

**NOTICE REGARDING FACILITATOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE AMI WORKSHOPS AND THE STATEWIDE SMART GRID COLLABORATIVE**

AMI Workshop Facilitator

In Docket No. 07-0566 for Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) approved ComEd’s proposal for Rider SMP (System Modernization Projects) for the very limited purpose of implementing Phase 0 – a scaled deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) – as a pilot program. *Commonwealth Edison Co.*, ICC Docket No. 07-0566, (Final Order, September 10, 2008), at 138 (“07-0566 Order”). In connection with the AMI pilot program, the Commission also required that a workshop process (the “AMI Workshops”) be used to “fully investigate the measure of benefits from the utility side of the meter” and “develop project goals, timelines, evaluation criteria and Phase 0 technology selection criteria.” *Id.* at 138-139. The Commission also required that the AMI Workshops be “led by an independent third-party facilitator”, and specified the following process for selection of the independent third-party facilitator to be hired for the AMI Workshops:

[A]ll interested parties may submit recommendations to the Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Executive Director”), or his designee, for a third-party facilitator. The Executive Director, or his designee, shall then solicit the information needed to make a decision and select the candidate determined to be the most qualified third-party facilitator. The Executive Director, or his designee, shall then notify ComEd of the selected candidate. ComEd shall retain the services of that candidate as the third-party facilitator.

Id. at 139-140.

In accordance with the above-quoted directive, the Executive Director of the Commission seeks recommendations for a third-party facilitator for the AMI Workshops from interested parties. Any interested party who wishes to submit a recommendation for a third-party facilitator for the AMI Workshops should do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2008, to Tim Anderson, Executive Director, Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 (e-mail: tanderso@icc.illinois.gov). Recommendations shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the recommended candidate, along with any available information on the candidate’s qualifications. If multiple parties desire to submit a joint recommendation, they are encouraged to do so. The Executive Director or his designee may solicit additional information from parties or proposed candidates after receiving recommendations.

If the Executive Director or his designee obtain information on proposed candidates in a timely manner, it is anticipated that selection of the candidate determined to be the most qualified third-party facilitator for the AMI Workshops will occur on or before October 24, 2008.

Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative Facilitator

In approving Rider SMP in Docket No. 07-0566 for the very limited purpose of implementing an AMI pilot program for ComEd, the Commission also stated it “believes that it must first determine how smart grid should be deployed in Illinois” and “[a] broader plan is needed to develop a policy framework and to address parties’ concerns that there is no well structured plan with identified costs and benefits.” 07-0566 Order at 138. The Commission ordered that “a Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative involving the two large investor owned utilities regulated by this Commission, other stakeholders and Staff shall be initiated outside of this rate case during which the participants and the Commission can consider the costs and benefits of smart grid implementation and develop a strategic plan for such implementation for presentation – upon completion and in a docketed proceeding – to the Commission.” *Id.* at 140. The Commission also provided further directives on the purpose of the Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative as well as a non-exhaustive list of policies that are to be considered in the Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative. *Id.* at 141. As with the AMI Workshops, the Commission required that a third-party facilitator shall also direct the Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative, and specified the following process for selection of the independent third-party facilitator to be hired for the Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative:

[A]ll interested parties may submit recommendations to the Executive Director, or his designee, for a Facilitator. The Executive Director, or his designee shall then solicit the information needed to make a decision and select the candidate determined to be the most qualified Facilitator. The Executive Director, or his designee, shall then notify utility participants in the Collaborative of the selected candidate. The two utility participants shall retain the services of that candidate as the Facilitator.

Id. at 142.

In Docket Nos. 07-0585 through 07-0590 (Cons.) for Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a AmerenCILCO ("AmerenCILCO"), Central Illinois Public Service Company d/b/a AmerenCIPS ("AmerenCIPS"), and Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP ("AmerenIP"), collectively the Ameren Illinois Utilities ("AIU"), the Commission also considered smart grid issues similar to those presented in Docket 07-0566 and stated as follows:

CUB and others recommend that the Commission direct AIU to participate in statewide smart grid workshops to essentially develop a plan for implementing smart grid technology. CUB made a similar, if not the same, proposal with respect to Rider SMP in Docket No. 07-0566. In that docket, the Commission agreed with CUB’s proposal, and approved a Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative based on CUB’s recommendation but with minor modifications. (See 07-0566 Order at 140-42 (Sept. 10, 2008)) The intent of the 07-0566 Order was for “the two large investor owned utilities regulated by this Commission” to be involved in a single statewide smart

grid collaborative. (Id. at 141) In addition, the 07-0566 Order includes details about the hiring of a facilitator, recovery of costs and the reports that are to be filed. It would be redundant to approve a second smart grid collaborative within this docket, therefore the Commission concurs with CUB's recommendation in this docket and directs AIU to participate in the statewide smart grid workshop, as is established in the 07-0566 Order on pages 140 to 142, under the heading "Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative." In that section of the Order, the Commission describes the duties, responsibilities and guidelines of the Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative, and as such, the Commission holds that section also applicable to AIU.

Central Illinois Light Company, et al., ICC Docket Nos. 07-0585 through 07-0590 (Cons.), (Final Order, September 24, 2008), at 264 ("07-0585 Order").

In accordance with the above-quoted directives from the 07-0566 Order and the 07-0585 Order, the Executive Director of the Commission seeks recommendations for a third-party facilitator for the Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative for ComEd and AIU from interested parties. Any interested party who wishes to submit a recommendation for a third-party facilitator for the Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative should do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2008, to Tim Anderson, Executive Director, Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 (e-mail: tanderso@icc.illinois.gov). Recommendations shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the recommended candidate, along with any available information on the candidate's qualifications. If multiple parties desire to submit a joint recommendation, they are encouraged to do so. The Executive Director or his designee may solicit additional information from parties or proposed candidates after receiving recommendations.

If the Executive Director or his designee obtain information on proposed candidates in a timely manner, it is anticipated that selection of the candidate determined to be the most qualified third-party facilitator for the Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative will occur on or before November 7, 2008.

Dated: October 1, 2008