



## Large-Customer Self-direct Program Request for Information from Energy Industry Groups

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- I. **Background:** The Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) is seeking information regarding corporate renewable energy purchases to aid in planning for the new Self-direct Renewable Portfolio Standard Compliance Program (“Self-direct Program”). This program will provide credits to Illinois commercial and industrial customers who procure and retire Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) from utility-scale wind and solar generation projects. As part of the IPA’s efforts to establish the quantity of RECs likely to be available from participants in the Self-direct Program, the IPA is reaching out to energy industry groups, business associations and other institutions in the renewable energy space seeking information regarding corporate renewable energy purchases. The IPA is contacting your organization as part of this information gathering and outreach exercise seeking data that will support the development of an analytical basis for establishing the quantity of RECs that may be available for the Self-direct Program.
  
- II. **Purpose:** The IPA’s 2022 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“LTRRP Plan”), which includes the Self-direct Program, is designed to procure RECs to meet the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard.<sup>1</sup> 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 which these customers purchase through long-term contracts. Participants in the Self-direct Program will receive credits for the purchase and retirement of qualifying RECs that 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 procured and retired by customers participating in the program based on publicly available data, reports and analyses relating to corporate renewable energy contracting and market trends. The IPA is seeking information regarding corporate renewable energy contracts involving commercial and industrial end-users located in Illinois, including contract capacities, renewable energy

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<sup>1</sup>Illinois 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>.

generation and RECs quantities delivered, contract terms, the 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. Submission:** In this regard, does your organization solicit, maintain, and disseminate information regarding corporate purchases of renewable energy? If so, can any of this information or summaries of this information be released to the IPA to provide inputs for the IPA's analysis? If your organization is able to share this information with the IPA, please provide the information to the Agency by email at [IPA.ContactUs@illinois.gov](mailto:IPA.ContactUs@illinois.gov) by **December 22, 2022**. If you have any questions regarding this request or about the Self-direct Program, please contact Anthony Star at [Anthony.Star@illinois.gov](mailto:Anthony.Star@illinois.gov). The IPA greatly appreciates your consideration of this information request.

The IPA is also sending a Request for Expression of Interest to large commercial and industrial end-users in Illinois that may be interested in participating in the Self-direct Program. Any members of your organization that may have interest in the Program can obtain a copy of the [Request for Expression of Interest](#).