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ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

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

**FROM:** Anthony Star, Director

**RE:** Draft Second Revised Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan

**DATE:** August 16, 2021

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(b)(5) of the Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5), the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) hereby presents its draft Second Revised Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“draft Second Revised Plan”) for review and comments.

The Initial Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“Initial Plan”) was developed by the IPA pursuant to Public Act 99-0906 and approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission on April 3, 2018 in Docket No 17-0838. Section 16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(B) provides that “[the IPA] shall review, and may revise, the plan at least every 2 years thereafter,” with revisions proposed “in conjunction with the Agency’s other planning and approval processes” to the extent practicable. The Agency developed its First Revised Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“First Revised Plan”) in 2019, approved by the Commission on February 18, 2020. This draft Second Revised Plan has been developed under this same authority and is being released for public comment concurrently with the IPA’s release of its draft 2022 Electricity Procurement Plan.

**The Agency is aware that legislative negotiations on omnibus energy legislation, including substantial revisions to the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard, remain ongoing. The Agency’s draft Second Revised Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan has been prepared consistent with, and as required by, current Illinois law. Should new omnibus energy legislation become effective during the public comment period, the Agency will review that legislation and determine if this draft Second Revised Plan should be withdrawn—likely with a new plan development cycle initiated upon that legislation’s effective date. If so, the IPA will issue guidance to that effect.**

The IPA’s process of reviewing and revising the Plan began in June 2021 with a series of workshops followed by three Requests for Comments to provide additional opportunities for stakeholder feedback.<sup>1</sup> The IPA also requested updated data from Ameren Illinois, ComEd, and MidAmerican. This draft Second Revised Plan reflects the IPA’s consideration of feedback received, updated data from the utilities, and the Agency’s own lessons learned from implementation of the Initial and First Revised Plans.

This draft Second Revised Plan sets out the potential procurements and programs that the Agency has proposed for 2022 and 2023 to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements contained in Section 1-75(c)(1) of the IPA 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 IPA Act. However, the proposed updates contained in the draft Second Revised Plan are informed by the current status of RPS budgets, especially the significant funding constraints that preclude most additional programmatic and procurement activities.

For public comment, the IPA will follow the same schedule employed for comments on the draft First Revised Plan:

**Thursday, September 30, 2021:** Deadline for affected utilities and other interested parties to provide comments to the IPA on the draft Revised 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])

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<sup>1</sup> See: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/ipa/Pages/RenewableResourcesWorkshops.aspx>.



**Thursday, October 21, 2021:** The IPA plans revise the draft Revised Plan, as necessary, based on the comments received, and intends to file the Revised Plan with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) for review and approval by this date. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(B))

**Thursday, November 4, 2021:** Within fourteen days, any person objecting to the Second Revised Plan may file an objection with the Commission, consistent with the timeline applicable to the Initial and First Revised Plans. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(C))

**Friday, November 12, 2021:** The Commission, within twenty-one days of the filing of the Second Revised Plan,<sup>2</sup> will determine whether a hearing is necessary. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(C))

**Friday, February 18, 2021:** The IPA assumes a 120-day deadline for the Commission to enter its order confirming or modifying the Second Revised Plan consistent with the time allowed for the approval of the Initial and First Revised Plans. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(C))

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 Revised Plan. These hearings will be conducted jointly with hearings on the Agency’s 2022 Electricity Procurement Plan. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Agency will hold virtual public hearings in lieu of in-person meetings in each utility’s service area, as it did in 2020 for hearings on the IPA’s 2021 Electricity Procurement Plan.

**The Public Hearings will be held on Friday, September 3, 2021:**

**MidAmerican: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/96970052728?pwd=YndjMFlYVUJFckZnSFhnQTRWYUtMdz09>

Meeting ID: 969 7005 2728; Passcode: 22MidAm

Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 969 7005 2728; Passcode: 4961583

**Ameren Illinois: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/91638959547?pwd=QzBqd2x4VlppZTBZcFAvSmRhYVNTdz09>

Meeting ID: 916 3895 9547; Passcode: 2022Ameren

Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 916 3895 9547; Passcode: 6704423305

**ComEd: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.**

<https://zoom.us/j/94629338464?pwd=ajR5eUhdCnRiNjdOWFViR0t3Mm9tQT09>

Meeting ID: 946 2933 8464; Passcode: 2022ComEd

Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID Meeting ID: 946 2933 8464; Passcode: 834451753

Please note that each public hearing may be adjourned early if there are no comments remaining, although the meeting applicable to each utility service territory will commence at the scheduled time. Parties unable to attend the public hearings may submit written comments as described herein.

**Comments on the draft Second Revised Plan should be submitted to [ipa.contactus@illinois.gov](mailto:ipa.contactus@illinois.gov) by September 30, 2021.**

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 Second Revised Plan in redline format. Comments will then be formatted for posting to the IPA’s website at: <http://www.illinois.gov/ipa>.

<sup>2</sup> As November 11, 2021 is a state holiday, November 12 becomes the applicable deadline consistent with the Statute on Statutes. (5 ILCS 70)