allow members of the public to address the Commission. According to the Chief Clerk, we have one timely-received request to speak at today's meeting.

Ms. Worman, would you please come forward, have a seat, and make sure the mic is on, if you will introduce yourself and spell your name for the record, please. You will have three minutes.
PRESENTATION

BY

MS. WORMAN:

Thank you. I'm Terri Worman, T-E-R-R-I W-O-R-M-A-N. Good morning. I serve as the Associate State Director for Advocacy and Outreach for AARP in Illinois, and I speak today on behalf of the more than 700,000 AARP members in the City of Chicago and Lake County.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to address the distinguished members of the Illinois Commerce Commission on a critical issue potentially affecting thousands of Chicago area consumers.

With Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas on the verge of being acquired by Wisconsin Group, we urge state regulators to insure that specific provisions are built into the deal to protect consumers against poor service and unwanted higher rates.

Wisconsin Energy is looking to buy Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, which serves
consumers of the City of Chicago and Lake County.

The request for the merger must be approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission. Consumers of both utility companies have often complained about poor service, slow reconnection and increasing rates.

People Gas is in the middle of a $300 million infrastructure revamp and has just won a large delivery rate increase. With Peoples Gas being significantly late in replacing its outdated cast iron gas pipes and with projected costs of this massive infrastructure project mushrooming from $2.2 billion to $4.6 billion, additional service disruptions and higher monthly bills are very likely to affect consumers if the acquisition is approved without any protections built into the agreement. Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas consumers are justifiably concerned.

On behalf of our members in the City of Chicago and Lake County and on behalf of the ratepayers, we urge the ICC to hear from consumers about their experiences with Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas before voting on the merger request.
Along with this testimony, we are delivering over 260 petitions and stories collected by AARP among Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas customers in Chicago and Lake County. It is critical that state regulators hear the voice of the consumers so that if the merger is approved consumers are assured of quality service and affordable rates. Thank you.

What do I do with these?

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Okay. If you want to just leave them there, we will have someone pick them up.

MS. WORMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Thank you.

On our Public Utility agenda, we have some corrections to the Minutes of our March 11, 2015 Public Utility Bench Session.

Are there any objections to making the changes?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the edits are approved.

Is there a Motion to Approve the Minutes of our March 11, 2015 Bench Session Minutes
as amended? Is there a motion to approve the
minutes.

COMMISSIONER ROSALES: So moved.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER McCabe: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: All those in favor, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed, say no.

(No response.)

The motion carries.

On Item E-1 is Ameren Illinois' filing updating Rider EUA.

Are there any objections to not suspending the filing in this case?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

Item E-2 is MidAmerican's filing to correct language in its new Electric Service Tariff.

Is there any objection to not suspending the filing in this case?

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

Item E-3 is an Order establishing the Electricity Price Index for 2015 to be used pursuant to Section 451.

Is there any objection to entering the Order?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Order is entered.

Item E-4 is an Order to Initiate a Rulemaking Proceeding and Authorize the Submission of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the Secretary of State for amendments to Part 465 metering.

Are there any objections to entering the Order?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Orders are entered.

Item E-5 is an Order to Initiate a Proceeding to Investigate ComEd's Compliance with the Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Standards.
for Plan Year 6.

Is there an objection to entering the Order?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Order is entered.

Items E-6 and 7 involve Stipulation and Joint Motions to Dismiss Complaints Against ComEd.

Is there any objection considering and approving these two items together?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Motions to Dismiss are approved.

Item E-8 is an Order to Dismiss the Complaint against ComEd.

Are there any objections to entering the Order to Dismiss the complaint?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Order is entered.

Item E-9 concerns a Motion to Withdraw
an Application for a Certificate of Service Authority to Operate as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier.

Are there any objections to granting the motion?

(No response.)

Without objection, the motion is granted.

Items E-10, 11 and 12 are Applications for Licensure of Agents, Brokers and Consultants.

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

(No response.)

Without objection, the Orders are approved.

Items E-13, 14 and 15 are Applications for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installer Authority.

Are there any objections to considering these items together and approving the proposed Orders?
Hearing none, the Orders are approved.

Items E-16 and 17 are both Petitions for Confidential Treatment of various reports.

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

(No response.)

Without objection, the Orders are entered.

Item E-18 concerns ComEd's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for its Grand Prairie Gateway Project in an Order directing the company to construct a transmission line. This matter is before us on rehearing.

Are there any objections approving the proposed Order on Rehearing which rejects modifications to the Commission's approved route?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Order on Rehearing is approved.
Item G-1 is Nicor's filing to modify its billing format.

Are there any objections to not suspending the filing in this case?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the filing is not suspended.

Items G-2 and 3 are Joint Motions to Dismiss Gas Complaints Against Peoples Gas.

Are there any objections to considering these items together and granting the motions?

(No response.)

Without objection, the motions are granted.

Item G-4 is a Motion to Withdraw an Application for Service Authority to Operate as an Alternative Gas Supplier.

Are there any objections to granting the motion?

(No response.)

Without objection, the motion is
Items G-5 and 6 are Orders Approving Reconciliation of Revenues Under Gas Adjustment Charges for North Shore and Peoples Gas.

Are there any objections to considering these items together and entering the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Orders are entered.

Item G-7 concerns the Revision of our Part 500 Standard of Service for Gas Utility and Alternative Gas Suppliers.

Are there any objections to entering the proposed Order authorizing the Second Notice Period?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Order is entered.

Item T-1 is an Order Canceling a Certificate for Cellular Wireless Authority.

Are there any objections to entering
the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Order is entered.

Item T-2 is a Petition for Confidential Treatment of an Annual Report. Is there any objection to entering the proposed Order?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Order is entered.

Items T-3 through T-11 are Joint Petitions for Interconnection Agreements or Amendments to Interconnection Agreements. Are there any objections to considering these items together and entering the proposed Orders?

(No response.)

Without objection, the Orders are entered.

Judge Wallace, are there any other matters to come before the Commission today?
JUDGE WALLACE: Mr. Chairman, that's all.

CHAIRMAN SHEAHAN: Commissioners, do you have any other business?

(No response.)

Hearing none, the meeting stands adjourned. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above matter was adjourned.)