



Large-Customer Self-direct Program Request for Information from Project Developers

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- I. Background:** The Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) develops electricity and renewable resources procurement plans and administers procurement processes based on these plans to serve the electricity requirements of eligible utility customers in Illinois. The IPA is planning for the implementation of the new Self-direct Renewable Portfolio Standard Compliance Program (“Self-direct Program”) which will provide credits to Illinois commercial and industrial end-users who retire Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) procured from utility-scale wind and solar projects.¹ The IPA is reaching out to renewable energy project developers and owners with operating or planned projects seeking information relating to REC purchases by corporate and municipal end-users located in Illinois. Wind and solar generation facilities eligible to provide RECs to customers participating in the Self-direct Program must be located in Illinois or the states adjacent to Illinois.²
- II. Purpose:** The Self-direct Program seeks to encourage large electricity customers with operations in Illinois that are served by either Commonwealth Edison or Ameren Illinois to retire RECs purchased through long-term contracts with utility-scale wind and solar generating facilities. Customers that participate in the Self-direct Program will receive credits for the purchase and retirement of qualifying RECs which will be available to provide utility bill cost reductions for these customers. The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (Public Act 102-0662, also known as CEJA) that established the Self-direct Program directs the IPA to develop estimates of the quantity of RECs which could be retired by customers participating in the program. As part of the IPA’s efforts to estimate the quantity of RECs likely to be available for the Self-direct Program, the IPA is reaching out to key developers of utility-scale wind and solar projects seeking information regarding renewable energy purchases by their Illinois commercial and industrial customers. The IPA is contacting your firm as part of this information

¹Illinois Power Agency. 2022 Long-Term Renewable Resource Procurement Plan, Final Plan, August 23, 2022. <https://ipa.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/ipa/documents/2022-long-term-plan-23-august.pdf>.

² Note that not all renewable resource generation facilities under contract are eligible in the Self-direct program. Program participants must ensure that projects meet the geographic and related public interest criteria as defined in Public Act 102-0662, the 2022 LTRRP Plan, and any other criteria or rules as set forth by the IPA. The states adjacent to Illinois include Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

gathering and outreach exercise seeking data regarding corporate renewable energy contracts, including contract capacities, quantities of renewable energy and RECs delivered, contract terms, the identification and location of the sources supplying renewable energy to these end-users, and any other information that would be helpful to the IPA's program size analysis.

- III. Form Submission:** If your company is willing to provide any of the requested information, please respond to the questions contained in [spreadsheet response form](#). The spreadsheet response form contains multiple parts that will ask about any information you can provide regarding renewable energy contracts and associated solar and wind generation facilities. The IPA requests that you provide as much information as possible in the spreadsheet, however, you are not required to provide details for every question asked. Please note that a response to this request is strictly voluntary. At the responding entity's request, the IPA will treat this information as confidential including the identity of the respondent.

The IPA greatly appreciates your consideration of this request for information. **Please send your completed spreadsheet to the IPA at IPA.ContactUs@illinois.gov by December 22, 2022.** If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Anthony Star at Anthony.Star@illinois.gov.