



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

FROM: Mark Pruitt, Director

RE: Draft Procurement Plan

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(d)(2) of the Public Utilities Act, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) hereby presents its Draft Power Procurement Plan for the period June 2012 through May 2017 (hereinafter the “Draft Plan”). 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2). The Draft Plan sets forth a procurement approach that will secure electricity commodity and associated transmission services, plus required renewable energy assets, 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....” 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(4).

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

- September 14, 2011:** Affected utilities and other interested parties are given thirty days following the date of the posting to provide comment to the IPA on the Draft Procurement Plan. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2). 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*].
- September 28, 2011:** 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 posting on its website. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2).
- October 3, 2011:** Following the submission of this Plan, within five days, any person objecting to the Plan may file an objection with the Commission. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).

October 17, 2011: The Commission, within fourteen days, must determine whether a hearing is necessary. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).

December 27, 2011: Deadline for the Commission to enter its order confirming or modifying the Procurement Plan. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).

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 host two workshops to discuss this year's Procurement Plan. The date for the workshops will be announced.

The IPA looks forward to the parties' comments and suggestions, and respectfully reminds parties to make any suggested changes to the Draft Plan in redline format. This is not only a statutory mandate, but redline amendments will also expedite the review process and aide in the proper implementation of a Power Procurement Plan post-Commission Order.

Comments to the Draft Plan can be submitted to the IPA in care of Julie Musselman Oost at JOost@KelleyDrye.com. Comments will then be formatted for posting to the IPA's website at <http://www2.illinois.gov/ipa>.