

Illinois Commerce Commission
Public Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments)
Concerning the 2012 Electric Procurement Events
Which Were Held On Behalf of
Commonwealth Edison Company and Ameren Illinois Company

DUE DATES

Initial Comments: June 14, 2012

Reply Comments: June 28, 2012

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 Spring 2012 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. 11-0660, which was entered on December 21, 2011, approved an IPA plan for issuing a set of spring 2012 requests for proposal (“RFPs”) that would award to winning bidders:

- Electric capacity contracts with Ameren;
- Fixed quantity standard electric energy contracts with ComEd and Ameren; and
- Renewable energy credit contracts with ComEd and Ameren.

The Order also recognized that the IPA would be issuing additional RFPs for fixed quantity standard electric energy contracts and renewable energy credit contracts, on behalf of the two utilities, to comply with the requirements of Section 16-111.5(k-5) of the Act (which was added to Illinois statutes by Public Act 97-0616, while Docket 11-0660 was still pending).

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/procurementprocess2012.aspx>.¹ Bidding rules, standard contracts, detailed calendars of events, and other information can be found at the procurement administrators' web sites:

For the Ameren Illinois Company RFPs:

<http://www.levitan.com/AIURFP/>

For the ComEd RFPs:

<http://www.comed-energyrfp.com/>

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.

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

Posting of Comments:

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

<http://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/procurementprocess2012.aspx>

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¹ Note: Results of IPA RFPs from prior years can be found here:
<http://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/ElectricityProcurement.aspx>