The procurement is a result of Public Act 99-0906, also known as the Future Energy Jobs Act, which was signed into law in December 2016 and became effective June 1, 2017. On October 23, 2019, the Procurement Administrator issued a Request for Proposals to procure renewable energy credits ("RECs") to be delivered under 15-year contracts from new Non-Photovoltaic Community Renewable Generation Projects for the portfolios of Ameren Illinois Company ("AIC") and Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"). This procurement had a target of 50,000 RECs to be delivered annually over the fifteen-year term of the contracts with AIC and ComEd.

A new non-photovoltaic community renewable generation project means a project that is powered by wind or biodiesel, crops and untreated and unadulterated organic waste biomass, or tree waste, and interconnected at the distribution system level of an electric utility, a municipal utility, a public utility, or an electric cooperative as defined by the Public Utilities Act. Projects must be located in the state of Illinois and are limited to a nameplate capacity of 2,000 kW (AC rating). The Procurement Administrator conducted a number of bidder outreach activities to raise awareness of the procurement event and to promote participation.

The submission of a proposal involves three steps. In the first step, bidders qualify their projects through the submission of their Part 1 Proposals. In the second step, bidders submit the Part 2 Proposal, including the posting of bid assurance collateral for their projects. The third step of the proposal submission process entails the submission of the bids themselves. No bids were submitted under this RFP. As there were no bids submitted, there was no need for the Commission to vote on the results of the procurement event.

For more information on the Non-Photovoltaic Community Renewable Generation Procurement or its implementation, see the following web sites:

Illinois Power Agency: http://www.illinois.gov/ipa/Pages/default.aspx
Illinois Power Agency RFPs: http://ipa-energyrfp.com/