



Illinois Power Agency Announces New Acting Director

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The Illinois Power Agency announces that the Executive Ethics Commission has appointed the Agency's Chief Legal Counsel Brian Granahan as the Agency's Acting Director, effective October 1, 2022. To facilitate a smooth transition, the IPA's current Director, Anthony Star will remain with the Agency in a senior advisory role for a six-to-nine-month period.

Since becoming the Director of the IPA in 2013, Anthony has transformed the Agency and made significant contributions to achieve outcomes critical to its vision and mission. Under Anthony's direction, the IPA expanded from primarily managing electricity procurements for electric utility customers who had not switched suppliers, to a multifaceted Agency that continues its vital work on electricity procurement, while also developing and implementing a range of programs and procurements to support the clean energy future of Illinois. This includes solar programs that support solar panels on the roofs of tens of thousands of homes and businesses across Illinois and are supporting the development of hundreds of community solar projects. Additionally, Anthony has played a pivotal role in procurements that have led the development new large-scale solar and wind farms, and procurements to support at-risk nuclear plants, which are critical to Illinois' goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

"I'd like to thank IPA staff for their tireless work in advancing the goals of the Agency. I am also thankful for our stakeholders' continued support and trust in the Agency's mission," said Anthony. "As the IPA Director for nine and a half years, I'm proud to have led the Agency through historic growth, a period in which access to renewable resources greatly expanded for residents and businesses across Illinois. Under Brian's leadership, I'm confident the Agency will continue to grow. His comprehensive knowledge of the energy sector and unwavering commitment to our work will be essential in supporting the just and equitable transformation of the state's energy economy."

"On behalf of the entire agency, I want to thank Anthony for his leadership and incredible contributions to the Agency," said Brian. "Anthony has led the Agency through a period of accelerated growth and significant transformation. Under Anthony's leadership, the IPA has transformed from a small agency with a handful of employees to a burgeoning organization expected to play a leading role in transforming the energy economy in Illinois. As the Acting Director, I look forward to working closely with the IPA team and Agency stakeholders to usher in the IPA's next chapter of growth and success."

The Illinois Power Agency is an independent state agency under the oversight of the Illinois Executive Ethics Commission. That oversight includes the appointment of the Agency Director for a term of two-years, subject to Illinois Senate confirmation.