



## Illinois Power Agency Long-Term Clean Energy Procurement Framework Workshop and Stakeholder Questions

April 8, 2026

The Illinois Power Agency will be holding a stakeholder workshop on May 5, 2026 from 10am-11:30 a.m. CT. This workshop will seek stakeholder feedback and information to help inform the development of a long-term clean energy procurement construct as defined in Section 16-111.5(b-10) of the Illinois Public Utilities Act as modified through Public Act 104-0458 (colloquially known as the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act, or “CRGA”).

Additionally, the IPA is releasing questions through a “Request for Comments” to begin proactively obtaining stakeholder input to support content and discussion topic development for the May 5 workshop. Stakeholder feedback will ultimately inform the long-term clean energy procurement framework development. Registration for the workshop is below, with the pre-workshop questions and their accompanying instructions further in the document.

### Workshop 1

- [Register here](#)
- Date: May 5, 2026
- Time: 10am-11:30 a.m. CT

## Background & Introduction

Following the passage of the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act (CRGA), sub-section (b-10) of Section 16-111.5 of the Public Utilities Act directs the IPA to consider the procurement of long term contracts for “energy, capacity, environmental attributes, resource adequacy attributes, or some combination thereof intended to serve all retail customers” upon an identification of need through the resource adequacy report (developed under Section 9.15(o) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act) or the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process implemented through CRGA.

The IPA, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) have conducted modeling and analysis as directed through Section 9.15(o), culminating in a Resource Adequacy Study report (issued December 15, 2025) which concluded that a resource adequacy shortfall could occur across the time period studied. With this finding constituting a potential identification of need, the IPA is beginning this stakeholder process to solicit feedback and information to support development of a potential Section 16-111.5(b-10) procurement framework.

The first workshop and “Request for Comments” seek stakeholder feedback on a series of questions to inform the development of a long-term clean energy procurement framework. These initial questions are intentionally broad and exploratory, designed to frame key issues and guide early-stage discussion and concept development. The Agency anticipates releasing additional question sets in the future and will utilize upcoming workshops to support more robust stakeholder engagement and collaboration.

The IPA plans to host the first workshop on May 5. Throughout this process, materials will be posted to the IPA’s [Stakeholder Engagement](#) web page. The Agency aims to provide workshop materials a week prior to each workshop, with the first materials expected to be released around April 28. Additionally, the IPA intends to host a second workshop in early to mid-June. Information about the second workshop will be provided when details are finalized.

Stakeholders are requested to review the questions and provide written responses as instructed below. The Agency requests that stakeholder responses are detailed, providing links or reference materials where appropriate in response to the questions.

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## Long Term Clean Energy Procurement Request for Comments

### Response Schedule

Stakeholder Question Issuance: April 8, 2026

Stakeholder Responses: Due to IPA by Tuesday, April 28, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. CT

### Additional Stakeholder Response Instructions:

- All responses are to be submitted to the IPA at: [IPA.ContactUS@illinois.gov](mailto:IPA.ContactUS@illinois.gov)
- Responses shall include the following header in the email “subject” line:
  - [Stakeholder Name] Response – Long-Term Clean Energy Procurement Questions
- Confidentiality
  - Responses provided will be posted to the IPAs website and viewable by external parties. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide responses that are not confidential or proprietary; however, the Agency will protect any confidential or proprietary data and information if it is properly labeled.
  - Any written responses, data, attachments or other information submitted by stakeholders that is confidential **must** be labeled as such.
  - If any response is confidential, stakeholders **shall** provide two copies of the responses – 1) the original, confidential version (clearly labeled) to be reviewed by the Agency (*not be posted publicly*), and 2) a redacted version of the responses which will be posted publicly on the Stakeholder Engagement webpage.

- If confidential documents are included as attachments accompanying any responses to a question, stakeholders must clearly denote the confidentiality in the document name and in the reference to the document in the written response. Such documents will not be posted publicly.

### **Request for Comments - Question Set 1**

- ❖ **Question 1:** What do stakeholders see as the purpose of this procurement mechanism in the context of the other IPA procurement mechanisms (i.e. the IPA's Electricity Procurement Plan, Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan, and forthcoming Energy Storage Procurement Plan)?
- ❖ **Questions 2:** What gaps exist in the current IPA procurement mechanisms, or in the competitive market structures, that this procurement mechanism could address in part or in full?
- ❖ **Question 3:** What resources (including specific technologies and characteristics such as fuels or emissions) or products (energy, capacity, renewable energy credits (RECs), etc.) should be targeted within this procurement mechanism and why?
- ❖ **Question 4:** What contract lengths should be considered for the targeted resources or products and why?