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ICC Releases Initial Comments in NextGrid

CHICAGO – The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) announced today the release of the initial comments received in the *NextGrid* Utility of the Future Study.

The Commission received comments from more than 40 groups and individuals in response to a March 2017 [Resolution](#) inviting energy stakeholders to provide input and suggestions regarding the selection of an independent facilitator, and topics to be considered as part of the initiative. Stakeholder comments can be found on the ICC’s website at <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/NextGrid/>.

“The Commission extends its appreciation to all of the commenters for their interest and participation at this early stage of the process. We look forward to continued engagement and collaboration from a wide range of stakeholders as we move forward,” said Cholly Smith, ICC Executive Director.

NextGrid is an approximately eighteen-month, consumer-focused study exploring topics such as methods to leverage Illinois’ restructured energy market, investment in smart grid technology, and the significant expansion of renewables and energy efficiency resulting from the recently passed Future Energy Jobs Act. The study will be led and overseen by the ICC with the assistance of an independent facilitator who will seek input from all members of the energy stakeholder community on goals and guiding principles for the process.

For additional suggestions, questions, or concerns, please email NextGrid@icc.illinois.gov.

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