

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

**FROM: Anthony Star, Director**

**RE: Draft 2018 Procurement Plan**

**DATE: August 15, 2017**

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(d)(2) of the Public Utilities Act, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) hereby presents its Draft Electricity Procurement Plan for the period of June 2018 through May 2023 (“Draft Plan”) for review and comments. The Draft Plan sets forth a procurement approach to secure sufficient electricity, capacity and associated transmission services, plus any required demand response, to meet the supply needs of eligible retail customers served by Ameren Illinois, Commonwealth Edison, and MidAmerican. The Draft Plan is designed “to ensure adequate, reliable, affordable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable electric service at the lowest total cost over time, taking into account any benefits of price stability.”<sup>1</sup>

Section 16-111.5(d) sets forth the process for commenting on the Draft Plan. Statutory deadlines include the following:

**Thursday, September 14, 2017:** Affected utilities and other interested parties are given thirty days following the date of the posting (August 15) to provide comments to the IPA on the Draft Procurement 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.” (220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2) [emphasis added])

**Thursday, September 28, 2017:** The IPA has fourteen days following the end of the 30-day review period to revise the Draft Procurement Plan, as necessary, based on the comments and to file the Plan with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”). (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2))

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017:** Following filing of the Plan, within five days, any person objecting to the Plan may file an objection with the Commission. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3))

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<sup>1</sup> 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(4).

**Monday, October 9, 2017:** The Commission, within ten days, must determine whether a hearing is necessary. Because ten days after filing falls on a Sunday (October 8, 2017), this determination must be made by the following Monday (October 9).<sup>2</sup> (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3))

**Wednesday, December 27, 2017:** Deadline for the Commission to enter its order confirming or modifying the Procurement Plan. The Commission must enter an order confirming or modifying the Plan within 90 days after it is filed by the IPA. Please note that the current ICC calendar indicates the last scheduled meeting prior to that deadline is on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3))

While the above dates are the only statutorily-mandated deadlines, upon filing of the Final Procurement Plan, 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 this year's Procurement Plan:<sup>3</sup>

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm:** Illinois Commerce Commission Chicago Office, 160 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois. Room N808.

**Thursday, September 7, 2017, 10:00 am – 11:00 am:** MidAmerican Moline Customer Office, 716 17th Street, Moline, Illinois.

**Thursday, September 7, 2017, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm:** Illinois Commerce Commission Springfield Office, 527 East Capital Ave, Springfield, Illinois. Hearing Room C.

A call-in number to listen to the hearings will be available upon request. **Public comments will only be taken from participants present in person at the hearing.**

Please note that the public hearings may be adjourned early if there are no public comments remaining. Parties unable to attend the public hearings may submit written comments as described herein.

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 Plan in redline format.

**Comments on the Draft Plan should be submitted to Mario Bohorquez, Planning and Procurement Bureau Chief, at [mario.bohorquez@illinois.gov](mailto:mario.bohorquez@illinois.gov) by September 14, 2017.**

Comments will then be formatted for posting to the IPA's website at: <http://www.illinois.gov/ipa>.

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<sup>2</sup> In the past, the Commission has interpreted Section 16-111.5(d)(3) as requiring a Commission determination 10 days after Objections are due (See Docket No. 12-0544, Notice of Administrative Law Judge dated October 10, 2012); if the Commission determines that 10 days after Objections is the appropriate deadline, it must rule on a hearing by Thursday, October 13, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> Section 16-111.5(d)(2) requires that "[d]uring this 30-day comment period, the Agency shall hold at least one public hearing within each utility's service area for the purpose of receiving public comment on the procurement plan." These public hearings are being held to satisfy this requirement.