

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Illinois Power Agency)
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Petition for Approval of the) Docket No. 12-0544
220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d) Procurement Plan)

**NOTICE OF
AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY'S UPDATED LOAD FORECAST**

Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois (“Ameren Illinois”) submits its notice of its updated load forecasts pursuant to page 56 of the 2013 Electricity Procurement Plan (“Plan”) which states that the IPA shall “require updated load forecasts from ComEd and Ameren in November after the results of the municipal aggregation referenda results are known, to be reviewed before any procurement event occurs by the IPA, the Utilities, Commission Staff, the Procurement Administrators and the Procurement Monitor.” Ameren Illinois is filing a Notice of its updated forecast in this manner as it did in the previous procurement plan docket.

Ameren Illinois notes that unofficial results indicate that 143 government entities had referenda on the November 6 ballot and 129 of these referenda successfully passed. The quantity of referenda and the corresponding size of the potential MWh that could switch to Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers (“ARES”) are therefore significantly in excess of that contemplated when the July 2012 forecast was created.

A. Revised Energy Forecast

Based on recent referenda results and an evaluation of the potential MWh impacted, Ameren Illinois has increased its forecasted rate of switching relative to that provided in July. The energy forecast pertaining to the 2013 plan year is therefore reduced approximately 17% when compared to the July forecast (5.46 million MWh versus 6.59 million MWh previously).

This reduction causes an increase in the estimated quantity of excess energy hedges that would settle in MISO (no bilateral purchases or sales are proposed in the Plan). In order to illustrate the revised energy position, Ameren Illinois provides below the original and revised tables from pages 28 and 29 of the Plan.

Energy Position Based on July 2012 Forecast (First Three Years Provided)

Ameren Illinois Expected Load and Current Hedge Position												
	Avg. Peak Contract Volumes						Avg. Off-Peak Contract Volumes					
Contract Month	Expected Load MW	2011 MW	2012 MW	20-YR MW	SB 1652 MW	Residual MW	Expected Load MW	2011 MW	2012 MW	20-YR MW	SB 1652 MW	Residual MW
13-Jun	987	750	0	47	650	(460)	742	550	0	48	650	(506)
13-Jul	1150	850	0	28	650	(378)	923	700	0	40	650	(467)
13-Aug	1132	900	0	30	650	(448)	896	700	0	50	650	(504)
13-Sep	859	650	0	44	650	(485)	724	600	0	48	650	(574)
13-Oct	679	550	0	71	650	(592)	542	500	0	86	650	(694)
13-Nov	733	550	0	89	650	(556)	621	500	0	93	650	(622)
13-Dec	861	700	0	74	650	(563)	760	650	0	69	650	(609)
14-Jan	896	750	0	78	650	(582)	799	700	0	86	650	(637)
14-Feb	832	700	0	72	650	(590)	747	650	0	79	650	(632)
14-Mar	663	600	0	83	650	(670)	582	550	0	92	650	(710)
14-Apr	567	500	0	90	650	(673)	468	450	0	98	650	(730)
14-May	545	550	0	70	650	(725)	451	450	0	77	650	(726)
14-Jun	777	0	0	45	650	82	610	0	0	50	650	(90)
14-Jul	951	0	0	28	650	273	756	0	0	40	650	66
14-Aug	944	0	0	32	650	262	743	0	0	48	650	45
14-Sep	701	0	0	42	650	9	591	0	0	50	650	(109)
14-Oct	546	0	0	71	650	(175)	444	0	0	86	650	(292)
14-Nov	603	0	0	93	650	(140)	517	0	0	89	650	(222)
14-Dec	714	0	0	70	650	(6)	649	0	0	72	650	(73)
15-Jan	765	0	0	82	650	33	693	0	0	82	650	(39)
15-Feb	720	0	0	72	650	(2)	644	0	0	79	650	(85)
15-Mar	571	0	0	79	650	(158)	511	0	0	96	650	(235)
15-Apr	496	0	0	90	650	(244)	413	0	0	98	650	(335)
15-May	486	0	0	73	650	(237)	416	0	0	74	650	(308)
15-Jun	702	0	0	43	200	459	557	0	0	53	200	304
15-Jul	878	0	0	27	200	651	686	0	0	41	200	445
15-Aug	879	0	0	32	200	647	682	0	0	48	200	434
15-Sep	653	0	0	42	200	411	542	0	0	50	200	292
15-Oct	506	0	0	74	200	232	415	0	0	82	200	133
15-Nov	561	0	0	89	200	272	479	0	0	93	200	186
15-Dec	669	0	0	70	200	399	612	0	0	72	200	340
16-Jan	718	0	0	86	200	432	665	0	0	79	200	386
16-Feb	667	0	0	69	200	398	600	0	0	78	200	322
16-Mar	538	0	0	76	200	262	491	0	0	100	200	191
16-Apr	465	0	0	94	200	171	406	0	0	94	200	112
16-May	469	0	0	70	200	199	394	0	0	77	200	117

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13-Jun	924	750	0	47	650	(523)	702	550	0	48	650	(546)
13-Jul	987	850	0	28	650	(541)	798	700	0	40	650	(592)
13-Aug	901	900	0	30	650	(679)	715	700	0	50	650	(685)
13-Sep	707	650	0	44	650	(637)	594	600	0	48	650	(704)
13-Oct	575	550	0	71	650	(696)	460	500	0	86	650	(776)
13-Nov	610	550	0	89	650	(679)	515	500	0	93	650	(728)
13-Dec	689	700	0	74	650	(735)	606	650	0	69	650	(763)
14-Jan	704	750	0	78	650	(774)	626	700	0	86	650	(810)
14-Feb	664	700	0	72	650	(758)	593	650	0	79	650	(786)
14-Mar	535	600	0	83	650	(798)	467	550	0	92	650	(825)
14-Apr	467	500	0	90	650	(773)	387	450	0	98	650	(811)
14-May	457	550	0	70	650	(813)	380	450	0	77	650	(797)
14-Jun	617	0	0	45	650	(78)	489	0	0	50	650	(211)
14-Jul	729	0	0	28	650	51	586	0	0	40	650	(104)
14-Aug	725	0	0	32	650	43	574	0	0	48	650	(124)
14-Sep	563	0	0	42	650	(129)	473	0	0	50	650	(227)
14-Oct	457	0	0	71	650	(264)	372	0	0	86	650	(364)
14-Nov	493	0	0	93	650	(250)	420	0	0	89	650	(319)
14-Dec	558	0	0	70	650	(162)	503	0	0	72	650	(219)
15-Jan	587	0	0	82	650	(145)	529	0	0	82	650	(203)
15-Feb	566	0	0	72	650	(156)	502	0	0	79	650	(227)
15-Mar	457	0	0	79	650	(272)	404	0	0	96	650	(342)
15-Apr	410	0	0	90	650	(330)	341	0	0	98	650	(407)
15-May	402	0	0	73	650	(321)	342	0	0	74	650	(382)
15-Jun	544	0	0	43	200	301	436	0	0	53	200	183
15-Jul	655	0	0	27	200	428	519	0	0	41	200	278
15-Aug	657	0	0	32	200	425	514	0	0	48	200	266
15-Sep	513	0	0	42	200	271	426	0	0	50	200	176
15-Oct	417	0	0	74	200	143	342	0	0	82	200	60
15-Nov	451	0	0	89	200	162	383	0	0	93	200	90
15-Dec	513	0	0	70	200	243	465	0	0	72	200	193
16-Jan	543	0	0	86	200	257	496	0	0	79	200	217
16-Feb	516	0	0	69	200	247	459	0	0	78	200	181
16-Mar	426	0	0	76	200	150	382	0	0	100	200	82
16-Apr	383	0	0	94	200	89	330	0	0	94	200	36
16-May	384	0	0	70	200	114	322	0	0	77	200	45

B. Revised Renewable Resource Budget (“RRB”)

The Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) target for the 2013 plan year remains unchanged when compared to July since the statute dictates that the calculation be based on actual historical load. However, the RRB for the 2013 plan year is reduced by approximately 21% when compared to the July forecast (\$9.12 million versus \$11.63 million previously). This is driven by the same factors associated with the revised energy forecast; namely an increase in switching associated with government aggregation relative to the assumptions made in July. The percentage energy reduction and percentage RRB reduction are not the same because the energy forecast includes distribution losses and load transitioning to competitive declaration (150 kW to 399 kW for Ameren Illinois), whereas the RRB excludes distribution losses and load transitioning to competitive declaration. This methodological difference between energy and renewables comes directly from the statute and was upheld by the Commission on page 129 of its Final Order for Docket 11-0660 after considerable debate in that proceeding.

The reduction in the RRB causes the dollars associated with existing contracts to exceed the RRB in each of the five years associated with the Plan. For example, the 2013 plan year has a revised RRB of \$9,121,456 and yet existing purchases equal \$9,654,861, therefore indicating the budget is exceeded by \$533,715. Although the Plan is not proposing any purchases or sales, assuming the budget is still exceeded when the March 2013 forecast is developed by Ameren Illinois and subject to Commission approval in this Plan, Ameren Illinois intends to commence a proportional curtailment of the long term renewable agreements consistent with the language associated with the agreements. In order to illustrate the revised RRB, Ameren Illinois has updated the table from page 80 of the Plan.

Renewable Target and Budget Based on July 2012 Forecast

Ameren Summary of Renewable Resource Budgets, Previous Commitments and Available 2013 Spend						
Delivery Year	RPS Target RECs	Previously Purchased RECS	Remainder to be Purchased in a 2013 Procurement	RPS Budget \$	Previously Committed RPS \$	Available RPS \$ for a 2013 Procurement
2013-14	1,107,877	1,136,020	0	11,627,681	9,654,861	1,972,820
2014-15	844,744	1,025,366	0	10,287,942	9,167,145	1,120,797
2015-16	644,050	1,008,810	0	9,695,547	9,183,529	512,018
2016-17	655,319	1,029,245	0	9,331,091	10,403,861	(1,072,770)
2017-18	698,140	854,396	0	8,970,536	9,412,155	(441,619)

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2013-14	1,107,877	1,136,020	0	9,121,146	9,654,861	(533,715)
2014-15	844,744	1,025,366	0	7,576,526	9,167,145	(1,590,620)
2015-16	505,215	1,008,810	0	6,974,147	9,183,529	(2,209,381)
2016-17	482,608	1,029,245	0	6,615,161	10,403,861	(3,788,700)
2017-18	502,182	854,396	0	6,258,988	9,412,155	(3,153,167)

C. Revised Capacity Forecast

The capacity forecast also has been revised lower relative to the July forecast. The updated forecast estimates a capacity requirement for the 2013 plan year of 1,620 MW versus 1,950 MW previously for a reduction of approximately 17%.

The reduction in the capacity forecast eliminates any remaining capacity requirement for the 2013 plan year (although it's noteworthy that the new MISO capacity construct determines the capacity requirement based on actual not forecasted coincident peak) and instead creates an excess position estimated at 40 MW. Because no bilateral purchases or sales are proposed in the Plan, any remaining position would settle in the new MISO capacity construct. In order to illustrate the revised position, Ameren Illinois has updated the table provided from page 71 of the Plan.

Capacity Position Based on July 2012 Forecast

Ameren Estimated Capacity Requirements Expected Case Forecast				
Delivery Year	Peak Load + Losses + Reserves	Capacity Required	2012 Purchase	Remaining Requirement
6/13-5/14	1,935	1,950	1660	290
6/14-5/15	1,648	1,650	1110	540
6/15-5/16	1,537	1,540	0	1,540
6/16-5/17	1,483	1,490	0	1,490
6/17-5/18	1,425	1,430	0	1,430

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6/13-5/14	1,611	1,620	1660	(40)
6/14-5/15	1,202	1210	1110	100
6/15-5/16	1,079	1080	0	1,080
6/16-5/17	1,033	1040	0	1,040
6/17-5/18	972	980	0	980

WHEREFORE, Ameren Illinois Company respectfully submits notice of its updated load forecast for review and approval in the Illinois Commerce Commission's Final Order.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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