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Dear Chairman Sheahan,

Thank you for your leadership at the Commerce Commission shepherding the agency through a critical period for the State’s energy industry.

As you know, Governor Rauner prioritized keeping Illinois one of the most competitive and innovative energy markets in the world. By ensuring that prices remain stable and low, reliability remains high, the environment remains clean, and employment in the industry remains strong, we have ensured the energy sector continues to be an economic bright spot for Illinois.

As part of the Governor’s strategy, the Commerce Commission’s great work under your leadership in successfully implementing the Future Energy Jobs Act has been critical to our success in achieving these ends.

Regarding the ongoing reliability concerns for MISO Zone-4: every member of the stakeholder community – from industrial energy users to power producers and utilities, consumer watchdogs, environmental organizations, and energy storage companies – has something meaningful to contribute.

The Commission’s work gathering feedback from the stakeholder community in an evidence-based, non-partisan manner to better assess the proper path forward has been a case study in government best practice.

To conclude the Governor’s successful stewardship of Illinois’ energy policy and make the best use of the Commission’s work for the ongoing benefit of our State, it would be helpful if the updated report requested by the Governor and authored by the Commission assessing adequacy concerns and potential solutions be shared with the General Assembly, the Governor-elect, and the broader stakeholder community as soon as possible.
Thank you and the Commission again for your pro-market leadership on the important energy issues facing our state.

Sincerely,

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