



August 15, 2014

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

FROM: Anthony M. Star, Director

RE: 2015 Draft Procurement Plan

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(d)(2) of the Public Utilities Act¹, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) hereby presents its Draft Electricity Procurement Plan for the period June 2015 through May 2020 (“Draft Plan”). The Draft Plan sets forth a procurement approach to secure sufficient electricity commodity and associated transmission services, plus any required demand response, energy efficiency and renewable energy resources, to meet the supply needs of eligible retail customers served by Ameren and Commonwealth Edison. The Draft Plan is designed “to ensure adequate, reliable, affordable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable electric service at the lowest total cost over time...”²

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

Monday, September 15, 2014: Affected utilities and other interested parties are given thirty days following the date of the posting (August 15) to provide comment to the IPA on the Draft Procurement Plan. Because the 30th day will be on a Sunday, the comment period will close on the following Monday.

Comments are required to be “specific, supported by data or other detailed analyses, and if objecting to all or a portion of the procurement plan, *accompanied by specific alternative wording or proposals.*” 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2) [*emphasis added*]. **Comments to the Draft Plan should be submitted to Mario Bohorquez at mario.bohorquez@illinois.gov.**

Monday, September 29, 2014: The IPA has fourteen days following the end of the 30-day review period to revise the Draft Procurement Plan, as necessary, based on the comments and to file the final Plan with the Commission for approval.

¹ 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2)

² 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(4)

Monday, October 6, 2014: Following the filing of this Plan, within five days, any person objecting to the Plan may file an objection with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC” or “Commission”). Because the 5th day will be on a Saturday, the objection period would close the following Monday.

Thursday, October 16, 2013: The Commission, within ten days, must determine whether a hearing is necessary.

Monday, December 29, 2014: Deadline for the Commission to enter its order confirming or modifying the Procurement Plan. The Commission must enter an order confirming or modifying the Plan within 90 days after it is filed by the IPA, which this year will be Sunday, December 28, 2014 (leading to a Monday, December 29, 2014 deadline). Please note that the current ICC calendar indicates the last scheduled meeting prior to that deadline is on Tuesday, December 23, 2014.

While the above dates are the only statutorily-mandated deadlines, upon filing of the Final Procurement Plan, the Commission may determine the need for an additional comment or briefing period in addition to, or in lieu of, hearings. Any such deadlines will be determined by an ICC Administrative Law Judge through entry of a case schedule after commencement of the Procurement Plan approval docket.

In addition to the dates above, the IPA will hold two public hearings to discuss this year’s Procurement Plan, as follows:

Wednesday, September 3, 2014: 10:30am-11:30am at the Illinois Commerce Commission’s Chicago Offices at 160 North LaSalle Street, 8th Floor, Room N-808.

Wednesday, September 10, 2014: 1pm-2pm at the Illinois Commerce Commission’s Springfield Offices at 527 East Capital Avenue, Hearing Room A.

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

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

The IPA looks forward to the parties’ comments and suggestions, and respectfully asks parties to make any suggested changes to the Draft Plan in redline format to expedite the review process and to aid with the efficiency of incorporating revisions into the Draft Plan.

As set forth above, comments to the Draft Plan are due by September 15th and should be submitted to Mario Bohorquez at mario.bohorquez@illinois.gov. Comments will then be formatted for posting to the IPA’s website at: <http://www.illinois.gov/ipa>.