

# FISCAL YEAR 2017



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**Illinois Power Agency  
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Fiscal Year 2017**

(July 2016 - June 2017)

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) was established to serve the people of Illinois by administering the electricity and renewable resources planning and procurement processes for residential and small commercial customers of Ameren Illinois Company (“Ameren Illinois”), Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), and MidAmerican Energy Company (“MidAmerican”).<sup>1</sup>

The IPA’s processes and mandates are described in the Illinois Power Agency Act (20 ILCS 3855) and the Illinois Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5). The Agency strives to employ best practices to meet the goals set out for it in those statutes. Chief among these is to develop electricity and renewable resources procurement plans and processes 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. The Agency prepares electricity procurement plans on an annual basis. The new renewable resources procurement plan will be updated on a biennial basis and contains provisions for procurement of renewable energy resources sufficient to achieve the renewable energy resource procurement goals specified in the Illinois Power Agency Act.

As an independent agency subject to the oversight of the Executive Ethics Commission, the Illinois Power Agency is committed to:

- Conducting competitive procurement processes to procure the supply resources identified in procurement plans.
- Ensuring that the process of power procurement is conducted in an ethical and transparent fashion, immune from improper influence.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 16-111.5(a) of the Public Utilities Act allows small multi-jurisdictional electric utilities to elect to participate in the IPA procurement process. In April 2015, MidAmerican elected to participate in the development of the IPA’s 2016 Procurement Plan. Therefore, this Annual Report includes information about procurements for MidAmerican pursuant to that Plan and subsequent Plans.

- Operating in a structurally insulated, independent and transparent fashion so that nothing impedes its mission to secure power at the best prices the market will bear, provided that it meets all applicable legal requirements.
- Continuing to review its policies and practices to determine how best to meet its mission of providing the lowest cost power to the greatest number of people, at any given point in time, in accordance with applicable law.

Fiscal Year 2017 featured the following achievements for the Agency:

- The Agency developed its 2017 annual Procurement Plan and had that Plan approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission for implementation in calendar year 2017.
- The Agency successfully conducted electricity, capacity, and renewable energy resource procurement events as approved in the 2016 and 2017 Procurement Plans.
- Public Act 99-0906 was enacted with an effective date of June 1, 2017. This Act made significant changes to Agency operations, including requirements related to the development and implementation of a procurement plan for Zero Emissions Credits, conducting large-scale “Initial Forward Procurements” for renewable energy credits from new utility-scale wind and solar facilities, the separation of renewable energy resource procurements and programs from the Agency’s regular procurement plan into a new long-term renewable resources procurement plan, and the development of a low-income solar incentive program (known as the “Illinois Solar for All” program).

While those changes will primarily be implemented in Fiscal Year 2018 and beyond, the Agency began work to implement those changes during Fiscal Year 2017. This included conducting stakeholder workshops on various renewable energy issues in May 2017, and initial development of materials and further preparation for the Initial Forward Procurement and the Agency’s draft Zero Emission Standard Procurement Plan, both of which occurred in early Fiscal Year 2018.

- The Agency had one Audit Finding for Fiscal Year 2017. Previously, the Agency had reduced findings from 23 for Fiscal Year 2013, to 9 for Fiscal Year 2014, one for Fiscal Year 2015, and none for Fiscal Year 2016

The IPA welcomes your questions and hopes you will take advantage of the information offered herein and on the Agency’s website: [www.illinois.gov/IPA](http://www.illinois.gov/IPA).

## REPORT ORGANIZATION

20 ILCS 3855/1-125 requires that, by February 15 of each year, the Agency shall report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on the operations and transactions of the Agency. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, each of the following:

- (1) The average quantity, price, and term of all contracts for electricity procured under the procurement plans for electric utilities.
- (2) (Blank)<sup>2</sup>
- (3) The quantity, price, and rate impact of all energy efficiency and demand response measures purchased for electric utilities, and any measures included in the procurement plan pursuant to Section 16-111.5B of the Public Utilities Act.
- (4) The amount of power and energy produced by each Agency facility.
- (5) The quantity of electricity supplied by each Agency facility to municipal electric systems, governmental aggregators, or rural electric cooperatives in Illinois.
- (6) The revenues as allocated by the Agency to each facility.
- (7) The costs as allocated by the Agency to each facility.
- (8) The accumulated depreciation for each facility.
- (9) The status of any projects under development.
- (10) Basic financial and operating information specifically detailed for the reporting year and including, but not limited to, income and expense statements, balance sheets, and changes in financial position, all in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, debt structure, and a summary of funds on a cash basis.
- (11) The average quantity, price, contract type and term and rate impact of all renewable resources purchased under the electricity procurement plans for electric utilities.
- (12) A comparison of the costs associated with the Agency's procurement of renewable energy resources to (A) the Agency's costs associated with electricity generated by other types of generation facilities and (B) the benefits associated with the Agency's procurement of renewable energy resources.

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<sup>2</sup> Previous Illinois Power Agency Annual Reports included a Section (2) that provided information on, "The quantity, price, and rate impact of all renewable resources purchased under the electricity procurement plans for electric utilities." That provision was repealed pursuant to Public Act 099-0536 through consolidating the Agency's Annual Report and its previously-required separate report on the Cost and Benefits of Renewable Resource Procurement. Information comparable to what was previously reported in Section (2) can be found in Section (11) of this Report.

- (13) An analysis of the rate impacts associated with the Illinois Power Agency's procurement of renewable resources, including, but not limited to, any long-term contracts, on the eligible retail customers of electric utilities. The analysis shall include the Agency's estimate of the total dollar impact that the Agency's procurement of renewable resources has had on the annual electricity bills of the customer classes that comprise each eligible retail customer class taking service from an electric utility.
- (14) An analysis of how the operation of the alternative compliance payment mechanism, any long-term contracts, or other aspects of the applicable renewable portfolio standards impacts the rates of customers of alternative retail electric suppliers.

In addition to these requirements, Section 16-115D(d)(4) of the Public Utilities Act requires that, beginning April 1, 2012 and by April 1 of each year thereafter, the Agency shall submit the following information to the General Assembly, the Commission, and alternative retail electric suppliers:

A report of the alternative compliance payment mechanism fund that shall include ...

- (A) the total amount of alternative compliance payments received in aggregate from alternative retail electric suppliers by planning year for all previous planning years in which the alternative compliance payment was in effect;
- (B) the total amount of those payments utilized to purchased [sic] renewable energy credits itemized by the date of each procurement in which the payments were utilized; and
- (C) the unused and remaining balance in the Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund attributable to those payments.”

This Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017 is drafted to address each of the above requirements, including submitting alternative compliance payment information.

**(1) The average quantity, price, and term of all contracts for electricity procured under the procurement plans for electric utilities.**

The IPA's 2017 Procurement Plan, approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 16-0453, contains a hedging strategy for the procurement of electricity under which 100% of projected eligible retail customer load is to be under contract for the upcoming (or "prompt") delivery year (starting June 1, 2017),<sup>3,4</sup> 50% for the following year (starting June 1, 2018), and 25% for the next year thereafter (starting June 1, 2019). This approach constitutes a continuation of the approach adopted in the 2015 and 2016 Procurement Plans, under which the Agency holds two energy procurement events per year. Each procurement uses an updated load forecast provided by the utilities to match procured volumes with actual demand more accurately. The Procurement Plan covers a calendar year of Agency activities, while energy deliveries are based on an industry-standard energy delivery year that starts June 1 (and thus is one month different from the State Fiscal Year). In Fiscal Year 2017, the IPA held two energy procurements: the first occurred in September, 2016 pursuant to the 2016 Plan; the second took place in April, 2017 pursuant to the 2017 Plan.

The following tables report on the quantity, price, and term for electricity contracts procured through the two procurement events.<sup>5</sup> The specific months and quantities procured reflect the load forecasts provided by Ameren Illinois, ComEd and MidAmerican.

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<sup>3</sup> Delivery year is synonymous with planning year and used interchangeably in this Report.

<sup>4</sup> This percentage total is 106% for July and August 2017, on-peak.

<sup>5</sup> Under Section 16-111.5(h) of the Public Utilities Act, "the names of the successful bidders and the load weighted average of the winning bid prices for each contract type and for each contract term shall be made available to the public." This information is included in the tables that follow. However, as the IPA "shall maintain the confidentiality of all other supplier and bidding information," individual supplier contract quantities, prices, and terms may not be disclosed and have not been included in this report or in prior annual reports.

## September 2016 Procurement

### Ameren Illinois

#### Winning Suppliers

AEP Energy Partners, Inc.
Cargill Power Markets LLC
Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC
Dynegy Marketing and Trade, LLC
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC
Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.
The Energy Authority, Inc.
TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri

#### Average Prices (\$/MWh) and MWs of Electricity Contracts

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
October 2016	32.87	150	24.18	125
November 2016	33.00	150	24.35	150
December 2016	34.63	225	25.58	200
January 2017	43.33	225	33.02	200
February 2017	42.43	200	32.23	175
March 2017	36.14	175	27.25	150
April 2017	34.63	175	25.64	125
May 2017	35.03	150	22.62	150
June 2017	35.46	100	24.26	50
July 2017	39.73	125	25.11	75
August 2017	39.73	125	24.65	75
September 2017	34.14	75	23.59	75
October 2017	33.88	75	25.49	50
November 2017	33.88	75	25.11	75
December 2017	33.94	100	26.27	100
January 2018	40.95	100	32.07	100
February 2018	40.95	100	31.56	100
March 2018	35.29	50	26.70	75
April 2018	35.29	50	25.71	75
May 2018	34.88	75	23.20	75
June 2018	35.31	100	22.60	50
July 2018	40.11	125	25.33	75

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
August 2018	39.37	100	24.75	50
September 2018	34.10	75	22.65	75
October 2018	34.47	50	24.38	25
November 2018	34.47	50	24.38	25
December 2018	34.38	75	25.59	75
January 2019	41.19	75	33.77	50
February 2019	39.48	50	33.48	75
March 2019	35.62	75	26.61	25
April 2019	36.17	25	26.61	25
May 2019	34.79	50	23.05	50

In the September 2016 procurement, the IPA also procured capacity for Ameren Illinois as specified in the 2016 Procurement Plan. Although the capacity procured did not include an electricity component, this information is provided below for the benefit of completeness. The following tables report on the quantity of capacity procured - in Zonal Resource Credits (ZRCs), the average contracted price, and term.

### Winning Suppliers

DTE Energy Trading, Inc.
Dynegy Marketing and Trade, LLC
Main Line Generation, LLC
The Energy Authority, Inc.

### Term, Average Price (\$/MW-Day) and Quantities (in ZRCs) of Capacity Contracts

Term	Zonal Resource Credits	
	Average Price	Quantity
June 2017 – May 2018	\$143.20 per MW-day	1,389
June 2018 – May 2019	\$137.25 per MW-day	465



**Winning Suppliers**

AEP Energy Partners, Inc.
Cargill Power Markets LLC
Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC
Dynegy Marketing and Trade, LLC
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
Midwest Generation, LLC
Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.
NextEra Energy Power Marketing LLC
Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.
TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.

**Average Prices (\$/MWh) and MWs of Electricity Contracts**

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
October 2016	32.54	525	21.20	450
November 2016	32.91	600	21.54	525
December 2016	34.21	675	24.50	575
January 2017	43.43	675	33.01	575
February 2017	42.77	625	30.40	575
March 2017	34.29	550	24.74	500
April 2017	32.83	475	22.41	425
May 2017	32.50	575	19.11	475
June 2017	33.41	450	20.54	350
July 2017	39.81	525	22.58	425
August 2017	38.34	500	22.01	400
September 2017	32.04	375	20.89	300
October 2017	30.49	300	21.91	175
November 2017	30.83	350	21.53	275
December 2017	32.50	375	23.44	325
January 2018	43.75	400	28.27	350
February 2018	42.18	375	27.71	325
March 2018	33.12	325	24.16	300
April 2018	32.72	300	22.18	250
May 2018	31.93	325	20.34	300
June 2018	32.58	400	19.32	300
July 2018	40.59	475	22.28	375
August 2018	38.56	450	22.18	325
September 2018	31.13	300	19.71	250

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
October 2018	29.45	250	19.50	175
November 2018	30.02	275	20.09	200
December 2018	32.37	325	21.92	275
January 2019	43.90	325	31.75	275
February 2019	42.33	300	31.60	250
March 2019	32.71	250	25.20	200
April 2019	32.39	200	22.09	150
May 2019	31.83	250	19.46	175

### Winning Suppliers

AEP Energy Partners, Inc.
Cargill Power Markets LLC
NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC
TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.), Inc.

### Average Prices (\$/MWh) and Quantities (MW) of Electricity Contracts

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
October 2016	29.45	50	17.98	50
November 2016	28.08	50	18.23	50
December 2016	- <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-
January 2017	39.11	50	29.87	50
February 2017	39.11	50	29.87	50
March 2017	32.34	125	21.31	100
April 2017	28.75	100	17.84	100
May 2017	31.20	25	18.78	25
June 2017	-	-	-	-
July 2017	-	-	-	-
August 2017	-	-	-	-
September 2017	-	-	-	-
October 2017	-	-	-	-
November 2017	28.44	25	-	-
December 2017	-	-	-	-
January 2018	-	-	-	-
February 2018	-	-	-	-
March 2018	-	-	-	-
April 2018	28.65	25	21.15	25
May 2018	-	-	-	-

<sup>6</sup> “-” represents that no quantity was procured for that month.

## April 2017 Procurement

### Ameren Illinois

#### Winning Suppliers

AEP Energy Partners, Inc.
BP Energy Company
Cargill Power Markets LLC
Dynegy Marketing and Trade, LLC
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC
Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.
The Energy Authority, Inc.
TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.), Inc.
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri
Vitol Inc.

#### Average Prices (\$/MWh) and Quantities (MW) of Electricity Contracts

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
June 2017	34.78	500	23.77	450
July 2017	39.76	650	24.79	475
August 2017	38.84	625	24.32	450
September 2017	34.15	450	23.71	375
October 2017	34.44	200	23.77	175
November 2017	34.39	200	23.99	175
December 2017	34.70	275	25.22	250
January 2018	36.99	275	29.47	225
February 2018	36.64	250	29.42	225
March 2018	34.57	250	26.07	225
April 2018	34.45	200	24.13	150
May 2018	34.62	200	23.10	175
June 2018	32.30	125	21.76	125
July 2018	38.13	150	23.35	125
August 2018	37.07	150	23.06	125
September 2018	29.55	125	21.00	100
October 2018	29.37	100	21.74	75
November 2018	29.37	100	21.48	100
December 2018	29.49	125	22.35	100
January 2019	37.92	125	32.70	125

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
February 2019	37.28	125	30.90	100
March 2019	33.18	100	25.50	100
April 2019	29.17	100	25.05	75
May 2019	31.16	75	22.26	75
June 2019	30.32	100	21.35	75
July 2019	38.56	125	24.75	100
August 2019	37.20	125	23.79	75
September 2019	28.07	75	20.05	75
October 2019	26.22	50	21.64	25
November 2019	26.87	50	21.64	25
December 2019	29.32	75	23.51	75
January 2020	37.17	75	32.95	75
February 2020	37.17	75	30.73	75
March 2020	32.53	75	25.93	50
April 2020	30.14	50	25.00	25
May 2020	30.27	50	22.34	50

## ComEd

### Winning Suppliers

AEP Energy Partners, Inc.
American Electric Power Service Corporation as agent for Appalachian Power Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Kentucky Power Company, and Wheeling Power Company
Axpo U.S. LLC
BP Energy Company
Cargill Power Markets LLC
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
Macquarie Energy LLC
Midwest Generation, LLC
Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.
NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC
Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.
The Energy Authority, Inc.
TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.), Inc.
Vitol Inc.

### Average Prices (\$/MWh) and Quantities (MW) of Electricity Contracts

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
June 2017	35.72	1700	22.98	1325
July 2017	41.62	2350	24.87	1700
August 2017	40.33	2325	23.75	1650
September 2017	35.11	1625	23.14	1400
October 2017	34.85	800	23.86	675
November 2017	34.56	875	23.78	775
December 2017	35.19	1000	24.67	900
January 2018	40.82	1000	29.61	925
February 2018	39.87	950	28.95	900
March 2018	35.36	850	25.11	775
April 2018	34.75	755	24.03	700
May 2018	34.30	825	22.80	700
June 2018	32.53	500	20.51	400
July 2018	36.95	625	22.09	500
August 2018	35.73	575	21.63	450
September 2018	31.67	425	20.35	350

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
October 2018	31.75	375	20.95	325
November 2018	31.51	400	20.85	350
December 2018	31.67	475	21.60	400
January 2019	38.20	475	30.87	425
February 2019	37.61	450	30.11	400
March 2019	32.99	400	23.82	350
April 2019	31.51	350	22.82	300
May 2019	31.28	375	20.04	325
June 2019	30.63	425	20.11	325
July 2019	35.41	525	21.83	400
August 2019	34.46	500	21.38	375
September 2019	29.72	350	19.91	275
October 2019	30.09	275	20.98	200
November 2019	30.09	275	20.73	225
December 2019	30.00	350	21.51	300
January 2020	37.12	350	28.68	300
February 2020	36.75	325	28.29	275
March 2020	31.61	275	23.39	225
April 2020	31.51	225	21.80	175
May 2020	30.48	250	20.15	225

MidAmerican

**Winning Suppliers**

Cargill Power Markets LLC
NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC
TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.), Inc.

**Average Prices (\$/MWh) and Quantities (MW) of Electricity Contracts**

Month(s)	On-Peak		Off-Peak	
	Average Price	Quantity	Average Price	Quantity
June 2017	32.04	25	19.84	75
July 2017	40.99	75	22.94	75
August 2017	39.09	100	22.62	75
September 2017	31.26	75	18.50	75
October 2017	29.96	25	19.67	25
November 2017	29.35	50	19.59	50
December 2017	31.28	50	19.67	25
January 2018	-	-	-	-
February 2018	-	-	-	-
March 2018	30.27	50	22.00	50
April 2018	27.10	75	17.75	50
May 2018	29.20	25	17.90	50
June 2018	-	-	-	-
July 2018	-	-	-	-
August 2018	-	-	-	-
September 2018	-	-	-	-
October 2018	-	-	-	-
November 2018	-	-	-	-
December 2018	-	-	-	-
January 2019	-	-	-	-
February 2019	-	-	-	-
March 2019	-	-	-	-
April 2019	30.42	25	-	-
May 2019	-	-	-	-



**(2) (Blank)**

**(3) The quantity, price, and rate impact of all energy efficiency and demand response measures purchased for electric utilities, and any measures included in the procurement plan pursuant to Section 16-111.5B of the Public Utilities Act.**

Consistent with prior years, the IPA did not directly purchase any energy efficiency or demand response measures for ComEd or Ameren Illinois in Fiscal Year 2017. The Agency's 2017 Procurement Plan initially included incremental energy efficiency programs pursuant to Section 16-111.5B of the Public Utilities Act. These programs included both expansion of energy efficiency programs administered by the ComEd and Ameren Illinois under Section 8-103 of the Public Utilities Act as well as new programs responsive to Requests for Proposals ("RFP") administered by the utilities. Public Act 99-0906 added a provision to Section 16-111.5B(5) that, "[t]he requirements set forth in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection (a) shall terminate after the filing of the procurement plan in 2015, and no energy efficiency shall be procured by the Agency thereafter. Energy efficiency programs approved previously under this Section shall terminate no later than December 31, 2017." Because the Procurement Plan "filed in 2015" was the 2016 Procurement Plan, the provisions of Section 16-111.5B to include additional energy efficiency measures in IPA procurement plans were "terminated" through Public Act 99-0906 for application to the 2017 Procurement Plan, and all programs that had been initially included in the 2017 Plan were removed from the final Plan.

The Section 16-111.5B programs approved as part of the IPA's 2016 Procurement Plan began operation in June of 2016, the last month of Fiscal Year 2016, and operated through May 2017 for Ameren Illinois and December 2017 for ComEd.<sup>7</sup> Consistent with Public Act 99-0906's directive, and barring any future changes to Illinois law, these will be the final programs pursuant to Section 16-111.5B.

ComEd reported that the preliminary (and currently unevaluated) results of the Section 16-111.5B programs for the energy delivery year June 2016 – May 2017 were 750,737 MWh of net first year incremental savings. This was less than the planned goal of 883,527 MWh. The cost of the programs was \$94,610,340, which represents an initial rate impact of 1.97%.

Ameren Illinois reported that the preliminary (and currently unevaluated) results of the Section 16-111.5B programs for the energy delivery year June 2016 – May 2017 were 153,859 MWh of

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<sup>7</sup> Public Act 99-0906 added a new provision (d)(1) to Section 16-111.5B allowing the programs that had been scheduled to end in May 2017 to operate through December 2017. The provision also allowed for the utilities "to increase, on a pro rata basis, the energy savings goals and budgets approved under this Section to reflect the additional seven months of implementation of the energy efficiency programs and measures." While Ameren Illinois elected not to extend its programs, ComEd chose to extend its programs for an additional seven months. The Agency's Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report will include information on the final seven months of ComEd's programs.

net first year incremental savings. This was less than the planned goal of 230,228 MWh. The cost of the programs was \$30,703,433, which represents an initial rate impact of 3.10%.

For both utilities, it should be noted that the rate impact is based upon the cost of the programs for the energy delivery year as a percent of total revenue from both eligible and potentially eligible retail customers. The rate impact and MWh savings do not include future savings from energy efficiency measures that have a lifespan of more than one year and thus the true cost of the measures will be significantly lower and there will not be a full lifetime rate impact. To have been approved, all programs had to first pass a “Total Resource Cost Test” under which the net present value of the expected benefits had to exceed the expected costs.

**(4) The amount of power and energy produced by each Agency facility.**

Consistent with prior years, the IPA had no Agency facilities during Fiscal Year 2017.

**(5) The quantity of electricity supplied by each Agency facility to municipal electric systems, governmental aggregators, or rural electric cooperatives in Illinois.**

Consistent with prior years, the IPA had no Agency facilities during Fiscal Year 2017.

**(6) The revenues as allocated by the Agency to each facility.**

Consistent with prior years, the IPA had no Agency facilities during Fiscal Year 2017.

**(7) The costs as allocated by the Agency to each facility.**

Consistent with prior years, the IPA had no Agency facilities during Fiscal Year 2017.

**(8) The accumulated depreciation for each facility.**

Consistent with prior years, the IPA had no Agency facilities during Fiscal Year 2017.

**(9) The status of any projects under development.**

Consistent with prior years, the IPA had no Agency facilities under development during Fiscal Year 2017.

Among the Agency's goals and objectives enumerated in the Illinois Power Agency Act are the following:

- *Develop electric generation and co-generation facilities that use indigenous coal or renewable resources, or both, financed with bonds issued by the Illinois Finance Authority.*
- *Supply electricity from the Agency's facilities at cost to one or more of the following: municipal electric systems, governmental aggregators, or rural electric cooperatives in Illinois.<sup>8</sup>*

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<sup>8</sup> 20 ILCS 3855/1-5(C) and (D).

The Act puts a number of restrictions on the Agency that severely limit its ability to develop the allowed facilities in the current marketplace. See, for example:

*At the Agency's discretion, it may conduct feasibility studies on the construction of any facility. Funding for a study shall be assessed to municipal electric systems, governmental aggregators, units of local government, or rural electric cooperatives requesting the feasibility study; or through an appropriation from the General Assembly.*

No entities have requested such a study.

*The Agency may enter into contractual arrangements with private and public entities, including but not limited to municipal electric systems, governmental aggregators, and rural electric cooperatives, to plan, site, construct, improve, rehabilitate, and operate those electric generation and co-generation facilities.*

No entities have requested such arrangements.

*The first facility that the Agency develops, finances, or constructs shall be a facility that uses coal produced in Illinois. The Agency may, however, also develop, finance, or construct renewable energy facilities after work on the first facility has commenced.*

*Any such facility that uses coal must be a clean coal facility and must be constructed in a location where the geology is suitable for carbon sequestration.*

*The Agency may supply electricity produced by the Agency's facilities to municipal electric systems, governmental aggregators, or rural electric cooperatives in Illinois. The electricity shall be supplied at cost. Electric utilities shall not be required to purchase electricity directly or indirectly from facilities developed or sponsored by the Agency.*

Financing of new generation generally requires that there be certainty regarding the contractual obligation to purchase the output of the facility. Even priced at cost, electricity produced by such a facility is likely to be priced significantly above the market price of electricity for the foreseeable future. Absent a mandate to purchase such electricity, buyers would not elect to purchase the significantly more expensive electricity from a clean coal facility, let alone enter into a contract featuring the length and terms necessary to finance such a facility's construction. Due to a severely restricted pool of potential buyers and the apparent absence of need among those potential buyers, the development of a new IPA facility is unlikely to be feasible for the foreseeable future.

*The Agency may sell excess capacity and excess energy into the wholesale electric market at prevailing market rates; provided, however, the Agency may not sell excess capacity or*

*excess energy through the procurement process described in Section 16-111.5 of the Public Utilities Act.*

*The Agency shall not directly sell electric power and energy to retail customers. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit sales to municipal electric systems, governmental aggregators, or rural electric cooperatives.*

(Source: P.A. 95-481, eff. 8-28-07; 95-1027, eff. 6-1-09.)

These provisions mean that the Agency may not serve load in Illinois with any facilities it develops, which serves as a protection of both customers and the market. However, a reduced pool of potential buyers helps ensure that there is not sufficient demand at this time (or in the near future) for the IPA to develop a new facility.

- (10) Basic financial and operating information specifically detailed for the reporting year and including, but not limited to, income and expense statements, balance sheets, and changes in financial position, all in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, debt structure, and a summary of funds on a cash basis.**

The Agency's Fiscal Year 2017 audited Financial Statements and Notes are contained in the attached Appendix A. Appendix B contains a summary of funds on a cash basis.

# **(11) The average quantity, price, contract type and term and rate impact of all renewable resources purchased under the electricity procurement plans for electric utilities.**

This section of the report, in addition to providing the average quantity, price, contract type and term of all renewable resources purchased, provides a comparison of the costs associated with the procurement of the renewable resources to the costs associated with electricity generated by other types of generation facilities. In this Report, “cost” is used to refer to a quantity procured multiplied by that quantity’s average unit price.

Information on the resources procured and the results of the comparative procurements are presented for the 2017-18 delivery year for ComEd, Ameren Illinois, and MidAmerican.<sup>9</sup> Because Public Act 99-0906 voided any proposed procurement of renewable energy resources included in the 2017 Procurement Plan “other than the procurement of renewable energy credits from distributed renewable energy generation devices,”<sup>10</sup> the only new procurement for renewable energy resources that occurred during Fiscal Year 2017 was the Spring 2017 Distributed Generation procurement. In order to place the costs of renewable resources and conventional generation on a level footing, procurement costs are compared for RECs and electricity contracted or delivered to the utility’s bundled rate customers during the 2017-18 delivery year. The following costs are tabulated:

- The weighted average price and cost of RECs procured by the Agency;
- The weighted average price per MWh and cost of the blocks of electricity procured by the Agency;
- For Ameren Illinois and ComEd, the 2010 Long-Term Power Purchase Agreements (“LTTPAs”) purchase costs broken down to show the imputed REC and electricity prices,<sup>11</sup> beginning with the 2012-13 delivery year, which is the first year of delivery under those agreements; and

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<sup>9</sup> Historical information is available in the Agency’s Report on Costs and Benefits of Renewable Resource Procurement published on April 1, 2016.

<sup>10</sup> 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(q) (“This amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly preempts and supersedes any order entered by the Commission that approved the Illinois Power Agency’s procurement plan for the period commencing June 1, 2017, to the extent it is inconsistent with the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly. To the extent any previously entered order approved the procurement of renewable energy resources, the portion of that order approving the procurement shall be void, other than the procurement of renewable energy credits from distributed renewable energy generation devices using funds previously collected from electric utilities’ retail customers that take service under electric utilities’ hourly pricing tariff or tariffs and, for an electric utility that serves less than 100,000 retail customers in the State, other than the procurement of renewable energy credits for distributed renewable energy generation devices.”)

<sup>11</sup> In its December 19, 2012 Order the ICC allowed for the release of the previously confidential “Appendix K” imputed REC prices. The conformed plan (ICC Docket No. 12-0544, 2013 Electricity Procurement Plan Conforming to the



- For Ameren Illinois and ComEd, the 2012 Rate Stability Procurement costs of RECs and electricity, beginning with the 2013-14 delivery year, which is the first year of delivery under those agreements. The final REC and energy deliveries from the 2012 Rate Stability Procurements occur during the 2017-2018 delivery year.
- For Ameren Illinois, ComEd, and MidAmerican, the cost of RECs procured in the 2015 Distributed Generation Procurement (Ameren Illinois and ComEd only), the 2016 Distributed Generation Procurement, and the Spring 2017 Distributed Generation Procurement.

With regard to the 2010 LTPPAs, those contracts contain bundled pricing for electricity and RECs. REC prices are “imputed” by subtracting an electricity price from the bundled price. The electricity prices used in those contracts are determined through a forward energy curve calculated at the time of the procurement event. The process of imputing these REC prices is described in Appendix K to the Agency’s 2010 Procurement Plan.<sup>12</sup>

Although the tables below compare the costs of procured RECs to the costs of procured electricity, it should be noted that these costs are not for equivalent products. RECs represent only the value of the environmental attributes of electricity produced from renewable energy resources, and not the value of the underlying electricity. Alternatively, the costs shown for electricity procured represent prices of actual electricity procured for delivery and use by the end customer. In general, the REC costs are additive to the conventional supply costs when calculating individual customer rate and bill impacts. The Agency also notes that the costs reported herein are only for the supply of electricity and do not include distribution, transmission or other costs related to the provision of electric service.

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Commission’s December 19, 2012 Order at 84) included imputed prices for the five subsequent delivery years 2013-17.

<sup>12</sup> Illinois Power Agency, ICC Docket No. 09-373, Supplemental Filing (Nov. 9, 2009).

## ComEd

Table 1 shows the average quantity, price and contract type of all renewable resources purchased and a comparison of the cost of RECs relative to the cost of electricity under contract for delivery to ComEd during the 2017-18 delivery year.

**Table 1: Relative Cost Comparison of RECs and Electricity under Contract with ComEd for the 2017-18 Delivery Year**

<b>Cost of RECs and Electricity Under Contract for Delivery to ComEd in the 2017-18 Delivery Year</b>				
<b>Procurements from Renewable Energy Resources</b>	<b>Quantity</b>		<b>Average Unit Price</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2017 Spring Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement	13,599	RECs	\$128.52	\$1,747,718
2016 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement <sup>13</sup>		RECs	\$129.50	
2015 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement <sup>14</sup>		RECs	\$113.30	
2012 Rate Stability REC Procurement	271,473	RECs	\$2.14	\$581,034
<u>2010 Long-Term Purchase Agreements REC Procurement<sup>15</sup></u>	<u>1,261,725</u>	<u>RECs</u>	<u>\$18.34</u>	<u>\$23,137,733</u>
Total RECs	1,549,776	RECs	\$16.66	\$25,820,903
Long-Term Renewable Energy, 2010 Long-Term Purchase Agreements <sup>16</sup>	1,261,725	MWh	\$42.59	\$53,731,133
<b>Electricity Procured from Conventional Energy Resources</b>	<b>Quantity</b>		<b>Average Unit Price</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2017 Fall Block Energy Procurement	2,777,825	MWh	\$29.80	\$82,781,680
2017 Spring Block Energy Procurement	9,978,200	MWh	\$31.30	\$312,338,002
2016 Fall Block Energy Procurement	3,038,175	MWh	\$29.47	\$89,533,027
2016 Spring Block Energy Procurement	2,974,150	MWh	\$30.00	\$89,230,758
2015 September Block Energy Procurement	1,632,975	MWh	\$34.23	\$55,901,495
2015 Spring Block Energy Procurement	653,875	MWh	\$38.00	\$24,850,347
<u>2012 Block Energy Procurement, Rate Stability</u>	<u>2,311,650</u>	<u>MWh</u>	<u>\$35.95</u>	<u>\$83,109,468</u>
Total Conventional Energy Resources	23,366,850	MWh	\$31.57	\$737,744,777

<sup>13</sup> In accordance with the procurement RFP rules and previous Illinois Commerce Commission orders, quantity information is only released when the number of successful bidders in a procurement is greater than two. The results of the 2016 Distributed Generation Procurement did not meet that threshold, therefore quantity (and cost) is not provided. The IPA also notes that these RECs were purchased using collected ACP from hourly rate customers; thus, this purchase has no rate effect on ComEd's fixed-price rate customers.

<sup>14</sup> In accordance with the procurement RFP rules and previous Illinois Commerce Commission orders, quantity information is only released when the number of successful bidders in a procurement is greater than two. The results of the 2015 Distributed Generation Procurement did not meet that threshold, therefore quantity (and cost) is not provided. The IPA also notes that these RECs were purchased using collected ACP from hourly rate customers; thus, this purchase has no rate effect on ComEd's fixed-price rate customers.

<sup>15</sup> This represents the Annual Contract Quantity Commitment of RECs specified in the contract and the imputed REC price.

<sup>16</sup> This represents the energy associated with the Annual Contract Quantity Commitment of RECs specified in the contract and the difference between the Contract Price and the Imputed REC Price.

## Ameren Illinois

Table 2 shows the average quantity, price and contract type of all renewable resources purchased and a comparison of the cost of RECs relative to the cost of electricity under contract for delivery to Ameren Illinois during the 2017-18 delivery year.

**Table 2: Relative Cost Comparison of RECs and Electricity under Contract with Ameren Illinois for the 2017-18 Delivery Year**

<b>Cost of RECs and Electricity Under Contract for Delivery to Ameren Illinois in the 2017-18 Delivery Year</b>				
<b>Procurements from Renewable Energy Resources</b>	<b>Quantity</b>		<b>Average Unit Price</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2017 Spring Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement	4,589	RECs	\$108.47	\$497,785
2016 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement <sup>17</sup>		RECs	\$154.31	
2015 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement <sup>18</sup>		RECs	\$123.78	
2012 Rate Stability REC Procurement	254,396	RECs	\$5.72	\$1,455,556
<u>2010 Long-Term Purchase Agreements REC Procurement<sup>19</sup></u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>RECs</u>	<u>\$13.26</u>	<u>\$7,956,000</u>
Total RECs	860,374	RECs	\$11.73	\$10,094,554
Long-Term Renewable Energy, 2010 Long-Term Purchase Agreements <sup>20</sup>	600,000	MWh	\$42.43	\$25,458,000
<b>Electricity Procured from Conventional Energy Resources</b>	<b>Quantity</b>		<b>Average Unit Price</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2017 Fall Block Energy Procurement	816,200	MWh	\$29.55	\$24,119,912
2017 Spring Block Energy Procurement	2,695,800	MWh	\$30.81	\$83,058,202
2016 Fall Block Energy Procurement	718,000	MWh	\$31.71	\$22,764,730
2016 Spring Block Energy Procurement	808,000	MWh	\$29.55	\$23,877,154
2015 September Block Energy Procurement	615,200	MWh	\$32.52	\$20,005,206
<u>2015 Spring Block Energy Procurement</u>	<u>624,200</u>	<u>MWh</u>	<u>\$34.95</u>	<u>\$21,814,358</u>
Total Conventional Energy Resources	6,277,400	MWh	\$31.17	\$195,639,562

<sup>17</sup> In accordance with the procurement RFP rules and previous Illinois Commerce Commission orders, quantity information is only released when the number of successful bidders in a procurement is greater than two. The results of the 2016 Distributed Generation Procurement did not meet that threshold, therefore quantity (and cost) is not provided. The IPA also notes that these RECs were purchased using collected ACP from hourly rate customers; thus, this purchase has no rate effect on Ameren Illinois' fixed-price rate customers.

<sup>18</sup> In accordance with the procurement RFP rules and previous Illinois Commerce Commission orders, quantity information is only released when the number of successful bidders in a procurement is greater than two. The results of the 2015 Distributed Generation Procurement did not meet that threshold, therefore quantity (and cost) is not provided. The IPA also notes that these RECs were purchased using collected ACP from hourly rate customers; thus, this purchase has no rate effect on Ameren Illinois fixed-price rate customers.

<sup>19</sup> This represents the Annual Contract Quantity Commitment of RECs specified in the contract and the imputed REC price.

<sup>20</sup> This represents the energy associated with the Annual Contract Quantity Commitment of RECs specified in the contract and the difference between the Contract Price and the Imputed REC Price.

## MidAmerican

Table 3 shows the price and contract type of all renewable resources purchased and a comparison of the cost of RECs relative to the cost of electricity under contract for delivery to MidAmerican during the 2017-18 delivery year.

**Table 3: Relative Cost Comparison of RECs and Electricity under Contract with MidAmerican for the 2017-18 Delivery Year**

<b>Cost of RECs and Electricity Under Contract for Delivery to MidAmerican in the 2017-18 Delivery Year</b>				
<b>Procurements from Renewable Energy Resources</b>	<b>Quantity</b>		<b>Average Unit Price</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2017 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement	524	RECs	\$165.94	\$86,952
<u>2016 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement<sup>21</sup></u>		<u>RECs</u>	<u>\$189.90</u>	
Total RECs	655	RECs	\$170.73	\$111,829
<b>Electricity Procured from Conventional Energy Resources</b>	<b>Quantity</b>		<b>Average Unit Price</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2017 Fall Block Energy Procurement	135,600	MWh	\$26.09	\$3,537,312
2017 Spring Block Energy Procurement	402,400	MWh	\$26.23	\$10,554,594
<u>2016 Fall Block Energy Procurement</u>	<u>26,400</u>	<u>MWh</u>	<u>\$25.86</u>	<u>\$682,596</u>
Total Conventional Energy Resources	564,400	MWh	\$26.18	\$14,774,502

<sup>21</sup> In accordance with the procurement RFP rules and previous Illinois Commerce Commission orders, quantity information is only released when the number of successful bidders in a procurement is greater than two. The results of the 2016 Distributed Generation Procurement did not meet that threshold, therefore quantity (and cost) is not provided.

## Term of REC Contracts for all Utilities

The IPA's procurement of renewable energy resources includes REC procurements of various terms (i.e., length of contract). Table 4 shows the term<sup>22</sup> associated with each procurement of renewable resources for delivery to Ameren Illinois, ComEd and MidAmerican during the 2017-18 delivery year.<sup>23</sup>

**Table 4: Term of RECs Contracts for Delivery during the 2017-18 Delivery Year**

<b>Term of REC Contracts for Delivery during the 2017-18 Delivery Year</b>		
<b>Procurements from Renewable Energy Resources</b>	<b>Ameren Illinois &amp; ComEd Delivery Term</b>	<b>MidAmerican Delivery Term</b>
2017 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement	5 years starting June 2017	5 years starting June 2017
2016 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement	5 years starting June 2016	5 years starting June 2016
2015 Five-Year Distributed Generation REC Procurement	5 years starting June 2015	—
2012 Rate Stability REC Procurement	June 2013 through December 2017	—
2010 Long-Term Purchase Agreements REC Procurement	20 years starting June 2012	—

<sup>22</sup> The five-year distributed generation term indicated in this section is merely the nominal term for REC deliveries; the full term applicable to obligations under the contracts may vary depending on the contracted system's specific development schedule (i.e., contractual obligations may still need to be fulfilled before deliveries commence).

<sup>23</sup> The Agency has also proposed a one-year term procurement for RECs for the 2017-2018 delivery year as part of its Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (and additional procurements for future delivery years). That Plan is currently under review by the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 17-0838 with an expected approval date of April 3, 2018.

**(12) A comparison of the costs associated with the Agency's procurement of renewable energy resources to (A) the Agency's costs associated with electricity generated by other types of generation facilities and (B) the benefits associated with the Agency's procurement of renewable energy resources.<sup>24</sup>**

The costs associated with the Agency's procurement of renewable energy resources and the Agency's costs of electricity generated by other types of generation facilities are presented above under (11). The economic and environmental benefits that result from the procurement of renewable energy resources are explained below, in both quantitative and qualitative terms.

**1. Environmental Benefits**

The environmental benefits of renewable energy generation are mainly associated with the benefits of avoiding the pollutants emitted by electricity generation sources that burn fossil fuels. Emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels—in particular, fine particles, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides—have been linked to a wide range of adverse health effects, including: lung diseases such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, heart attacks, and strokes.<sup>25</sup> The environmental benefits of renewable energy can be measured in terms of the annual emissions that are avoided by using renewable energy instead of generation from sources such as coal or natural gas-fired power plants to generate the equivalent amount of electricity.

By way of example, a recent retrospective analysis by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (“LBNL”) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (“NREL”) found that, on a national level, renewable generation from wind and solar sources in 2015 avoided sulfur dioxide (“SO<sub>2</sub>”) emissions of 156,900 metric tons, emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) of 102,700 metric tons, and PM<sub>2.5</sub><sup>26</sup> emissions of 4,400 metric tons.<sup>27</sup> In addition, this analysis found that nationwide generation by wind and solar sources in 2015 avoided the emissions of 147.1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) that would have been emitted by the generation from fossil fuel sources. A separate study by LBNL and NREL focused on the prospective impacts of renewable portfolio standards (“RPS”) over the period of 2015 to 2050. Assuming that state RPS policies which were in effect as of July 2016 remained the same, the study predicts that compliance with the existing RPS goals through 2050 would reduce cumulative SO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2.1 million metric tons,

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<sup>24</sup> 20 ILCS 3855/1-125(12).

<sup>25</sup> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air Pollution: Current and Future Challenges, [www.epa.gov/clean-air-act-overview/air-pollution-current-and-future-challenges](http://www.epa.gov/clean-air-act-overview/air-pollution-current-and-future-challenges), accessed January 27, 2018.

<sup>26</sup> PM<sub>2.5</sub> refers to particles with diameters 2.5 micrometers or less.

<sup>27</sup> Millstein, D., Wiser, R., Bolinger, M. and Barbose, G., “The Climate and Air-Quality Benefits of Wind and Solar Power in the United States.” *Nature Energy* 2. 17134 (2017).

cumulative NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 2.5 million metric tons, and cumulative PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions by 0.3 million metric tons.<sup>28</sup> If these reductions came to fruition, the report analysis estimates that there would be 12,000 to 28,000 fewer premature deaths due to respiratory issues over this period.<sup>29</sup> Based on the emissions reductions under the existing RPS, the study estimated total health and environmental benefits to be on the order of \$97 billion for the U.S. over the forecast period.<sup>30</sup>

In an update to the LBNL/NREL report,<sup>31</sup> emissions avoided as the result of compliance with the current RPS requirements in the East North Central Region<sup>32</sup> over the period of 2015 through 2050 were estimated to be 2,000 metric tons of SO<sub>2</sub>, 3,000 metric tons of NO<sub>x</sub>, 2,000 metric tons of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and 4 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.<sup>33</sup> These estimates are based on modeling of the reduction in fossil fuel generation that would be displaced by new renewable generation used to serve RPS obligations of the states in this region.

## **2. Economic Benefits**

The increasing integration of renewable energy into the electric grid is being driven in large part by state RPS requirements with the primary goal of reducing the adverse health and environmental impacts associated with electricity generation. But along with these environmental benefits, renewable generation also offers a range of economic benefits. The economic benefits that can be attributed to renewable energy include electricity price reductions and price stability, increased electric system reliability through portfolio diversity, as well as state and regional economic development, including employment and tax revenue benefits.

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<sup>28</sup> Mai, T., Wiser, R., Barbose, G., Bird, L., Heeter, J., Keyser, D., Krishnan, V., Macknick, J., and Millstein, D., “A Prospective Analysis of the Costs, Benefits, and Impacts of U.S. Renewable Portfolio Standards,” National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, December 2016, NREL/TP-6A20-67455.

<sup>29</sup> Id.

<sup>30</sup> Id. at 45.

<sup>31</sup> Ryan Wiser, et al, “Assessing the Costs and Benefits of US Renewable Portfolio Standards.” 2017 Environmental Research Letters. 12. 094023.

<sup>32</sup> The East North Central Region is defined as including the following states and their respective RPS requirements: Illinois 25% by 2025; Indiana no mandatory RPS; Ohio 12.5% by 2026; Kentucky no mandatory RPS; Michigan 15% by 2021; and Wisconsin 10% already attained. Source: Galen Barbose, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, “U.S. Renewables Portfolio Standards. 2017 Annual Status Report. July 2017.

<sup>33</sup> The Prospective LBNL/NREL report did not break out emissions reductions on a state by state basis.

## **a) Electricity Price Benefits**

### Volatility Suppression and Portfolio Diversity

Wind and solar power offers opportunities for generation supply portfolio diversity and, because these sources do not involve fuel costs, the costs of wind and solar generation are not affected by fuel price volatility. In addition to fuel induced price volatility suppression, wind and solar can provide diversity benefits to a generation portfolio that contains significant amounts of fossil fuel and nuclear generation. These renewable resources offer improved reliability by potentially substituting for other resources that may be adversely impacted by fuel supply and transportation issues or by plant production problems. Wind and solar in a diversified portfolio can provide a hedge against the cost impacts associated with potential changes in environmental regulations that could adversely affect the costs of, and ultimately the price of electricity, from fossil fuel and nuclear generation.<sup>34</sup> Renewable energy can reduce the risk of disruptions in fuel supplies, like natural gas, resulting from transportation difficulties or international conflict.<sup>35</sup> Likewise, wind, solar, and certain other forms of renewable energy are not subject to the uncertainty surrounding future carbon taxes, unlike fossil fuel-fired power plants.<sup>36</sup>

Wind and solar generation have low marginal costs since these resources do not involve fuel costs and as a result can reduce the wholesale price of electricity by shifting more expensive (on a marginal cost basis) resources out on the supply curve. In evaluating the wholesale price impacts of the renewable resources used to meet RPS compliance requirements in 2013, a recent LBNL/NREL report estimated that the resulting reduction in wholesale electricity prices saved consumers in states with RPS requirements as much as \$1.2 billion.<sup>37</sup> An earlier NREL study found that adding solar and wind generation to generation portfolios dominated by natural gas or coal would likely reduce electricity cost volatility up to the point where renewables reach a penetration of around 35%.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> *Guide to Purchasing Green Power*, United States Department of Energy Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, at 5. (March 2010).

<sup>35</sup> *Id.*

<sup>36</sup> Loomis, D., Stroup, I., Center for Renewable Energy, Illinois State University, “Economic Impact: Illinois Wind Energy Development,” June 2016, at 10.

<sup>37</sup> Wiser, R. et al, “A Retrospective Analysis of the Benefits and Impacts of U.S. Renewable Portfolio Standards,” Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, January 2016, NREL/TP 6A20 65005.

<sup>38</sup> Jenkin, T., Diakov, V., Drury, E., Bush, B., Denholm, P., Milford, J., Arent, D., and Margolis R., National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Byrne, R., Sandia National Laboratories, “The Use of Solar and Wind as a Physical Hedge against Price Variability within a Generation Portfolio,” National Renewable Energy Laboratory, August 2013, NREL/TP-6A20-59065.



### Impacts on Locational Marginal Prices

Wholesale electric energy prices are set for hourly periods based on bidding by available generators into the regional markets. Most analyses of the impact of renewable generation on electricity prices address these real-time Locational Marginal Prices (“LMPs”) and assume generator bids reflect variable costs. LMPs consist of three components – Energy, Congestion, and Marginal Losses. The energy component prices energy purchases and sales, the congestion component prices transmission congestion costs to move energy from one point to another, and the marginal losses component prices losses on the bulk power system as a result of moving power from one point to another. An impact on any one of these components will have a corresponding impact on the overall LMP. Renewable generation resources tend to lower the price of electricity in the real-time markets (LMPs) and indirectly lower forward wholesale market prices.<sup>39</sup>

MISO’s 2011 launch of the Dispatchable Intermittent Resources (“DIRs”) program allows registered intermittent generation (mostly wind generators) to participate in the Real-Time Energy Market and set the Real-Time price. Wind generation resources in MISO receive production tax credits, which allow these resources to submit negative energy offers in the energy market. In the 2016 MISO State of the Market Report, MISO’s IMM noted that the average all-in price,<sup>40</sup> after falling 29% to \$28.91/MWh in 2015 increased slightly to \$29.27/ MWh in 2016. This increase resulted primarily from increases in the capacity clearing prices in the 2016/2017 Planning Resource Auction. The energy and ancillary services components of the all-in price declined by three percent, in part due to increasing wind generation.<sup>41</sup> The market information for 2015 and 2016 reported by the MISO IMM suggests that, in addition to negative price offers from wind generators, the implementation of the DIR program has had a positive impact on congestion management in MISO and has, by extension, put added downward pressure on LMPs, since congestion is one of the LMP components. Other support for the price impact of renewable energy generation on prices comes from a recent study of the impact of wind generation on hourly, real-time MISO system prices conducted by the Colorado School of Mines and the Great Plains Institute, which showed that prices decreased in a range from \$1.39/MWh to \$3.40/MWh for each

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<sup>39</sup> Electricity acquired through the Agency’s procurement events is purchased competitively in regional forward wholesale markets.

<sup>40</sup> The all-in price is equal to the load-weighted average real-time energy price plus capacity, ancillary services, and real-time uplift costs per MWh of real-time load.

<sup>41</sup> Potomac Economics, “2016 State of the Market Report for the MISO Electricity Market,” June 2017.

additional GWh of wind generation during the 2008 through 2016 period for which relevant data was available.<sup>42</sup>

In the 2016 PJM State of the Market Report, the PJM Market Monitor reported that “[i]n 2016, 86.6 percent of the wind marginal units had negative offer prices, 11.2 percent had zero offer prices and 2.1 percent had positive offer prices.”<sup>43</sup> The PJM Market Monitor report suggests that, similar to MISO, wind units in PJM also put downward pressure on LMPs.

In 2009, PJM conducted a study that considered the wholesale power price impacts of adding 15,000 MW of wind power in the PJM market.<sup>44</sup> Results from the study indicated that the addition of the wind power would decrease wholesale market prices by \$4.50-\$6.00 per MWh. In a 2014 study on the impacts of the integration of renewable energy on the PJM system, PJM concluded that wind and solar resources are effectively price-takers and therefore displace more expensive generation resources resulting in lower average LMPs across the PJM grid.<sup>45</sup>

These analyses of the downward impacts on LMPs are focused on reductions at the wholesale level and are not necessarily directly or immediately reflected in the retail rates customers pay.

## **b) Economic Development Opportunities**

In 2016, the Illinois State University’s Center for Renewable Energy issued “Economic Impact: Illinois Wind Energy Development,” a report that modeled the economic impact of wind energy on Illinois’ economy by entering wind project-specific information into the NREL’s Jobs and Economic Development Impact (“JEDI”) model. The model was used to estimate the income, economic activity, and number of job opportunities accruing to the state from the wind projects that have generating capacities of larger than 50 MW. The report estimated that the development of the 25 largest Illinois wind farms installed at the time of the analysis, accounting for 3,610 MW of nameplate capacity out of a total nameplate capacity for all wind projects in the state of 3,842 MW, was responsible for 20,173 full-time equivalent jobs in Illinois during construction and 869 permanent jobs, and will generate a total economic benefit of \$6.4 billion<sup>46</sup> during the construction and typical 25-year operational lives of the projects. As of September 2017, NREL lists the current

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<sup>42</sup> Quint, D. Colorado School of Mines, Dahlke, S. Great Plains Institute, “The Impact of Wind Generation on Wholesale Electricity Prices in the Midcontinent Market. An Empirical Investigation.” June 5, 2017.

<sup>43</sup> Monitoring Analytics, LLC, 2016 State of the Market Report for PJM, March 9, 2017. Volume 2 at 102.

<sup>44</sup> PJM: Potential Effects of Proposed Climate Change Policies on PJM’s Energy Market, January 27, 2009.

<sup>45</sup> PJM: PJM Renewable Integration Study, March 31, 2014.

<sup>46</sup> Economic Impact: Illinois Wind Energy Development at 6.

installed wind capacity in Illinois to be 4,026 MW which is a 4.8% increase over the installed wind capacity referenced in the report.<sup>47</sup>

The Solar Energy Industries Association (“SEIA”) data on the solar industry in Illinois indicates that in 2016 total installed solar capacity was 78.1 MW, reflecting 5.2 MW of new capacity added in 2016.<sup>48</sup> The Illinois State University Center for Renewable Energy conducted a study similar to the 2016 wind study to assess the potential economic impact of solar photovoltaic development in Illinois.<sup>49</sup> The solar study estimated the technical potential solar photovoltaic capacity that could be developed in Illinois by 2030 to range from 2,292 MW to 11,265 MW. This range reflects assumptions that photovoltaic output would amount to 1.5% of total load in the state at the low end of the range to 7.5% of total load at the upper end of the range. The estimated full-time equivalent employment impacts associated with this solar development ranges from 1,223 to 6,010 during the operating years of these solar facilities and from 26,783 to 131,637 full-time equivalent jobs for the construction of these facilities. The total economic impact over the development period would range from \$4.01 billion to \$20.1 billion (2016 \$).

The wind and solar reports found that renewable power development leads to the creation of temporary and permanent jobs requiring highly skilled workers in the fields of construction, management, and engineering.<sup>50</sup> Construction phase jobs typically last anywhere from 6 months to over a year, while operational jobs, including operations and maintenance positions, last the life of the generating facility, typically 20-30 years.<sup>51</sup>

The jobs and economic benefits estimated in the wind report included “turbine and supply chain impacts,” which can also be referred to as “indirect impacts.”<sup>52</sup> Indirect impacts occurred both in the construction and the operation of wind turbines, and included construction spending on materials and wind farm equipment and other purchases of goods and offsite services. The supply chain of inputs required to produce these goods and services; and project revenues that flow to the local economy in the form of land lease revenue, property tax revenue, and revenue to equity investors are also indirect impacts.<sup>53</sup> The estimated benefits also included local spending by employees

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<sup>47</sup> U.S. Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, WINDEXchange, Installed Wind Capacity, accessed January 27, 2018. The NREL installed capacity data is based on the American Wind Energy Association Q3 2017 Market Report.

<sup>48</sup> SEIA, Solar Spotlight Illinois, September 11, 2017.

<sup>49</sup> Loomis D. et al, Illinois Center for Renewable Energy, Illinois State University, “Economic Impact Potential of Solar Photovoltaics in Illinois,” December 2013.

<sup>50</sup> Economic Impact: Wind Energy Development in Illinois at 23.

<sup>51</sup> Id.

<sup>52</sup> Id. at 19.

<sup>53</sup> Id. at 20.

working directly or indirectly on the wind farm project who receive their paychecks and then spend money in the community.<sup>54</sup> Additional economic impacts referred to in the study as “induced impacts” were also considered, these impacts result from changes in household spending in the areas surrounding the wind project development due to increased income brought about by the direct and indirect impacts.<sup>55</sup> The solar report showed similar types of economic benefits would be associated with the development of photovoltaic generating facilities.

The analysis in the wind report also determined the 25 largest wind projects in Illinois are estimated to generate more than \$30.4 million in annual property taxes.<sup>56</sup> Local governments can also receive significant amounts of revenue from permitting fees.<sup>57</sup> Benefits to landowners identified included revenue from leasing their land, which the report found amounted to almost \$14 million annually.<sup>58</sup> There may be some local concerns such as wear and tear on roads during construction, unfunded decommissioning cost liability, and possibly lowered land values that should be considered when evaluating any specific project’s impacts.

Other entities have published employment estimates regarding the impact of wind and solar development in Illinois. According to the American Wind Energy Association, wind power supported 4,001-5,000 direct and indirect jobs in Illinois during 2015.<sup>59</sup> This apparently includes manufacturing jobs, which may be supported by wind generation located outside Illinois. The Clean Energy Trust, in partnership with Environmental Entrepreneurs, reports that in 2016 there were an estimated 4,835 jobs in the solar industry and 4,042 jobs in the wind industry in Illinois.<sup>60</sup> An Illinois Science & Technology Institute report conducted with Strategic Economic Research estimated that increasing Illinois’ RPS target to 35% would result in average annual additional jobs of 8,571 by 2030.<sup>61</sup>

In the coming years, implementation of Public Act 99-0906’s renewable energy provisions should have significant economic impacts on the state. The development and installation of new renewable generation is expected to expand significantly. In particular, the significant expansion

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<sup>54</sup> Id. at 20.

<sup>55</sup> Id. at 20.

<sup>56</sup> Id. at 23.

<sup>57</sup> Id. at 18.

<sup>58</sup> The study noted that these payments to landowners usually extend over the 25-year life of the project and can involve adjustments for inflation which would result in higher payments over time.

<sup>59</sup> American Wind Energy Association, State Wind Facts, Illinois Wind Energy, accessed January 27, 2018.

<sup>60</sup> Clean Jobs Midwest 2017. <http://www.cleanjobsmidwest.com/story/illinois>, September 7, 2017.

<sup>61</sup> Illinois Science & Technology Institute, “Illinois Employment Impacts Due to Energy Policy Changes,” Executive Summary, March 2015.

of the development of photovoltaic distributed generation projects and community solar projects will have local impacts as those projects are expected to be spread throughout the state. The Act also will support the development of new utility-scale photovoltaic projects at orders of magnitude greater than what has previously been developed in Illinois.

### **(13) Rate Impacts on Eligible Retail Customers**

*“An analysis of the rate impacts associated with the Illinois Power Agency’s procurement of renewable resources, including, but not limited to, any long term contracts, on the eligible retail customers of electric utilities. The analysis shall include the Agency’s estimate of the total dollar impact that the Agency’s procurement of renewable resources has had on the annual electricity bills of the customer classes that comprise each eligible retail customer class taking service from an electric utility.”<sup>62</sup>*

This section of the report also includes estimates of bill impacts determined by analysis of the load of each eligible customer class, numbers of customers, and bill estimates contained in publicly available utility tariff and rate case filings. For the purposes of determining the total bill impact, this section of the report includes the same costs included in the statutory RPS spending cap: “the total amount paid for electric service [which] includes without limitation amounts paid for supply, transmission, distribution, surcharges, and add-on taxes.” The bill impacts are presented both as a percentage of an average customer bill for that class and as cents per kilowatt-hour.

These breakouts provide the rate impact associated with the Agency’s procurement of renewable resources. When multiplied by the overall billing determinants, the values also provide the total dollar impact on the annual electricity bills of each customer class. Results for each electric utility and corresponding customer class are presented for ComEd in Table 5 and Table 6, for Ameren Illinois in Table 7 and Table 8, and for MidAmerican in Table 9 and Table 10.

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<sup>62</sup> 20 ILCS 3855/1-125(13).

## ComEd

**Table 5: Rate Impact for Customers Taking Supply from ComEd<sup>63</sup>**

Customer Class	Description	2016-17 Delivery Year	2017-18 Delivery Year (Through December 2017)
Single Family No Electric Space Heat	Revenue/kWh	\$0.1294	\$0.1423
	REC/kWh	\$0.0013	\$0.0019
	Ratio (REC/Revenue) <sup>64</sup>	1.00%	1.34%
Multi Family No Electric Space Heat	Revenue/kWh	\$0.1471	\$0.1533
	REC/kWh	\$0.0013	\$0.0019
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	0.88%	1.24%
Single Family With Electric Space Heat	Revenue/kWh	\$0.1032	\$0.1109
	REC/kWh	\$0.0014	\$0.0019
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	1.36%	1.71%
Multi Family With Electric Space Heat	Revenue/kWh	\$0.1132	\$0.1206
	REC/kWh	\$0.0014	\$0.0019
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	1.24%	1.58%
Watt-hour	Revenue/kWh	\$0.1542	\$0.1646
	REC/kWh	\$0.0013	\$0.0018
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	0.84%	1.09%
Small Load (< 100 kW)	Revenue/kWh	\$0.1080	\$0.1151
	REC/kWh	\$0.0013	\$0.0019
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	1.20%	1.65%

<sup>63</sup> Overall bill (e.g. Revenue/kWh) includes fixed supply charges, RTO services charges, delivery services charges (customer charge, standard metering service charges, distribution facilities charges, and Illinois Electricity Distribution Tax charge), other environmental cost recovery and energy efficiency & demand adjustments, franchise cost additions, and municipal and state taxes. The REC/kWh value is equal to the cost of renewable resources in the delivery year, divided by the sum of the actual load of eligible retail customers.

<sup>64</sup> This value represents the amount that RECs cost each customer of that delivery year class as a percentage of the amount paid for total “annual electricity bills,” including taxes. Thus, a Rate Impact of 1.00% (2016-17 delivery year) means that 1.00% of the total electricity bill of a customer of that class in that delivery year was spent on contracts for renewable energy resources.

**Table 6: Dollar Impact for Customers Taking Supply from ComEd<sup>65</sup>**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2016-17 Delivery Year</b>	<b>2017-18 Delivery Year (Through December 2017)</b>
Single Family No Electric Space Heat	Usage (kWh)	11,359,949,268	7,779,418,603
	Dollar Impact	\$14,767,934	\$14,780,895
Multi Family No Electric Space Heat	Usage (kWh)	3,311,669,136	2,139,170,971
	Dollar Impact	\$4,305,170	\$4,064,425
Single Family With Electric Space Heat	Usage (kWh)	357,778,981	179,937,365
	Dollar Impact	\$500,891	\$341,881
Multi Family With Electric Space Heat	Usage (kWh)	937,517,204	491,348,748
	Dollar Impact	\$1,312,524	\$933,563
Watt-hour	Usage (kWh)	89,933,424	4,803,578
	Dollar Impact	\$116,913	\$8,646
Small Load (< 100 kW)	Usage (kWh)	4,157,437,094	2,402,472,242
	Dollar Impact	\$5,404,668	\$4,564,697

<sup>65</sup> Usage values were reported by ComEd. Dollar Impact values were calculated by multiplying the Usage by the REC/kWh reported in Table 5.



## Ameren Illinois

**Table 7: Rate Impact for Customers Taking Supply from Ameren Illinois<sup>66</sup>**

Customer Class	Description	2016-17 Delivery Year	2017-18 Delivery Year (Through December 2017)
Residential Service (DS-1)	Revenue/kWh	\$0.12	\$0.12
	REC/kWh	\$0.001735	\$0.001805
	Ratio (REC/Revenue) <sup>67</sup>	1.46%	1.51%
Small General Service (DS-2)	Revenue/kWh	\$0.12	\$0.12
	REC/kWh	\$0.001735	\$0.001805
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	1.48%	1.52%
General Service & Large General Service (DS-3 and DS-4) <sup>68</sup>	Revenue/kWh	\$0.07	\$0.06
	REC/kWh	\$0.001735	\$0.001805
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	2.61%	3.01%

<sup>66</sup> Overall bill (i.e. Revenue/kWh) includes fixed supply charges, RTO services charges, delivery services charges (customer charge, standard metering service charges, distribution facilities charges, and Illinois Electricity Distribution Tax charge), other environmental cost recovery and energy efficiency & demand adjustments, franchise cost additions, and municipal and state taxes. The REC/kWh value is equal to the cost of renewable resources in the delivery year, divided by the sum of the actual load of eligible retail customers.

<sup>67</sup> This value represents the amount that RECs cost each customer of that delivery year class as a percentage of the amount paid for total “annual electricity bills,” including taxes. Thus, a Rate Impact of 1.46% (2016-17 delivery year) means that 1.46% of the total electricity bill of a customer of that class in that delivery year was spent on contracts for renewable energy resources.

<sup>68</sup> General Service & Large General Service (DS-3 and DS-4) have been declared fully competitive and therefore these classes can no longer take supply from Ameren Illinois fixed price (Rider BGS). Therefore, calculations represent only the load of customers taking supply from Ameren Illinois real time price supply applicable to larger customers (Rider HSS). The REC/kWh value is as described in the footnote above except it only applies to customers and load on Rider HSS.

**Table 8: Dollar Impact for Customers Taking Supply from Ameren Illinois<sup>69</sup>**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2016-17 Delivery Year</b>	<b>2017-18 Delivery Year (Through December 2017)</b>
Residential Service (DS-1)	Usage (kWh)	4,515,594,842	2,708,252,740
	Dollar Impact	\$7,835,009	\$4,889,479
Small General Service (DS-2)	Usage (kWh)	1,899,033,515	1,027,315,194
	Dollar Impact	\$3,295,013	\$1,854,715
General Service & Large General Service (DS-3 and DS-4) <sup>70</sup>	Usage (kWh)	1,538,445,927	997,586,362
	Dollar Impact	\$2,669,358	\$1,801,042

<sup>69</sup> Usage values were reported by Ameren Illinois. Dollar Impact values were calculated by multiplying the Usage by the REC/kWh reported in Table 7.

<sup>70</sup> General Service & Large General Service (DS-3 and DS-4) have been declared fully competitive and therefore these classes can no longer take supply from Ameren Illinois fixed price (Rider BGS). Therefore, calculations represent only the load of customers taking supply from Ameren Illinois real time price supply applicable to larger customers (Rider HSS).

## MidAmerican

**Table 9: Rate Impact for Customers Taking Supply from MidAmerican<sup>71</sup>**

Customer Class	Description	2016-17 Delivery Year	2017-18 Delivery Year (Through December 2017)
Residential	Revenue/kWh	\$0.10875	\$0.11399
	REC/kWh	\$0.00017	\$0.00010
	Ratio (REC/Revenue) <sup>72</sup>	0.15%	0.08%
Commercial	Revenue/kWh	\$0.08156	\$0.08590
	REC/kWh	\$0.00017	\$0.00010
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	0.21%	0.11%
Industrial	Revenue/kWh	\$0.05715	\$0.06245
	REC/kWh	\$0.00017	\$0.00010
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	0.29%	0.15%
Public Authority	Revenue/kWh	\$0.06738	\$0.07868
	REC/kWh	\$0.00017	\$0.00010
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	0.25%	0.12%
Street Lighting	Revenue/kWh	\$0.11144	\$0.13537
	REC/kWh	\$0.00017	\$0.00010
	Ratio (REC/Revenue)	0.15%	0.07%

<sup>71</sup> Overall bill (e.g. Revenue/kWh) includes fixed supply charges, RTO services charges, delivery services charges (customer charge, standard metering service charges, distribution facilities charges, and Illinois Electricity Distribution Tax charge), other environmental cost recovery and energy efficiency & demand adjustments, franchise cost additions, and municipal and state taxes. The REC/kWh value is equal to the cost of renewable resources in the delivery year, divided by the sum of the actual load of eligible retail customers.

<sup>72</sup> This value represents the amount that RECs cost each customer of that delivery year class as a percentage of the amount paid for total “annual electricity bills,” including taxes. Thus, a Rate Impact of 0.15% (2016-17 delivery year) means that 0.15% of the total electricity bill of a customer of that class in that delivery year was spent on contracts for renewable energy resources.

**Table 10: Dollar Impact for Customers Taking Supply from MidAmerican<sup>73</sup>**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2016-17 Delivery Year</b>	<b>2017-18 Delivery Year (Through December 2017)</b>
Residential	Usage (kWh)	639,775,012	385,499,952
	Dollar Impact	\$107,639	\$37,073
Commercial	Usage (kWh)	468,558,216	289,511,810
	Dollar Impact	\$78,833	\$27,842
Industrial	Usage (kWh)	621,400,949	384,284,991
	Dollar Impact	\$104,548	\$36,956
Public Authority	Usage (kWh)	167,024,549	97,640,399
	Dollar Impact	\$28,101	\$9,390
Street Lighting	Usage (kWh)	9,922,211	5,916,265
	Dollar Impact	\$1,669	\$569

<sup>73</sup> Usage values were reported by MidAmerican. Dollar Impact values were calculated by multiplying the Usage by the REC/kWh reported in Table 9.

## **(14) Rate Impacts on Customers of Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers**

*“An analysis of how the operation of the alternative compliance payment mechanism, any long-term contracts, or other aspects of the applicable renewable portfolio standards impacts the rates of customers of alternative retail electric suppliers.”<sup>74</sup>*

For compliance with its 2016-2017 delivery year RPS requirements, an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier (“ARES”) could satisfy its RPS requirement entirely through Alternative Compliance Payments (“ACP”), or through a combination of an ACP payment (for no less than 50% of its RPS requirements) and self-procurement of eligible renewable resources.<sup>75</sup> While the law allowed ARES to meet 100% of the RPS through ACPs, it appeared that most ARES chose to use ACPs for the minimum 50% while self-procuring the remainder of the requirement. Presumably, this was because the market price of RECs was lower than the ACP rate.

Due to changes to Section 16-115D of the Public Utilities Act contained in Public Act 99-0906, for the 2017-2018 delivery year through the 2018-2019 delivery year, Section 16-115D’s ARES RPS requirements are beginning to be phased out, with Section 16-115D’s requirements applicable to only 50% of load in the first of those years and 25% of load in the second. Furthermore, ARES are no longer required to make ACP payments for a portion of their obligations.<sup>76</sup> After the 2018-2019 delivery year, RPS obligations become fully consolidated under the processes identified in Section 1-75(c) of the IPA Act and funded through a delivery services charge applicable to all retail customers.

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<sup>74</sup> 20 ILCS 3855/1-125(14).

<sup>75</sup> The eligibility of renewable resources for ARES RPS compliance differs from that for RPS procurements conducted by the IPA for the utilities. Most notable is the requirement that they come from resources “located in Illinois, within states that adjoin Illinois or within portions of the PJM and MISO footprint in the United States.” 220 ILCS 5/16-115D(a)(4).

<sup>76</sup> Additional new requirements include a change from 60% of resources coming from wind, and 6% from photovoltaics to a combined 32% coming from wind or photovoltaics. Resources also may not come from facilities that have their costs recovered through rates regulated by a state.

**Table 11: ACP Rates<sup>77</sup>**

<b>Delivery Year</b>	<b>ComEd ACP Rate (¢/kWh)</b>	<b>Ameren Illinois ACP Rate (¢/kWh)</b>	<b>MidAmerican ACP Rate (¢/kWh)</b>
June 2009 - May 2010	0.0764	0.0645	
June 2010 - May 2011	0.0256	0.0211	
June 2011 - May 2012	0.00568	0.00584	
June 2012 - May 2013	0.09724	0.06687	
June 2013 - May 2014	0.15923	0.14661	
June 2014 - May 2015	0.18917	0.16811	
June 2015 - May 2016	0.16641	0.14806	
June 2016 - May 2017	0.12815	0.17351	0.1507
June 2017 - May 2018 <sup>78</sup>	0.18917	0.18054	0.12415

Assuming an ARES uses the ACP to meet half its RPS requirement and passes through the costs of the ACP to all its volume sold, the estimated rate impact on ARES customers would be half the values shown in Table 11 above. That is, for example, for an ARES customer in Ameren Illinois territory, the ARES rate impact in delivery year June 2016 to May 2017 would be 0.08676 cents per kilowatt-hour for the ACP portion of that ARES's compliance. The ARES would incur additional costs to self-procure the additional renewable resources to meet the balance of its obligations. ARES are not required to disclose those costs.

Because ACPs are based on the utilities' average cost of REC procurement, if ARES were to pay approximately the same amount for renewable resources they directly procure as the utilities, the bill impact of renewable procurement on ARES and utility customers would be similar in dollar amount. The percentage impact on an ARES is shown in Table 12. However, if ARES procure different or less expensive products (for instance, only purchasing short-term REC supply contracts rather than entering into long-term PPAs), overall ARES costs to comply with the RPS would likely be lower than the costs paid by utility default service customers.

<sup>77</sup> The data is sourced from <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/RPSCompliancePaymentNotices.aspx>

<sup>78</sup> The ICC will not be able to estimate the 2017-2018 ACP Rate until a REC procurement event takes place in the spring of 2018, well after the FY 2017 Annual Report has been published. Due to the unavailability of an estimate of the ACP Rate, the IPA opted to use the Maximum ACP Rate for comparative rate impact purposes.

**Table 12: RPS Compliance - Comparative Rate Impact on ARES Customers**

Utility Territory	ACP Rate (c/kWh) (estimated) - From Table 11	Representative ARES Price (c/kWh) <sup>79</sup>	Maximum Rate Impact on ARES Customers Assuming 100% ACP (estimated)
ComEd	0.18917	8.63	2.19%
Ameren Illinois	0.18054	6.49	2.78%

The Maximum ACP Rates for the June 2017 through May 2018 period are shown in Table 12 above. The rate impact is a high-end estimate that assumes that an ARES complied with the RPS through 100% ACP payments. Because price information on ARES direct purchases of RECs is not publicly available, an exact calculation of typical or average rate impacts on ARES customers is not possible. It is also important to note that the comparison here is only looking at the supply component of a customer's bill, not the entire bill, so it is not directly comparable to the Ameren Illinois/ComEd rate impacts presented in Tables 5 through 8.

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<sup>79</sup> Representative ARES prices are for the 2017-18 delivery year, based on offers found on the Plug In Illinois website (<https://www.pluginillinois.org/OffersBegin.aspx>) for 12-month fixed prices energy contracts as of 1/8/2018. Any monthly fees included with the offers were converted to c/kWh based on a usage rate of 1,000 kWh/month. ARES data for the MidAmerican service area had only one offer with a variable price over a 24 month period. Due to the lack of offers with 12-month fixed prices, the rate impact on ARES customers in the MidAmerican service area is not included in Table 12. Note that some plans may contain early termination fees that are not included in the calculation of the representative prices. Clarification of the specifications, marketing, and disclosure requirements associated with these plans was the subject of a rulemaking proceeding before the ICC (see Docket No. 15-0512). A Final Order in the Docket was issued on October 19, 2017.

## Alternative Compliance Payment Mechanism Fund Report

*“[T]he Illinois Power Agency shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly, the Commission, and alternative retail electric suppliers that shall include ...”*

- (A) *the total amount of alternative compliance payments received in aggregate from alternative retail electric suppliers by planning year for all previous planning years in which the alternative compliance payment was in effect;*
- (B) *the total amount of those payments utilized to purchased [sic] renewable energy credits itemized by the date of each procurement in which the payments were utilized; and*
- (C) *the unused and remaining balance in the Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund attributable to those payments.”<sup>80</sup>*

For the delivery year ending May 31, 2017, to the extent an ARES complied with their RPS obligations by procuring renewable resources, at least 60% of the renewable energy resources procured by that ARES was required to come from wind generation, while at least 6% of the renewable energy resources procured was required to come from solar PV.<sup>81</sup> If an ARES did not purchase at least the technology-specific sub- target levels of wind or photovoltaic renewable energy resources, then it was required to make additional ACPs at the same rate to meet those obligations.

With the delivery year that began on June 1, 2017, 32% of the renewable resources procured by an ARES had to come from either wind or photovoltaics and cannot come from facilities that had their costs recovered through rates regulated by a state.

In addition, through June 1, 2017, all ACPs were deposited into the Renewable Energy Resources Fund (“RERF”), a state fund administered by the Agency to procure renewable energy resources through the purchase and retirement of RECs.<sup>82</sup> Changes to Section 16-115D(d)(4.5) of the Public Utilities Act contained in Public Act 99-0906 now require ACPs to be submitted to the utilities

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<sup>80</sup> 220 ILCS 5/16-115D(d)(4).

<sup>81</sup> 220 ILCS 5/16-115D(a)(3) (the 60% statutory wind energy minimum for ARES is lower than the 75% wind standard for utilities).

<sup>82</sup> 20 ILCS 3855/1-56.



and used to support the procurement of renewable resources for the utilities by the IPA under Section 1-75(c) of the IPA Act.

#### **A. Total Amount of ACPs Received**

This report must provide the total amount of ACPs received in aggregate from ARES for each planning year in which the ACP was in effect.<sup>83</sup> Under the PUA, a planning year begins on June 1st of each calendar year.<sup>84</sup> The ACP mechanism was “in effect” by September 1, 2010 to require payments by ARES for the period of June 1, 2009 to May 1, 2010.<sup>85</sup> Therefore, this report must provide the aggregate total amount of ACPs for the planning years 2009-10 through 2015-16. Table 11 shows the total ACPs for each year through 2015-2016 which were collected by the ICC and deposited into the Renewable Energy Resources Fund. Starting with the 2016-2017 delivery year (with payments made in August 2017), ACP payments are made to the applicable utility and are reported separately.

ARES ACP payments are due by September 1<sup>st</sup> following the end of the planning year. For example, for the planning year that ended in May, 2017, payments were due September 1, 2017.<sup>86</sup> Payments are made as part of a Compliance Report submitted to the ICC.

**Table 11: Total ACPs Received by the RERF<sup>87</sup>**

<b>Planning Year</b>	<b>Total ACPs Received</b>
June 2009 – May 2010	\$7,148,261.61
June 2010 – May 2011	\$5,632,587.18
June 2011 – May 2012	\$2,156,777.61
June 2012 – May 2013	\$38,382,345.57
June 2013 – May 2014	\$77,145,921.09
June 2014 – May 2015	\$86,278,411.02
June 2015 – May 2016	\$71,649,805.76
<b>Aggregate Total</b>	<b>\$288,394,109.84</b>

For ARES compliance for the 2016-2017 delivery year, ComEd collected \$40,575,311.19, Ameren Illinois \$23,375,512.09, and MidAmerican \$10,532. The combined total of ACPs received by the Renewable Energy Resources Fund and by the utilities is \$352,355,465.12.

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<sup>83</sup> 220 ILCS 5/16-115D(d)(4)(A).

<sup>84</sup> See e.g. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(b).

<sup>85</sup> Pub. Act 96-0033 (eff. 7/10/2009); 220 ILCS 5/16-115D(d)(2).

<sup>86</sup> 220 ILCS 5/16-115D(d)(2).

<sup>87</sup> Total ACPs Received does not account for expenditures (or other diversions) from the RERF and, therefore, the Aggregate Total reported in this figure will differ from the RERF balance reported in Table 13.

## **B. Amount of ACPs used to purchase RECs**

### **1. Purchases Made**

Prior to May 2013, the only disbursements made from the RERF were temporary transfers of funds to the State's General Revenue Fund pursuant to 30 ILCS 105/5h(a). Of the \$7,148,261.61 in total ACPs received for the 2009-10 planning year, the State of Illinois transferred \$2,000,000 on September 20, 2010 and \$4,710,000 on October 15, 2010.<sup>88</sup> The remaining \$438,261.61 was not used to purchase RECs and remained in the RERF. The State was required to repay the funds within 18 months of borrowing, and it repaid \$2,000,000 to the RERF in March 2012 and the remaining \$4,710,000 was repaid in April 2012. Because the funds were transferred from a non-interest earning account, no interest was paid.

In 2013, REC deliveries under the 2010 LTPPAs were curtailed due to application of the RPS budget cap.<sup>89</sup> Pursuant to the 2013 Procurement Plan, holders of those LTPPAs were given the option to sell curtailed RECs to ComEd with the purchases supported by the ACPs collected from customers on hourly pricing, which are distinct from ACPs collected from ARES. Those funds were insufficient to purchase all of the curtailed RECs and the IPA offered to voluntarily use the RERF to purchase remaining curtailed RECs. In May 2013, the IPA entered into contracts to purchase RECs associated with ComEd's curtailed long-term contracts that were not otherwise purchased by ComEd.<sup>90</sup> These purchase contracts were for the delivery year June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014, and were for up to 121,620 RECs with no minimum delivery levels with a total value of \$2.24 million. Due to improved market prices for RECs elsewhere, not all contract holders exercised their rights to deliver RECs to the IPA. A total of 74,402 RECs were delivered in the June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014 delivery year under these contracts at a total cost of \$1,719,141.52. There was no direct rate impact resulting from these purchases because they used ACP funds previously collected from ARES. As approved in ICC Docket No. 12-0544, ComEd also used ACP funds to purchase 79,674 RECs curtailed under the operation of LTPPAs in the June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014 delivery year at a total cost of \$1,647,596.

Effective June 28, 2014, Public Act 98-0672 created new section 1-56(i) of the Illinois Power Agency Act requiring the Agency to develop a one-time supplemental procurement plan for the procurement of renewable energy credits from new or existing photovoltaics using up to \$30,000,000 from the RERF. The Supplemental Plan was developed by the IPA in 2014 and approved by the ICC on January 21, 2015. Three procurement events were conducted pursuant to

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<sup>88</sup> 30 ILCS 105/5h(a).

<sup>89</sup> Illinois Power Agency, *2013 Annual Report*, December 1, 2013, at 5. This document, which is available at [http://www2.illinois.gov/ipa/Pages/IPA\\_Reports.aspx#AnnualReports](http://www2.illinois.gov/ipa/Pages/IPA_Reports.aspx#AnnualReports), should not be confused with the *2013 Annual Report on the Costs and Benefits of Renewable Resource Procurement in Illinois*.

<sup>90</sup> Of the eight LTPPA-holders, seven elected to enter into contracts.

the Supplemental Plan (June 2015; November 2015; and March 2016). Table 12 shows the number of RECs contracted for purchase using alternative compliance payments held in the RERF as the result of each procurement event.

**Table 12: Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement RECs and RERF Funds Committed**

Procurement Event	RECs Contracted For Purchase	RERF Funds Committed
June 2015	37,082	\$4,999,963
November 2015	70,096	\$9,999,961
March 2016	91,770	\$14,999,894
Total	198,948	\$29,999,818

Table 13 below documents the expenditures for RECs from those procurements as the photovoltaic projects developed pursuant to it are completed and begin operation. As of January 31, 2018, nearly 1,000 projects have entered operation and have delivered over 25,000 RECs under five-year delivery contracts. Approximately 200 projects remain under development and have not yet begun REC deliveries.<sup>91</sup>

Public Act 99-0002, effective March 26, 2015, authorized the transfer of \$98,000,000 from the RERF to the State's General Revenue Fund. That transfer occurred on April 1, 2015 and does not include a repayment provision, further increasing the differential between ACPs received and the current RERF balance.

Public Act 99-0524 effective June 30, 2016, included an appropriation of \$12 million from the Renewable Energy Resources Fund for deposit into the Illinois Commerce Commission Public Utility Fund. The transfer occurred on June 23, 2017.

Public Act 100-0023, effective July 6, 2017, authorized transfers from special funds (such as the Renewable Energy Resources Fund) to the State's General Revenue Fund with a two-year deadline for repayment provision. On August 10, 2017, \$150 million was transferred from the Renewable Energy Resources Fund to the General Revenue Fund.

## **2. Changes in Spending the RERF**

Public Act 99-0906, effective June 1, 2017, substantially revamped Section 1-56 of the Illinois Power Agency Act (which governs how the Agency uses the RERF). Other than expenditures previously committed via the Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement process as described above, the remaining balance of the RERF will shift to supporting the Illinois Solar for All Program, which is designed to create incentives for and support to the development of photovoltaic resources for low-income households and communities. Details of the Illinois Solar for All Program are

<sup>91</sup> Unlike future REC purchases as part of the Illinois Solar for All Program which feature upfront payments, the Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement only pays for RECs as they are delivered.

included in the new Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan developed by the Agency in 2017. Illinois Commerce Commission approval of that Plan, and the subsequent start-up of programs described in the Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan, are anticipated to occur in 2018. Some of the challenges in spending the RERF that have been previously documented will be resolved by this change in State law. However, the RERF remains a special State Fund and expenditures from it are only authorized pursuant to the annual appropriations process, and the RERF could be subject to future reallocations of funds to other State purposes if authorized by the General Assembly and Governor.

### C. Balance in RERF

As of January 31, 2018, the RERF balance equals \$21,200,185.74. Table 13 shows the current RERF balance. As discussed above ACP payments from ARES now go to the utilities and are not deposited into the RERF.

**Table 13: IPA RERF Balance Sheet**

Date	Transaction	Amount	Cumulative Balance
Fall 2010	ACPs received	\$7,148,261.61	\$7,148,261.61
September 2010	Transfer to General Revenue Fund pursuant to 30 ILCS 105/5h(a)	(\$2,000,000.00)	\$5,148,261.61
October 2010	Transfer General Revenue Fund pursuant to 30 ILCS 105/5h(a)	(\$4,710,000.00)	\$438,261.61
Fall 2011	ACPs received	\$5,606,245.18	\$6,044,506.79
March 2012	Transfer in pursuant to 30 ILCS 105/5h(a)	\$2,000,000.00	\$8,044,506.79
April 2012	Transfer in pursuant to 30 ILCS 105/5h(a)	\$4,710,000.00	\$12,754,506.79
Fall 2012	ACPs received	\$2,156,777.61	\$14,911,284.40
Fall 2013	ACPs received	\$38,382,345.57	\$53,293,629.97
Winter/Spring 2014	RECs purchased per May 2013 Contracts	(\$1,719,141.52)	\$51,574,488.45
Fall 2014	ACPs received	\$77,145,921.09	\$128,720,409.54
Fall 2014	Supplemental PV Procurement Expenses	(\$170,068.33)	\$128,550,341.21
Spring 2015	Transfer to General Revenue Fund pursuant to Public Act 99-0002	(\$98,000,000)	\$30,550,341.21
Spring 2015	ACPs Received	\$26,342.00	\$30,576,683.21
Summer 2015	Supplemental PV Procurement Expenses	(\$653,549.18)	\$29,923,134.03
Summer 2015	SPV Deposits	\$427,836.00	\$30,350,970.03
Fall 2015	ACPs Received	\$86,278,411.02	\$116,629,381.05
Fall 2015	SPV Deposits	\$492,785.00	\$117,122,166.05
Spring 2016	SPV Deposits	\$561,734.04	\$117,683,900.09
Summer 2016	REC Payments/SPV Deposit Returns/Supplemental PV Procurement Expenses	(\$738,377.81)	\$116,945,522.28
Fall 2016	ACPs Received	\$71,649,805.76	\$188,595,328.04
Fall 2016	REC Payments/SPV Deposit Returns	(\$728,153.71)	\$187,867,174.33
Winter 2016	REC Payments/SPV Deposit Returns	(\$734,612.31)	\$187,132,562.02
Spring 2017	REC Payments/SPV Deposit Returns	(\$660,180.37)	\$186,472,381.65
Spring 2017	Transfer to Public Utility Fund pursuant to Public Act 99-0524	(\$12,000,000)	\$174,472,381.65
Summer 2017	REC Payments/SPV Deposit Returns	(\$871,070.33)	\$173,601,311.32
Summer 2017	Transfer to General Revenue Fund pursuant to Public Act 100-0023	(\$150,000,000)	\$23,601,311.32
Fall 2017	REC Payments/SPV Deposit Returns	(\$1,169,996.58)	\$22,431,314.74
Winter 2017	REC Payments/SPV Deposit Returns	(\$1,231,129.00)	\$21,200,185.74

**Appendix A**  
**Illinois Power Agency**  
**Fiscal Year 2017**  
**Audited Financial Statement and Notes**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY**  
FINANCIAL AUDIT  
INDIVIDUAL NONSHARED GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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FRANK J. MAUTINO

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Frank J. Mautino  
Auditor General  
State of Illinois

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents within Appendix A.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the June 30, 2017, financial statements of the Illinois State Board of Investment - an internal investment pool of the State of Illinois - which statements reflect total assets constituting 100 percent of the total assets on the Balance Sheet and 100 percent of the total revenues on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances within the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund for the year ended June 30, 2017. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors, whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the investment activities of the Illinois State Board of Investment within the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency, as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Illinois or the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency, as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Other Matters**

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the financial statements is not affected by this missing information.



### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 6, 2018, on our consideration of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's internal control over financial reporting of the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's internal control over financial reporting of the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund and its compliance.

### **Restricted Use of this Auditor's Report**

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, the Comptroller, and the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE**

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JANE CLARK, CPA  
Director of Financial and Compliance Audits

Springfield, Illinois  
February 6, 2018

**State of Illinois**  
**Illinois Power Agency**  
**Individual Nonshared Governmental Funds**  
**Balance Sheets**  
**June 30, 2017**  
**(Expressed in Thousands)**

	<b>Special Revenue</b>		<b>Permanent Trust</b>
	<b>Illinois Power Agency Operations 0425</b>	<b>Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources 0836</b>	<b>Illinois Power Agency Trust 0424</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash equity in State Treasury	\$ 4,186	\$ 174,472	\$ -
Investments	-	-	36,893
Other receivables, net	1,138	-	-
Due from other Agency funds	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,324</b>	<b>\$ 174,472</b>	<b>\$ 36,893</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 711	\$ 1,206	\$ -
Due to other Agency funds	-	-	-
Due to other State funds	7	-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 718</b>	<b>\$ 1,206</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources (DIR)</b>			
Unavailable revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total DIR</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Nonspendable - endowments and similar funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,893
Committed			
Employment and economic development	4,606	173,266	-
Total fund balances	4,606	173,266	36,893
<b>Total liabilities, DIR, and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 5,324</b>	<b>\$ 174,472</b>	<b>\$ 36,893</b>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**State of Illinois**  
**Illinois Power Agency**  
**Individual Nonshared Governmental Funds**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**  
**(Expressed in Thousands)**

	<b>Special Revenue</b>		<b>Permanent Trust</b>
	<b>Illinois Power Agency Operations 0425</b>	<b>Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources 0836</b>	<b>Illinois Power Agency Trust 0424</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Licenses and fees	\$ 2,107	\$ -	\$ -
Interest and other investment income	-	-	4,060
Other revenues	-	40,928	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>40,928</b>	<b>4,060</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Employment and economic development	2,898	1,911	-
Interest	8	4	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>2,906</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>(799)</b>	<b>39,013</b>	<b>4,060</b>
<b>Other sources (uses) of financial resources</b>			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	(12,000)	-
<b>Net other sources (uses) of financial resources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,000)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>(799)</b>	<b>27,013</b>	<b>4,060</b>
Fund balances, July 1, 2016	5,405	146,253	32,833
<b>Fund Balances, June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 4,606</b>	<b>\$ 173,266</b>	<b>\$ 36,893</b>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY**

Individual Nonshared Governmental Funds  
Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2017

**(1) Organization**

The Illinois Power Agency (Agency) is a part of the executive branch of government of the State of Illinois (State) and operates under the authority of and review by the Illinois General Assembly. The Agency actively administers four individual nonshared governmental funds - the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund (collectively, "Funds") - described within these Notes to the Financial Statements. A nonshared fund is a fund in which a single agency of the State is responsible for administering substantially all of the financial transactions of the fund. Each of the Funds operate under a budget approved by the Illinois General Assembly in which resources are appropriated for the use of the Agency to meet each one of the Funds' specific mission and functions as described within the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the Illinois Administrative Code. All funds appropriated to the Agency from each one of the Funds and all cash received for each one of the Funds are under the custody and control of the State Treasurer.

The Agency, created in Fiscal Year 2008, is dedicated to capturing the benefits of competitive energy markets and facilitating the development of alternative energy technologies for the benefit of Illinois consumers. The Agency meets these objectives by planning and managing competitive procurements and participating in the development of new power generation assets and approaches in Illinois. The Agency is an independent agency subject to the oversight of the Executive Ethics Commission and its activities are subject to the authority of certain departments of the executive and legislative branches of government (such as the Department of Central Management Services, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, the State Treasurer's Office, and the State Comptroller's Office) as defined by the Illinois General Assembly.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the Funds have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for governmental funds, as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). To facilitate user understanding of the Funds' financial statements, significant accounting policies are summarized below.

**(a) *Financial Reporting Entity***

As defined by GAAP, the financial reporting entity consists of a primary government, as well as its component units, which are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable.

The financial statements only present the Funds administered by the Agency and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Agency or the State as of June 30, 2017, nor changes in the Agency or State's financial position for the year ended in conformity with GAAP.

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**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

**(a) Financial Reporting Entity - Continued**

The Funds are not legally separate from the State; therefore, the financial information of the Funds are included in the financial statements of the State. The State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report may be obtained by writing to the State Comptroller's Office, Division of Financial Reporting, 325 West Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704-1871, or accessing its website at [www.illinoiscomptroller.gov](http://www.illinoiscomptroller.gov).

**(b) Basis of Presentation**

In government, the basic reporting entity is a fund. A fund is defined as an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and/or other resources together with all related liabilities, obligations, inflows, outflows, and equities, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations. A balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance have been presented for the Funds administered by the Agency.

The Agency administers the following fund types:

**Governmental Fund Type:**

**Special Revenue:**

These funds account for resources obtained from specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Special revenue funds account for, among other things, federal grant programs, taxes levied with statutorily defined distributions, and other resources restricted as to purpose.

**Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund – 425**

This fund was created as a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund is administered by the Agency for Agency operations as specified in the Illinois Power Agency Act. Funding sources include charges for services through fee reimbursements as provided by the Illinois Power Agency Act and transfers of interest and investment income from the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund.

**Illinois Power Agency Debt Service Fund – 427**

This fund was created as a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall be administered by the Agency for retirement of revenue bonds issued for any Agency facility. There was no activity in this fund during Fiscal Year 2017.

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**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

***(b) Basis of Presentation - Continued***

**Illinois Power Agency Facilities Fund – 426**

This fund was created as a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall be administered by the Agency for costs incurred in connection with the development and construction of a power facility by the Agency as well as costs incurred in connection with the operation and maintenance of an Agency facility. There was no activity in this fund during Fiscal Year 2017.

**Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund – 836**

This fund was created as a special fund in the State Treasury. This fund is administered by the Agency for the procurement of renewable energy resources. This fund's funding source is Alternative Compliance Payments remitted by Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers to comply with the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard established by the Public Utilities Act.

**Permanent:**

These funds account for resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that benefit the government or its citizens.

**Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund – 424**

This fund was created as a special fund in the State Treasury. This fund has two distinct purposes:

- 1) This fund may accept, receive, and administer any grants, loans, or other funds made available to it by any source. Any funds received except for interest and investment income shall not be considered income, but shall be added to the principal of the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund. These amounts shall be interfund cash transferred to the Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund to be held for investment by the Illinois State Board of Investment for the purpose of obtaining a total return on investments for the long term as described in the State Finance Act (30 ILCS 105/6z-75).
- 2) This fund may accept cash transfers of investment income from the Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund for interfund cash transfer, subject to appropriations from the Illinois General Assembly, to the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund as described in the State Finance Act (30 ILCS 105/6z-75).

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**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

***(b) Basis of Presentation - Continued***

**Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund – 1408**

This fund was created as a locally held fund held by the Illinois State Board of Investment outside of the State Treasury. Any funds received by the Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund from the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund shall not be considered income, but shall be added to the principal of the Fund. In addition, the Agency may interfund cash transfer, subject to the maximum appropriation for the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund from the Illinois General Assembly, up to 90% of the annual investment income to the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund for interfund cash transfer to the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund. Any investment income not interfund cash transferred to the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund for interfund cash transfer to the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund shall not be considered income, but shall be added to the principal of the Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund.

The Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund has been collapsed into the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund for financial reporting purposes.

Funding sources for both permanent funds include interest accumulations deposited by the State Treasurer, investment income received through the Illinois State Board of Investment, and any grants, loans, or other funds made available to it by any source.

***(c) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting***

The Funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the State considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Expenditures generally are recorded when the liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on formal debt issues, claims and judgments, and compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of formal debt issues and acquisitions under capital leases and installment purchases are reported as other financing sources. Significant revenue sources which are susceptible to accrual include charges for services and interest and investment income. All other revenue sources including fines, licenses, and other miscellaneous revenues are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received.

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**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

**(d) Cash Equity in State Treasury**

Cash equity in the State Treasury includes deposits held in the State Treasury. It also includes cash received and deposited in the Agency's clearing account and in process to the State Treasurer.

**(e) Investments**

Investments are reported at fair value. The Illinois State Board of Investment holds investments for the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund within the Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund pursuant to the State Finance Act (30 ILCS 105/6z-75).

**(f) Interfund Transactions**

The following types of interfund transactions between the Funds and funds of other State agencies may occur:

**Interfund Loans** are amounts provided with a requirement for repayment made in accordance with State law, which are reported as interfund receivables in lender funds and interfund payables in borrower funds. When interfund loan repayments are not expected within a reasonable time, the interfund balances are reduced and the amount that is not expected to be repaid is reported as a transfer from the fund that made the loan to the fund that received the loan.

**Services provided and used** are sales and purchases of goods and services between funds for a price approximating their external exchange value. Interfund services provided and used are reported as revenues in seller funds and expenditures or expenses in purchaser funds. Unpaid amounts are reported as interfund receivables and payables in the governmental fund's balance sheet.

**Reimbursements** are repayments from the funds responsible for particular expenditures or expenses to the funds that initially paid for them. Reimbursements are reported as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures in the reimbursed fund.

**Transfers** are flows of assets (such as cash or goods) between funds without equivalent flows of assets in return and without a requirement for repayment. In governmental funds, transfers are reported as other financing uses in the governmental funds making transfers and as other financing sources in the governmental funds receiving transfers.



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**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

**(g) Fund Balances**

Fund balances are classified in the following categories:

***Nonspendable*** – This consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund had a nonspendable fund balance as of June 30, 2017.

***Restricted*** – This consists of amounts that are restricted to specific purposes, which is when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. There were no restricted fund balances as of June 30, 2017.

***Committed*** – This consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Agency's highest level of decision-making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Agency removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. The Agency's highest level of decision-making authority rests with the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor. The State passes "Public Acts" to commit its fund balances. The Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund and the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund had committed fund balances as of June 30, 2017.

***Assigned*** – This consists of net amounts that are constrained by the Agency's intent to be used for specific purposes, but that are neither restricted nor committed. Fund balance assignments can only be removed or changed by action of the General Assembly. There were no assigned fund balances as of June 30, 2017.

***Unassigned*** – This consists of residual fund balance (deficit) that has not been designated for specific purposes within the Funds. There were no unassigned fund balances as of June 30, 2017.

The Agency has a general policy to first use restricted resources for expenditures incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) resources are available. When expenditures are incurred for which only unrestricted resources are available, the policy is to use committed resources first, then assigned. Unassigned amounts are only used after the other resources have been used.

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Individual Nonshared Governmental Funds  
Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2017

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

**(h) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**(i) Future Adoption of GASB Statements**

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2018, the Agency will adopt GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, which is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. The Agency does not expect a material impact on the Funds' financial statements as a result of adopting this statement.

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2018, the Agency will adopt GASB Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, which is to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. The Agency has not yet determined the impact on the Funds' financial statements as a result of adopting this statement.

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2019, the Agency will adopt GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, which is to address accounting and financial reporting for legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. The Agency has not yet determined the impact on the Funds' financial statements as a result of adopting this statement.

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2020, the Agency will adopt GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, which is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. The Agency has not yet determined the impact on the Funds' financial statements as a result of adopting this statement.

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**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

**(i) Future Adoption of GASB Statements - Continued**

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2018, the Agency will adopt GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*, which is to address practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits). The Agency has not yet determined the impact on the Funds' financial statements as a result of adopting this statement.

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2018, the Agency will adopt GASB Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*, which is to improve consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources—resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt—are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. The Agency has not yet determined the impact on the Funds' financial statements as a result of adopting this statement.

Effective for the year ending June 30, 2021, the Agency will adopt GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, which is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. The Agency has not yet determined the impact on the Funds' financial statements as a result of adopting this statement.

**(3) Deposits and Investments**

**(a) Deposits**

The State Treasurer is the custodian of the Fund's deposits and investments for funds maintained in the State Treasury. Deposits in the custody of the State Treasurer at June 30, 2017, including cash on hand and cash in transit, totaled \$4.186 million for the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund and \$174.472 million for the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund. These deposits are pooled and invested with other State funds in accordance with the Deposit of State Moneys Act of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (15 ILCS 520/11). Funds held by the State Treasurer have not been categorized as to credit risk because the Funds do not own individual securities. Details on the nature of these deposits are available within the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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**(3) Deposits and Investments – Continued**

**(b) Investments**

The Illinois State Board of Investment, an internal investment pool of the State, holds the investments within the Illinois Power Agency Investment Fund pursuant to the State Finance Act (30 ILCS 105/6z-75). At June 30, 2017, total investments were \$36.893 million.

The Illinois State Board of Investment manages all assets held by it within a single commingled fund. Disclosures pertaining to these investments are included in the financial statements of the Illinois State Board of Investment. A copy of the financial statements of the Illinois State Board of Investment may be obtained by writing to the Illinois State Board of Investment, 180 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2015; Chicago, Illinois, 60601.

**(4) Other Receivables**

The balance of Other Receivables for the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund includes reimbursements owed to the Agency, totaling \$1.138 million.

**(5) Interfund Balances and Activity**

The following presents the Funds' interfund balances and activities (in thousands) at June 30, 2017:

Due From	Due To	Description/Purpose
Other State Funds		
Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund	\$ 7	Payment for Services
Total:	\$ 7	

Transfer In	Transfers Out	Description/Purpose
	Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund	
Other State Funds	\$ 12,000	Transfer to the Public Utilities Fund Pursuant to Public Act 99-0524
Total:	\$ 12,000	

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**(6) Pension Plan**

Substantially all of the Agency's full-time employees participate in the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS), which is a pension trust fund in the State of Illinois' reporting entity. The SERS is a single-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system (PERS) in which State employees participate, except those covered by the State Universities, Teachers', General Assembly, and Judges' Retirement Systems. The financial position and results of operations of the SERS for Fiscal Year 2017 are included in the State of Illinois' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2017. The SERS issues a separate CAFR that may be obtained by writing to the SERS, 2101 South Veterans Parkway, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9255.

A summary of SERS benefit provisions, changes in benefit provisions, employee eligibility requirements including eligibility for vesting, and the authority under which benefit provisions are established are included as an integral part of the SERS' CAFR. Also included is a discussion of employer and employee obligations to contribute and the authority under which those obligations are established.

The Agency pays employer retirement contributions based upon an actuarially determined percentage of its payrolls. For Fiscal Year 2017, the employer contribution rate was 44.568%.

**(7) Post-employment Benefits**

The State provides health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents in a program administered by the Department of Central Management Services. Substantially all State employees become eligible for post-employment benefits if they eventually become annuitants of one of the State sponsored pension plans. Health, dental, and vision benefits include basic benefits for annuitants and dependents under the State's self-insurance plan and insurance contracts currently in force. Annuitants may be required to contribute towards health, dental, and vision benefits with the amount based on factors such as date of retirement, years of credited service with the State, whether the annuitant is covered by Medicare, and whether the annuitant has chosen a managed health care plan. Annuitants who retired prior to January 1, 1998, and who are vested in the State Employees' Retirement System do not contribute towards health, dental, and vision benefits. For annuitants who retired on or after January 1, 1998, the annuitant's contribution amount is reduced five percent for each year of credited service with the State allowing those annuitants with twenty or more years of credited service to not have to contribute towards health, dental, and vision benefits. Annuitants also receive life insurance coverage equal to the annual salary of the last day of employment until age 60, at which time the benefit becomes \$5,000.

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**(7) Post-employment Benefits – Continued**

The total cost of the State's portion of health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits of all members, including post-employment health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits, is recognized as an expenditure by the State in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The State finances the costs on a pay-as-you-go basis. The total costs incurred for health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits are not separated by department or component unit for annuitants and their dependents nor active employees and their dependents.

A summary of post-employment benefit provisions, changes in benefit provisions, employee eligibility requirements including eligibility for vesting, and the authority under which benefit provisions are established is included as an integral part of the financial statements of the Department of Central Management Services. A copy of the financial statements of the Department of Central Management Services may be obtained by writing to the Department of Central Management Services, 715 Stratton Building, 401 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62706.

**(8) Risk Management**

The Funds are exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; workers compensation; and, natural disasters. The State retains the risk of loss (i.e., self insured) for these risks.

The Funds' risk management activities for self-insurance, unemployment insurance, and workers' compensation are financed through appropriations to the Department of Central Management Services and are accounted for in the General Fund of the State. The claims are not considered to be a liability of the Funds; and accordingly, have not been reported in the Funds' financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017.

**(9) Commitments and Contingencies**

**(a) Operating Leases**

The Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund leases various real property and equipment under terms of noncancellable operating lease agreements that require the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund to make minimum lease payments plus pay a pro rata share of certain operating costs. Rent expense under operating leases was \$18 thousand for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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**(9) Commitments and Contingencies – Continued**

***(b) Renewable Energy Credits***

During Fiscal Year 2016, under the Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan developed pursuant to Public Act 98-0672, the Agency held procurements to purchase up to \$25 million in Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from new photovoltaic distributed energy generation devices. This was in addition to the procurement held late in Fiscal Year 2015 to purchase up to \$5 million in RECs from new photovoltaic distributed energy generation devices.

A total of 15 companies have contracts to sell RECs to the Agency with contracts that started on or after, July 1, 2016, and with terms that allow for up to nine months to identify individual projects, one year to develop projects, and then five years for delivery of RECs as they are created. As of June 30, 2017, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund had a commitment for these long-term contractual obligations for future purchases of RECs totaling \$25.464 million.

**(10) Subsequent Events**

On August 9, 2017, the State Comptroller and State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, performed an interfund loan of \$150 million from the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund to the General Revenue Fund. Pursuant to the State Finance Act (30 ILCS 105/5h.5(b)), the State Comptroller and State Treasurer must repay this interfund loan on or before August 8, 2019.

The Agency is not aware of any additional facts, decisions, or conditions that might be expected to have a significant effect on the financial position or results of operations during this and future fiscal years.

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OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL  
FRANK J. MAUTINO

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Honorable Frank J. Mautino  
Auditor General  
State of Illinois

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents within Appendix A, and have issued our report thereon dated February 6, 2018, which contained an emphasis of matter paragraph stating the financial statements present only the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Illinois or the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency, as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Illinois State Board of Investment – an internal investment pool of the State of Illinois – as described in our report on the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) of the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's internal control.



A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2017-001, which we consider to be a material weakness.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's Response to the Finding**

The State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's response was not subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the State of Illinois, Illinois Power Agency's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

**SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE**

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JANE CLARK, CPA

Director of Financial and Compliance Audits

Springfield, Illinois

February 6, 2018

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS – GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

2017-001.    **FINDING**    (Failure to Report Contractual Commitments)

The Illinois Power Agency (Agency) did not report contractual commitments to the Office of the State Comptroller (Comptroller).

During testing, we noted the Agency did not report contractual commitments, totaling \$25.464 million, for the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) in future years to the Comptroller. While this commitment was not included on the Agency's annual Form SCO-599 used by the Comptroller to prepare the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, this commitment was properly included as a note disclosure within the Agency's financial statements

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 76, Paragraph 4, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*, notes literature published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) which has been cleared by the GASB represents authoritative generally accepted accounting principles within the United States. The AICPA's State and Local Government Audit and Accounting Guide (AAG-SLG § 8.110), which has been cleared by the GASB, defines commitments as "existing contractual relationships to enter into future transactions or events, such as long-term contractual obligations with suppliers for future purchases at specified prices and sometimes at specified quantities." Further, the Statewide Accounting Management System (SAMS) (Procedure 27.20.99) notes the purpose of the Form SCO-599 is to allow the Comptroller to gather information to ensure commitments are appropriately disclosed within the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Further, the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (30 ILCS 10/3001) requires the Agency establish and maintain a system, or systems, of internal fiscal and administrative controls to provide assurance transfers of assets applicable to operations are properly recorded and accounted for to permit the preparation of accounts and reliable financial reports and to maintain accountability over the State's resources. Good internal controls over financial reporting include ensuring amounts reported to the State Comptroller during the State's annual financial reporting process comply with generally accepted accounting principles. Finally, the State Comptroller Act (15 ILCS 405/19.5) requires the Agency report all financial information deemed necessary by the Comptroller to compile and publish the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Agency officials stated this error was an inadvertent oversight and they have taken corrective action by filing an amended Form SCO-599 with the Comptroller.

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2017-001.    **FINDING**    (Failure to Report Contractual Commitments) (continued)

Failure to report contractual commitments on the Agency's Form SCO-599 submitted to the Comptroller reduces the reliability of Statewide financial reporting and represents noncompliance with State law. (Finding Code No. 2017-001)

**RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend the Agency ensure its contractual commitments are reported to the Comptroller on the Form SCO-599 during the State's financial reporting process.

**AGENCY RESPONSE**

The Agency agrees with the finding. The Agency has submitted an amended Form SCO-599 to the Office of the State Comptroller for Fiscal Year 2017. Additionally, the Agency will review its internal governance and control structures and processes to ensure that going forward Form SCO-599 is correctly submitted.

**Appendix B**  
**Illinois Power Agency**  
**Fiscal Year 2017**  
**Summary of Funds on a Cash Basis**

**State of Illinois**  
**Illinois Power Agency**  
**Summary of Funds on an Cash Basis**  
**June 30, 2017**  
**(Expressed in Thousands)**

	<b>Special Revenue</b>		<b>Permanent Trust</b>
	<b>Illinois Power Agency Operations 0425</b>	<b>Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources 0836</b>	<b>Illinois Power Agency Trust 0424</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash equity in State Treasury	\$ 4,186	\$ 174,472	\$ -
Investments	-	-	36,893
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 4,186</u>	<u>\$ 174,472</u>	<u>\$ 36,893</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 8	\$ 52	\$ -
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>8</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Nonspendable - endowments and similar funds	-	-	36,893
Committed			
Employment and economic development	4,178	174,420	-
Total fund balances	<u>4,178</u>	<u>174,420</u>	<u>36,893</u>
<b>Total liabilities, DIR, and fund balances</b>	<u>\$ 4,186</u>	<u>\$ 174,472</u>	<u>\$ 36,893</u>