

**TO: Illinois Commerce Commission
Ameren Illinois Company
Commonwealth Edison Company
MidAmerican Energy Company
Interested Parties**

FROM: Anthony Star, Director

RE: Draft Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan

DATE: September 29, 2017

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(b)(5) of the Public Utilities Act, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) hereby presents its Draft Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“Plan”) for review and comments. This is the first stand-alone Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan developed by the IPA. In previous years, the procurement of renewable resources was contained in the IPA’s annual Procurement Plan.

This separate Plan has been drafted and is being published for comment pursuant to Section 16-111.5(b) of the Public Utilities Act and Sections 1-56 (b) and 1-75(c) of the Illinois Power Agency Act as recently modified by Public Act 99-0906, effective June 1, 2017. This Plan sets out the procurements and programs that the Agency has proposed in order to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements of Ameren Illinois Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, and MidAmerican Energy Company contained in Section 1-75(c)(1) of the Illinois Power Agency Act. It also contains the Agency’s proposed approach to implementing the Illinois Solar for All Program contained in Section 1-56(b) of the Illinois Power Agency Act.

Section 16-111.5(b)(5) of the Public Utilities Act sets forth the process for commenting on the Draft Plan. Statutory deadlines include the following:

Monday, November 13, 2017: Affected utilities and other interested parties are given forty-five days following the date of the posting of the Draft Plan (September 29, 2017) to provide comments to the IPA on the Draft Plan.

Comments are required to be “specific, supported by data or other detailed analyses, and, if objecting to all or a portion of the procurement plan, accompanied by specific alternative wording or proposals.” (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(B) [emphasis added])

Monday, December 4, 2017: The IPA has twenty-one days following the end of the 45-day comment period to revise the Draft Plan, as necessary, based on the comments, and to file the Plan with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”). (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(B))

Monday, December 18, 2017: Following filing of the Plan, within fourteen days, any person objecting to the Plan may file an objection with the Commission. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(C))

Tuesday, December 26, 2017: The Commission, within twenty-one days of the filing of the Plan, must determine whether a hearing is necessary. Because twenty-one days after filing falls on a State Holiday (Christmas, which is Monday, December 25), this determination must be made by the following day (December 26). (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d b)(5)(ii)(C))

Tuesday, April 3, 2018: Deadline for the Commission to enter its order confirming or modifying the Plan. The Commission must enter an order confirming or modifying the Plan within 120 days after it is filed by the IPA. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(C))

While the above dates are the only statutorily-mandated deadlines, upon filing of the Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan, the Commission may determine the need for an additional comment or briefing period in addition to, or in lieu of, hearings.

In addition to the dates above, the IPA will hold three public hearings to receive public comment on the Draft Plan:¹

Thursday, October 26, 2017, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Illinois Commerce Commission Springfield Office, 527 East Capital Ave, Springfield, Illinois. Hearing Room C.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Illinois Commerce Commission Chicago Office, 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Room N808.

Friday, November 3, 2017, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: MidAmerican Moline Customer Office, 716 17th Street, Moline, Illinois.

A call-in number to listen to the hearings will be available upon request. **Public comments will only be taken from participants present in person at the hearing.**

Please note that the public hearings may be adjourned early if there are no public comments remaining. Parties unable to attend the public hearings may submit written comments as described herein.

The IPA looks forward to parties' comments and suggestions. To expedite the review process, the IPA respectfully asks parties to make any suggested changes to the Draft Plan in redline format.

Comments on the Draft Plan should be submitted to Mario Bohorquez, Planning and Procurement Bureau Chief, at mario.bohorquez@illinois.gov by November 13, 2017.

Comments will then be formatted for posting to the IPA's website at: <http://www.illinois.gov/ipa>.

¹ Section 16-111.5(b)(5) requires that "[d]uring this 45-day comment period, the Agency shall hold at least one public hearing within each utility's service area that is subject to the requirements of this paragraph (5) for the purpose of receiving public comment." These public hearings are being held to satisfy this requirement.