



Illinois Power Agency Long-Term Clean Energy Procurement Framework Workshop 1 Reminder and Second Stakeholder Question Set

April 29, 2026

This announcement serves as a reminder that the Illinois Power Agency will be holding a stakeholder workshop on May 5, 2026 from 10 a.m.-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 its **second** “Request for Comments” to obtain additional, expanded stakeholder input to inform the development of the long-term clean energy procurement framework design itself. This second set of stakeholder questions is in follow-up to the first set released in early April and dives deeper into framework and product design that the Agency could consider. A link to the registration and presentation materials for the first workshop is below, with the second question set and their accompanying instructions further in the document.

Workshop 1

- [Register here](#)
- [Presentation materials](#)
- [Stakeholder Responses](#) from the first “Request for Comments”
- Date: May 5, 2026
- Time: 10 a.m.-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 IPA will host the first workshop on May 5 from 10-11:30 a.m. CT. Throughout this process, materials will be posted to the IPA's [Stakeholder Engagement](#) web page. 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.

The Agency issued its [first question set](#) on April 8 with comments due April 28. Submitted responses are under review and public versions of those responses are posted on the [Stakeholder Engagement](#) web page. The second set of stakeholder questions are detailed below. The Agency requests that stakeholder responses are detailed, providing links or reference materials where appropriate in response to the questions.

Long Term Clean Energy Procurement Request for Comments – Set 2

Response Schedule

Stakeholder Question Set 2 Issuance: April 29, 2026

Stakeholder Responses: Due to IPA by Thursday, May 14, 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
- Responses shall include the following header in the email “subject” line:
 - [Stakeholder Name] Response – LTCEP Question Set 2
- 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 Two

In the [first stakeholder question set](#), the Agency specifically sought to understand stakeholder expectations concerning use of the long-term clean energy procurement mechanism, to identify the potential market gaps that this mechanism could help bridge, identification of what resources or products should be considered, and over what term(s) as it relates to contract length.

The following questions build upon question set one, now seeking to understand how a product is specifically defined, the cadence of prospective procurement events, how to establish of guidelines, how products are evaluated, and what limitations or restrictions should be placed on prospective products.

- ❖ **Question 1:** What guidelines should govern the design and use of this new procurement mechanism to balance the priorities and needs identified by the state agencies with the ongoing functioning of the regional markets (including the PJM and MISO capacity markets) and Illinois's competitive retail market structure?
- ❖ **Question 2:** How should the need or procurement target of eligible resources or products be determined (i.e. stemming from need identified in IRP process or mitigation plan)?
- ❖ **Questions 3:** How frequently should these procurements be conducted and what would trigger and justify a procurement event?
- ❖ **Question 4:** How should the resources or products be evaluated in isolation and against one another to meet the need or procurement target described above? Respondents may consider differences in resource type, cost, contract length, or commercial operation date.
- ❖ **Question 5:** Should there be any cost caps or other guardrails on the procurements to protect Illinois customers from increased rates? If so, please describe.