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ICC Approves Results of Renewable Energy RFP

Today, the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission” or “ICC”) gave the go-ahead for Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”) and Ameren Illinois Utilities (“Ameren”) to enter into long-term contracts involving 37,234,500 megawatt-hours (“MWH”) of renewable energy over 20 years (1,261,725 MWH per year for ComEd and 600,000 MWH per year for Ameren).

The Commission’s action marked the culmination of two parallel Requests for Proposals (“RFPs”) proposed by the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”), as part of a procurement plan that was approved by the ICC back in December 2009. The IPA retained NERA Economic Consulting (“NERA”) as the procurement administrator for ComEd and Levitan & Associates, Inc. as the procurement administrator for Ameren. The ICC retained Boston Pacific Company, Inc. as an independent monitor of both RFPs.

The contracts to be awarded to the winning bidders are for energy bundled with “Renewable Energy Certificates” (“RECs”), with both tied to the energy production of each supplier’s specific renewable energy resource(s). The RFP recognized six different product categories, each corresponding to a renewable energy resource of a given type and a given location, as shown in the following table.

| Product categories | Location and Type of Eligible Renewable Energy Resource |
|---------------------------|--|
| Illinois-Adjoining Wind | A wind resource physically located in the state of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, or Michigan |
| Illinois-Adjoining Solar | A solar photovoltaic resource physically located in the state of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, or Michigan |
| Illinois-Adjoining Other | A renewable energy resource as defined in the Act other than a wind or a solar photovoltaic resource and that is physically located in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, or Michigan |
| Other-State Wind | A wind resource physically located in a state other than Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana or Michigan |
| Other-State Solar | A solar photovoltaic resource physically located in a state other than Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana or Michigan |
| Other-State Other | A renewable energy resource as defined in the Act other than a wind or a solar photovoltaic resource and that is physically located in a state other than Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana or Michigan |

**ICC’s Public Notice of Winning Bidders and Average Prices from the
IPA’s December 9, 2010 Procurement of Renewable Energy Resources for
Commonwealth Edison Company and Ameren Illinois Company**

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Section 16-111.5(h) of the Public Utilities Act provides that “[t]he names of the successful bidders and the load weighted average of the winning bid prices for each contract type and for each contract term shall be made available to the public at the time of Commission approval of a procurement event.” 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(h).

The names of the winning bidders are as follows:

Bishop Hill Energy II, LLC
Blackstone Wind Farm, LLC (see Note 1)
FPL Energy Illinois Wind, LLC
Grand Ridge Energy IV, LLC (see Note 2)
Invenergy Illinois Solar I, LLC (see Note 2)
Meadow Lake Wind Farm, LLC (see Note 1)
Meadow Lake Wind Farm II, LLC (see Note 1)
Meadow Lake Wind Farm III, LLC (see Note 1)
Meadow Lake Wind Farm IV, LLC (see Note 1)
New Harvest Wind Project, LLC
Rockford Solar Partners, LLC
TianRun Shady Oaks, LLC

Note 1: These projects are from the same bidder with contracts executed at the project company level.

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The annual quantities and the average winning bid prices are as follows:

| | Total Quantity (MWH) | Average Price (\$/MWH) |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ameren | 600,000 | \$50.44 |
| ComEd | 1,261,725 | \$55.18 |

Each winning bid was either a wind or a solar photovoltaic resource physically located in the state of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, or Michigan.

For more information about this and other electricity procurement events carried out this year, see the Commission’s “2010 Procurement Process” web page, by following this link:

<http://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/procurementprocess2010.aspx>