

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

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Docket No. _____

Petition for Approval of Initial
Procurement Plan

**THE ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY’S PETITION FOR APPROVAL
OF THE 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d) PROCUREMENT PLAN**

Pursuant to the Illinois Power Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3855/1-1, et seq., and the Illinois Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5/1-101, et seq., the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) is required to annually submit to the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) its proposed plan for the procurement of electricity for certain customers of AmerenCILCO, AmerenCIPS, and AmerenIP (together referred to as “Ameren”), and Commonwealth Edison (“ComEd”). In accordance with Section 16-111.5(d)(2) of the PUA, the IPA hereby submits its Draft Power Procurement Plan for the period June 2010 through May 2015 (hereinafter the “Procurement Plan”). 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2). The Procurement Plan sets forth a procurement approach that will secure electricity commodity and associated transmission services, plus required renewable energy assets, to meet the supply needs of eligible retail customers served by Ameren and Commonwealth Edison. The Procurement Plan is designed “to ensure adequate, reliable, affordable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable electric service at the lowest total cost over time....” 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(4).

Section 16-111.5(d) sets forth the process for commenting on the Procurement Plan. Statutory deadlines include the following:

September 16, 2009: Affected utilities and other interested parties are given thirty days following the date of the posting to provide comment to the IPA on the Draft Procurement Plan. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2). Comments are required to be “specific, supported by data or other detailed analyses, and if objecting to all or a portion of the procurement plan, *accompanied by specific alternative wording or proposals.*” 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2) [*emphasis added*].

September 30, 2009: The IPA has fourteen days following the end of the 30-day review period to revise the Draft Procurement Plan, as necessary, based on the comments and to file the final Plan with the Commission for posting on its website. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2).

October 5, 2009: Following the submission of this Plan, within five days, any person objecting to the Plan may file an objection with the Commission. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).

October 19, 2009: The Commission, within fourteen days, must determine whether a hearing is necessary. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).

December 29, 2009: Deadline for the Commission to enter its order confirming or modifying the Procurement Plan.. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(3).

While the above dates are the only statutorily-mandated deadlines, the Commission may determine the need for an additional comment or briefing period in addition to, or in lieu of, hearings. The IPA looks forward to the parties’ comments and suggestions, and respectfully reminds parties to make any suggested changes to the Plan in redline format. This is not only a

statutory mandate, but redline amendments will also expedite the review process and aide in the proper implementation of a Power Procurement Plan post-Commission Order.

Conclusion

The Illinois Power Agency's Procurement Plan is consistent with the requirements of the Act, meets the needs of customers, and, as such, the IPA seeks approval by the Commission.

Dated: August 17, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Illinois Power Agency

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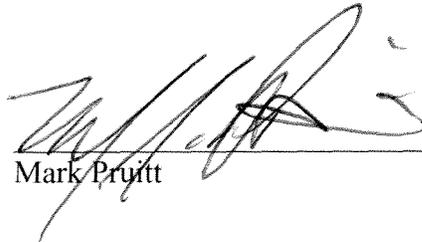
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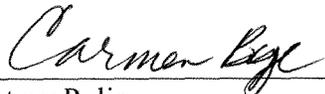
VERIFICATION OF MARK PRUITT

I, Mark Pruitt, being first duly sworn and on oath state that I am Executive Director of the Illinois Power Agency, and am competent to testify that I have read the Draft Power Procurement Plan submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission on August 17, 2009, that I am familiar with facts set forth in the Plan, and those facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Mark Pruitt

Subscribed and sworn before me
This 17th day of August 2009



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