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ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

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

**FROM:** Anthony Star, Director, Illinois Power Agency

**RE:** Draft 2022 Electricity Procurement Plan

**DATE:** August 16, 2021

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(d)(2) of the Public Utilities Act, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) hereby presents its Draft 2022 Electricity Procurement Plan for the period of June 2022 through May 2027 (“Draft Procurement Plan”) for review and comments. The Draft Procurement 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.<sup>1</sup> The Draft Procurement 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>2</sup>

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

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021:** Affected utilities and other interested parties are given thirty days following the posting date (August 16) to provide comments to the IPA on the Draft Procurement Plan.<sup>3</sup>

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).)

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021:** The IPA has fourteen days following the end of the 30-day review period to revise the Draft Procurement Plan, as necessary, based on comments received and file the Procurement Plan with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”). (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2).)

**Monday, October 4, 2021:** Following filing of the Plan, within five days, any person objecting to the Procurement Plan may file an objection with the Commission. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).) This deadline and the deadlines which follow assume a September 29, 2021 filing date (the Agency is not prohibited making from an earlier filing).

**Thursday, October 14, 2021:** The Commission, within ten days, must determine whether a hearing is necessary.<sup>4</sup> (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).)

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<sup>1</sup> The 2022 Electricity Procurement Plan does not cover the procurement of renewable energy resources. That domain is left to the IPA’s Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan developed pursuant to Section 16-111.5(b)(5) of the Public Utilities Act. A draft Second Revised Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan has been released concurrently with this draft of the 2022 Electricity Procurement Plan.

<sup>2</sup> 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(4).

<sup>3</sup> The draft Plan must be released annually by August 15 pursuant to Section 16-111.5(d)(2) of the Public Utilities Act. As August 15, 2021 falls on a Sunday, the Agency has released this draft Plan on the next business day in accordance with the Statute on Statutes (5 ILCS 70).

<sup>4</sup> 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 14, 2021.



**Tuesday, December 28, 2021:** Deadline for the Commission to enter its order confirming or modifying the Procurement Plan. The Commission must enter an order confirming or modifying the Procurement 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 scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2021. (See 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).)

While the above dates are the only statutorily-mandated deadlines, upon filing of the 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 the Draft Procurement Plan. These hearings are being held jointly with hearings on the IPA's draft Second Revised Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan developed pursuant to Section 16-111.5(b)(5) of the Public Utilities Act.

As it did in 2020, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Agency will hold virtual public hearings in lieu of in-person meetings in each utility's service area.<sup>5</sup>

**The Public Hearings will be held on Friday, September 3, 2021:**

**MidAmerican: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/96970052728?pwd=YndjMFlyVUJFckZnSFhnQTRWYUtMdz09>

Meeting ID: 969 7005 2728; Passcode: 22MidAm

Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 969 7005 2728; Passcode: 4961583

**Ameren Illinois: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/91638959547?pwd=QzBqd2x4VlppZTBZcFAvSmRhYVNtdz09>

Meeting ID: 916 3895 9547; Passcode: 2022Ameren

Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 916 3895 9547; Passcode: 6704423305

**ComEd: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.**

<https://zoom.us/j/94629338464?pwd=ajR5eUhDcnRiNjdOWFViR0t3Mm9tQT09>

Meeting ID: 946 2933 8464; Passcode: 2022ComEd

Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID Meeting ID: 946 2933 8464; Passcode: 834451753

Please note that each public hearing may be adjourned early if there are no comments remaining, although the meeting applicable to each utility service territory will commence at the scheduled time. 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 Procurement Plan in redline format.

**Comments on the Draft Procurement Plan should be submitted to the Agency at [IPA.ContactUs@illinos.gov](mailto:IPA.ContactUs@illinos.gov) by Wednesday, September 15, 2021.**

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

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<sup>5</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 virtual public hearings are being held to satisfy this requirement.