

**Illinois Commerce Commission**  
**Public Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments)**  
**Concerning the 2014 Electric Procurement Events**  
**Which Were Held On Behalf of**  
**Commonwealth Edison Company and Ameren Illinois Company**

**DUE DATES**

**Initial Comments: June 5, 2014**

**Reply Comments: July 2, 2014**

In fulfillment of its duties pursuant to Section 16-111.5(o) of the Illinois Public Utilities Act (“Act”), the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission” or “ICC”) hereby provides this Public Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments) Concerning the 2014 Electric Procurement Events Which Were Held On Behalf of Commonwealth Edison Company and Ameren Illinois Company.

**Background:**

Section 16-111.5 of the Act includes various “Provisions relating to procurement.” Among other things, the Act requires the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) to file procurement plans for certain electric utility companies. The utility companies presently affected by Section 16-111.5 are Ameren Illinois Company (“Ameren”) and Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”).

The Commission’s Order in Docket No. 13-0546, which was entered on December 18, 2013, approved an IPA plan for issuing a spring 2014 request for proposal (“RFP”) that would award to winning bidders fixed quantity standard electric energy contracts with ComEd and Ameren. The results of each of the above-cited RFPs are summarized on the ICC’s web site at the following internet address:

<http://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/procurementprocess2014.aspx>

Bidding rules, standard contracts, and other information can be found on the following web site established by the Procurement Administrator:

<http://ipa-energyrfp.com/>

In addition to the above-mentioned *spring* procurement of fixed quantity standard electric energy contracts, the Commission also approved an additional procurement -- scheduled for

*September* 2014 and contingent upon an updated July 2014 forecast -- to bring hedge levels to 100% of expected usage for the period of November 2014 to May 2015.

The Commission also approved the repurchase of renewable energy credits (“RECs”) that, due to budgetary limitations, are curtailed for June 2014 to May 2015, pursuant to the terms of 20-year renewable energy contracts (entered into in December 2010). The repurchases are limited to the extent feasible, using funds available from applying “alternative compliance payment rates” (defined in Section 16-115D of the Act) to the energy usage of hourly-priced sales customers. Following the March 2014 forecast and REC budget update, no curtailments (or repurchases) were required by Ameren. ComEd’s curtailment was reduced from 247,000 RECs (based on the earlier July 2013 forecast and REC budget) to only 85,891 RECs (based on the March 2014 forecast and budget update). The process of repurchasing those 85,891 RECs is in progress. Certain aspects of the 20-year renewable energy contract curtailments and related repurchases are currently under consideration by the Commission in the rehearing of Docket No. 13-0546.

Finally, subject to certain modifications, the Commission approved, pursuant to Section 16-111.5B(a)(5), various energy efficiency programs and measures that were included in the IPA’s Plan. A separate set of workshops are being conducted to consider issues surrounding these programs.

**Purpose of this Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments):**

Section 16-111.5(o) of the Act states,

On or before June 1 of each year, the Commission shall hold an informal hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the prior year’s procurement process and any recommendations for change.

In fulfillment of this requirement, the Commission shall hear from all interested parties their comments relating to the above-described procurement process, with the following caveats:

- Since the September 2014 procurement events are still pending and contingent on future forecast updates, comments pertaining to those events will be postponed until next year’s informal hearing.
- Since the 20-year renewable energy contract curtailments and related repurchases are currently under consideration by the Commission in the rehearing of Docket No. 13-

0546, comments pertaining to those events will be postponed until next year's informal hearing.

- Since the ICC is currently considering Section 16-111.5B(a)(5) energy efficiency programs in a separate set of workshops, to avoid duplication and confusion, those procurements will not be considered within the context of this informal hearing.

**How to Submit Comments:**

It is requested that all comments be provided in written form, within Microsoft Word or compatible files and/or Adobe Acrobat PDF or compatible files. There are no limitations on the length of comments. Comments should be sent through email to:

[rzuraski@icc.illinois.gov](mailto:rzuraski@icc.illinois.gov)

**Posting of Comments:**

All comments received shall be posted on the ICC website at the following location:

<http://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/procurementprocess2014.aspx>