



ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

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Energy Efficiency as a Supply Resource

Workshop Announcement

The Illinois Power Agency announces the third in a series of workshops to discuss items related to the development of its 2015 Procurement Plan.

Energy Efficiency as a Supply Resource

10:00 AM to Noon, Wednesday, June 18

160 N. LaSalle, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

A conference call-in number will be available upon request.

Workshops are intended for the IPA to receive ideas, information, and feedback from stakeholders. The IPA maintains sole discretion over the inclusion of discussed concepts in its proposed Procurement Plan¹, and the final Plan is subject to Illinois Commerce Commission approval.

Please RSVP to Anthony Star at Anthony.star@illinois.gov

Workshop Details

The idea of including energy efficiency as a supply resource in the IPA's 2015 Procurement Plan would be to reduce the overall cost of the power procured for eligible retail customers by acquiring through the procurement process targeted demand side resources at a lower cost than on-peak power.

The concept under discussion in this workshop is distinct from both the new and expanded cost-effective energy efficiency programs under 16-111.5B of the Public Utilities, and from the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard in Section 8-103 of the Act. Those programs are measured by the total kilowatt hours saved, and while their impact is reflected in the utilities' annual load forecasts, they do not directly correspond to the procurement of energy conducted by the IPA.

History

The IPA's draft 2014 Procurement Plan included a section on "Energy Efficiency as a Supply Resource" and the IPA requested comments from stakeholders on the proposal during the 30 day

¹ Per Section 16-111.5(d), the IPA will issue a draft plan on August 15, 2014 and receive comments on it for 30 days. An updated draft plan will be filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission at the end of September, 2014 for approval by the end of 2014.

comment period. After review of the comments, while the IPA remained interested in the idea, the IPA determined that there was not yet enough detail and clarity on the idea to include it in the Plan filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission.²

The IPA hopes that this summer's workshop and additional discussion will lead to a concept specific and detailed enough for consideration in its 2015 Procurement Plan.

Agenda

1. Review of 2014 draft Procurement Plan proposal and stakeholder feedback
2. Presentation by CUB/EDF on their proposal for Energy Efficiency as a Supply Resource
3. Discussion of key implementation challenges
 - a. Product definition
 - b. Eligible participants
 - c. Procurement process and timing
 - d. Verification of delivery/supplier defaults
 - e. Pricing relative to supply side resources
 - f. Interaction with current energy efficiency and demand response programs

Process

Parties (other than CUB/EDF) interested in making brief opening presentations on any or all of these topics may make that request (by June 13th) by contacting Mario Bohorquez at Mario.bohorquez@illinois.gov. The IPA reserves the right to determine the number and length of presentations.

The IPA expects that after each workshop it will issue a request for comments based upon the discussion at the workshop in order to solicit more detailed feedback from stakeholders. Requests for Comments and responses from stakeholders will be publically disseminated via the IPA's website, www.illinois.gov/ipa.

² For more information, please see Section 7.1.6 of the IPA draft 2014 Procurement Plan: (<http://www2.illinois.gov/ipa/Documents/Draft-Procurement-Plan-20130815.pdf>); as well as stakeholder comments from Ameren, the Office of the Attorney General, ComEd, CUB, NRDC, and the Sierra Club: (<http://www2.illinois.gov/ipa/Pages/2014PlanComments.aspx>).