



ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

Anthony M. Star, Director

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August 14, 2015

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

FROM: Anthony M. Star, Director

RE: 2016 Draft Procurement Plan

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(d)(2) of the Public Utilities Act<sup>1</sup>, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) hereby presents its Draft Electricity Procurement Plan for the period June 2016 through May 2021 (“Draft Plan”). The Draft Plan sets forth a procurement approach to secure sufficient electricity 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 Illinois, Commonwealth Edison, and MidAmerican. The Draft Plan is designed “to ensure adequate, reliable, affordable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable electric service at the lowest total cost over time...”<sup>2</sup>

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

**Monday, September 14, 2015:** Affected utilities and other interested parties are given thirty days following the date of the posting (August 14) 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*].

**Monday, September 28, 2015:** 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2)

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

**Monday, October 5, 2015:** Following the submission 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 5<sup>th</sup> day will be on a Saturday, the objection period would close the following Monday.

**Thursday, October 15, 2015:** The Commission, within ten days, must determine whether a hearing is necessary.

**Monday, December 28, 2015:** 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 27, 2015 (leading to a Monday, December 28, 2015 deadline). Please note that the current ICC calendar indicates the last scheduled meeting prior to that deadline is on Tuesday, December 22, 2015.

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.

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

**Friday, September 4, 2015, 1:00pm – 2:00 pm:** MidAmerican Moline Customer Office, 716 17th Street, Moline, Illinois.

**Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 1:00pm – 2:0pm:** Illinois Commerce Commission Springfield Office, 527 East Capital Ave, Springfield, Illinois. Hearing Room C.

**Thursday, September 10, 2015, 11:30am—12:30pm:** Illinois Commerce Commission Chicago Office, 160 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois. Room N901.

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

**Comments to the Draft Plan should be submitted to Mario Bohorquez, Planning and Procurement Bureau Chief, at [mario.bohorquez@illinois.gov](mailto:mario.bohorquez@illinois.gov).**

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