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Illinois Shines Program Launches Escrow Process

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On June 26, the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) and Illinois Shines Program Administrator announced the rollout of a new escrow process to strengthen consumer protections. First proposed in the [2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan](#), this IPA initiative reflects the Agency's ongoing commitment to safeguarding consumer interests in the growing solar industry of Illinois.

The escrow process is intended to provide a safeguard in cases where an Approved Vendor (AV) fails to make promised pass-through payments to customers. Under the escrow process, Illinois Shines incentive payments will be made to an escrow agent, rather than to the AV. The escrow agent will then issue any promised payments to customers, with the remainder disbursed to the AV. The escrow process was shaped through the stakeholder engagement effort in Fall 2024, and necessary updates were incorporated in the amendment to the REC Contracts earlier this year.

More information about the escrow process can be found on the [Consumer Protection Initiatives](#) page of the Illinois Shines website.

Questions on the escrow process should be directed to the Program Administrator at admin@illinoisshines.com.