

Save the Dates: Spring 2017 Workshop Announcement

The Illinois Power Agency is pleased to announce that it will be conducting workshops on implementation of revisions to the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) pursuant to Public Act 99-0906 (the Future Energy Jobs Act), which take effect June 1, 2017.

- More detailed agendas will be released prior to the workshops at dates to be determined.
- All workshops will include an option to participate via telephone.
- As space may be very limited at the workshops, attendees are encouraged to send only one representative to the workshops and have others participate via telephone.

Initial Forward Procurements

May 10, Chicago (Start time to be determined)

This workshop will focus on the goal of procuring one million annual Renewable Energy Credits each from new utility-scale wind, and utility-scale/brownfield solar (pursuant to new Section 1-75(c)(1)(G)) of the Illinois Power Agency Act). The workshop will provide an overview of the proposed structure and terms of the procurements, select contract provisions, and the timeline for conducting the procurements. The workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholder input prior to the release of draft contracts, which is anticipated to be in June.

Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan

May 17, Chicago

Morning: Overview of the Plan

This workshop will provide an overview of the new provisions of the Illinois RPS, and how the Illinois Power Agency will address meeting the RPS goals through the Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan. The workshop will cover the development process for the Plan and opportunities for future stakeholder input as that process moves forward.

Afternoon: Adjustable Block Programs

This workshop will focus on the adjustable block programs for new photovoltaic distributed generation systems. This will include potential approaches for (1) determining block prices, categories and sizes; (2) application procedures; (3) programs terms and conditions; and other issues to be determined.

May 18, Chicago**Morning: Community Solar**

This workshop will focus on community solar projects. The agenda will include potential approaches for (1) application procedures; (2) program terms and conditions; (3) consumer protections; and other issues to be determined.

Afternoon: Illinois Solar for All Programs

This workshop will focus on potential approaches for how the IPA will implement revisions to Section 1-56 of the Illinois Power Agency Act, creating the Illinois Solar for All program, which provides incentives for low-income consumers and communities through four programs: Low-income Distributed Generation Incentive; Low-income Community Solar Project Initiative; Initiatives for Non-profits and Public Facilities; and Low-Income Community Solar Pilot Projects. The workshop will also address potential approaches for defining the term “environmental justice community,” best practices for determination of low-income eligibility, opportunities for grassroots education on the Illinois Solar for All programs, and coordination with job training programs.

May 24, Springfield**Programs for Rural Communities (Start time to be determined)**

This workshop will focus on implementation of the adjustable block program, community solar, and the Illinois Solar for All programs in exurban and rural areas of Illinois, specifically how to address the different housing stock and program opportunities and interest in these areas, and other issues to be determined.

These workshops will provide an opportunity for stakeholder feedback. In addition, in the weeks following the conclusion of these workshops, the Illinois Power Agency anticipates issuing specific questions that arise from the workshops to stakeholders, providing both workshops attendees and non-attendees with an opportunity to provide more focused, well-researched, and detailed feedback to the Agency on specific key issues.