

HONG KONG PROTESTS



Policemen with batons and shields shout at protesters during a demonstration at Hong Kong's airport on Tuesday. AP PHOTO/VINCENT YU

Flights resuming at airport after 2 days of mob violence

HONG KONG — Flight operations resumed at Hong Kong's airport Wednesday morning after two days of disruptions marked by outbursts of violence highlighting the hardening positions of pro-democracy protesters and the authorities in the Chinese city that's a major international travel hub.

About three dozen protesters remained camped in the airport's arrivals area, a day after a mass demonstration and frenzied mob violence forced more than 100 flight cancellations. But check-in counters were open, and flights appeared to be operating normally.

The airport had closed check-in for remaining flights late Tuesday afternoon as protesters swarmed the terminal and blocked access to

immigration for departing passengers. Tuesday's cancellations were in addition to 200 flights backlogged from Monday.

Most of the protesters left after officers armed with pepper spray and swinging batons tried to enter the terminal, fighting with demonstrators who barricaded entrances with luggage carts. Riot police clashed briefly with the demonstrators.

The burst of violence included protesters beating up at least two men they suspected of being undercover Chinese agents. Airport security appeared unable to control the crowd, and paramedics later took both men away. Police have acknowledged using "decoy" officers, and some protesters over the weekend were seen being arrested by men dressed like demonstrators

— in black and wearing face masks.

Hu Xijin, editor-in-chief of the Global Times, identified one of the men as a journalist at the nationalistic Chinese tabloid.

"Fu Guohao, reporter of GT website is being seized by demonstrators at HK airport," Hu wrote on his Twitter account. "I affirm this man being tied in this video is the reporter himself. He has no other task except for reporting."

One protester used a U.S. flag to beat Fu as he lay on the floor. Other protesters and first aid workers attempted to stop some who tried to trample the man, while pro-democracy lawmaker Kwok Ka-ki crouched beside him and tried to calm the attackers. After a heated argument, protesters allowed ambulance workers to take the man away on a stretcher.

Guards suspended, warden reassigned after Epstein death

BY JIM MUSTIAN AND MICHAEL R. SISAK and MICHAEL BALSAMO
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The warden at the federal jail where Jeffrey Epstein took his own life over the weekend was removed Tuesday, and two guards who were supposed to be watching the financier were placed on leave while federal authorities investigate the death.

The move by the Justice Department came amid mounting evidence that the chronically understaffed Metropolitan Correctional Center may have bungled its responsibility to keep the 66-year-old Epstein from harming himself while he awaited trial on charges of sexually abusing teenage girls.

Epstein was taken off a suicide watch last month for reasons that have not been explained, and was supposed to have been checked on by a guard every 30 minutes. But investigators learned those checks weren't done for several hours before he was found Saturday morning, according to a person familiar with the case who was not authorized to discuss it and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Guards on the unit are now suspected of falsifying log entries to show they were making the checks, according to another person familiar with the probe.

In the past, guards at both federal and state prisons have faced crimi-

nal charges over false entries in duty logs that were discovered after something went wrong with a prisoner.

Surveillance video reviewed after the death showed guards never made some of the checks noted in the log, according to the person, who also was authorized to disclose information and spoke to The Associated Press Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

Attorney General William Barr ordered warden Lamine N'Diaye temporarily assigned to the Bureau of Prisons' regional office while the FBI and the Justice Department's inspector general investigate. The two guards were not identified.

While the exact manner of Epstein's death has not been officially announced, another person familiar with operations at the jail said the financier was discovered in his cell with a bedsheet around his neck. That person likewise spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason.

Under the jail's protocol, Epstein would not have been given a bedsheet had he been on suicide watch. He was placed on suicide watch last month after he was found on the floor of his cell with bruises on his neck, but he was later returned to the jail's special housing unit for inmates needing close supervision.

Briefly

Russian military orders evacuation, then cancels it

MOSCOW — The Russian military on Tuesday told residents of a village near a navy testing range to evacuate but canceled the order hours later, adding to the uncertainty and confusion fueled by a missile explosion last week that led to a brief spike in radiation that frightened residents and raised new questions about the military's weapons program.

Initially the military told residents of Nyonoksa, a village of about 500, to move out temporarily, citing unspecified activities at the range. But a few hours later, it said the planned activities were canceled and rescinded the request to leave, said Ksenia Yudina, a spokeswoman for the Severodvinsk regional administration.

Police divided on whether gunman targeted sister

DAYTON, Ohio — Police investigating the mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, say the gunman's sister was among the first people he shot, but investigators are divided on whether he intentionally killed her.

Chief Richard Biehl says evidence is so far inconclusive on whether 24-year-old Connor Betts targeted his 22-year-old sister Megan two hours after they arrived at the city's Oregon entertainment district together with a male companion.

Biehl says Betts was very familiar with the district and its night spots and had been there the night before.

Trump official: Statue of Liberty poem refers to Europeans

BY ZEKE MILLER and ASHLEY THOMAS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A top Trump administration official said Tuesday that the famous inscription on the Statue of Liberty welcoming immigrants into the country is about "people coming from Europe" and that America is looking to receive migrants "who can stand on their own two feet."

The comments from Ken Cuccinelli, the acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, came a day after the Trump administration announced it would seek to deny green cards to migrants who seek Medicaid, food stamps, housing vouchers or other forms of public assistance. The move — and Cuccinelli's defense — prompted an outcry from Democrats and immigration advocates who said the policy would favor wealthier immigrants and disadvantage those from poorer countries in Latin America and Africa.

"This administration finally admitted what we've known all along: They think the Statue of Liberty only applies to white people," tweeted former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, a Democratic presidential candidate.

The administration's proposed policy shift comes as President Donald Trump is leaning more heavily into the restrictive immigration policies that have energized his core supporters and were central to his 2016 victory. He has also spoken disparagingly about immigration from majority black and Hispanic countries, including calling Mexican immigrants rapists and criminals when he launched his 2016 campaign. Last year, he privately branded Central American and African nations as "s---hole" countries, and he suggested the U.S. take in more immigrants from European countries like predominantly white Norway.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY D/B/A OLD DOMINION POWER COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ELECTRIC BASE RATES CASE NO. PUR-2019-00060

- Kentucky Utilities Company d/b/a Old Dominion Power Company filed an application for an adjustment to its electric base rates, requesting to increase its total revenue by approximately \$12.7 million.
- A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will convene a public hearing on October 2, 2019, beginning at 4 p.m. and reconvening at 7 p.m. in Norton, Virginia, to receive the testimony of any public witnesses.
- The Hearing Examiner will convene a public hearing on January 22, 2020, in Richmond, Virginia, to receive the testimony of any public witnesses and evidence related to the application.
- Further information about this case is available on the State Corporation Commission website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On July 12, 2019, Kentucky Utilities Company d/b/a Old Dominion Power Company ("KU/ODP" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting authority to adjust its electric base rates pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings.

KU/ODP seeks an increase in base rates to produce an increase in revenues in the amount of approximately \$12.7 million, which is an 18.2% increase in its total operating revenues, including fuel. The Company indicates that this rate request is based on a 10.5% return on common equity. Additionally, KU/ODP proposes to increase its basic service charge and to have the charge calculated on a daily rather than a monthly basis for each class of customers. Specifically, for residential customers, the Company proposes a basic service charge of \$0.53 per day, which is equivalent to \$16.13 per month. This represents a \$4.13 increase to the Company's current \$12 basic service charge for residential service.

If KU/ODP's proposed rate increase is approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on the customer's rate schedule and usage. According to the Company, the proposed increase would raise the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$23.45, from \$109.54 to \$132.99, an increase of 21.41%.

The Application also includes proposed revisions to the Company's tariffs, including revisions to late payment charges, private outdoor lighting service, the Cogeneration and Small Power Producer Rider, the line extension plan, and special charges related to returned payments, and disconnecting and reconnecting service. KU/ODP also proposes new tariffs including a Green Tariff governing the Company's proposed renewable energy offerings and an Economic Development Rider.

The Commission has suspended implementation of the proposed revisions to the Company's rates, tolls, and charges until a final order is issued in this proceeding.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may approve revenues and adopt rates, fees, charges, tariff revisions, and terms and conditions of service that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, among other things, scheduled public hearings to be held in Norton and Richmond, Virginia. A public hearing will be convened on October 2, 2019, beginning at 4 p.m. and reconvening at 7 p.m. in the City of Norton Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 618 Virginia Avenue, NW, Norton, Virginia 24273, for the sole purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. The public hearing will resume on January 22, 2020, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, for the purpose of receiving testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness should appear at the hearing location fifteen (15) minutes before the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff.

The Company's Application and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company's business offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Kendrick R. Riggs, Esquire, Stoff Keenon O'Gden PLLC, 500 West Jefferson Street, Suite 2000, Louisville, Kentucky 40202-2828. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the Application by electronic means.

Copies of the public version of all documents filed in Case No. PUR-2019-00060 also are available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies from the Commission's website <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before January 15, 2020, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Application may file written comments on the Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before January 15, 2020, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact discs or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00060.

On or before September 26, 2019, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00060. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.

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