

**Docket No:** 13-0437  
**Bench Date:** 11/6/13  
**Deadline:** N/A

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** The Commission

**FROM:** Heather M. Jorgenson, Administrative Law Judge

**DATE:** October 25, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Illinois Commerce Commission  
on its own motion  
-vs-  
Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois  
Commonwealth Edison Company  
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
North Shore Gas Company, and  
Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company

Approval of the Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual for Energy Efficiency.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Enter the attached Order.

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On July 10, 2013, and on the recommendation of a Staff Report from the Illinois Commerce Commission's ("Commission") Policy Division dated June 24, 2013, the Commission issued an Order to initiate a proceeding to consider approval of the first annual update to the Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual for Energy Efficiency ("IL-TRM"). Pursuant to that initiating Order, Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois ("Ameren Illinois"), Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company and North Shore Gas Company ("Peoples Gas/North Shore Gas" or "PG/NSG"), and Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company ("Nicor Gas") (collectively, referred to herein as the "Utilities") were made respondents. Subsequently, during the time permitted for parties to appear in this docket, counsel for Commission Staff ("Staff") appeared. Collectively, the Utilities and Staff are referred to herein as the "Parties."

Pursuant to Sections 8-103 and 8-104 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act ("Act" or "PUA"), certain Illinois electric and gas utilities, in coordination with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity ("DCEO"), are required to file three-year Energy Efficiency ("EE") Plans with the Commission to meet the applicable EE standards specified in the statute. 220 ILCS 5/8-103, 8-104. Between September 29, 2010, and October 1, 2010, the Utilities filed petitions for approval of EE Plans pursuant to Sections 8-103 and 8-104 of the Act. When the Commission entered

Orders approving the Utilities' respective EE Plans, the Commission required the Utilities to collaborate with the Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group ("SAG") participants and DCEO to develop an Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual.

The purpose of the IL-TRM is to provide a transparent and consistent basis for calculating energy (electric kilowatt-hours ("kWh") or natural gas therms) and capacity (electric kilowatts ("kW")) savings generated by the State of Illinois' EE programs, which are administered by the Utilities and DCEO, otherwise known as the Program Administrators. The first version of the IL-TRM, dated September 14, 2012, was developed to comply with the Commission's Orders from the EE Plan dockets. The Commission entered an Order approving the first version of the IL-TRM in Docket No. 12-0528.

The Policy Document for the IL-TRM, which is Attachment A to the Policy Division Staff Report filed in Docket No. 13-0077 ("TRM Policy Document"), was approved and adopted by the Commission in that docket. The TRM Policy Document provides that the IL-TRM shall be annually updated because technology and markets are so dynamic and the IL-TRM must keep pace with change, otherwise it will become obsolete and the savings estimates less reliable.

The first update of the IL-TRM is a result of an ongoing review process involving the SAG. The updated IL-TRM is embodied in the Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual for Energy Efficiency Version 2.0 dated June 7, 2013 ("IL-TRM Version 2.0") and having an effective date of June 1, 2013, which is the substance of this instant proceeding.

Staff filed a Verified Statement on September 5, 2013, recommending support and adoption of the IL-TRM Version 2.0. The Utilities were given leave to file a response to Staff's Verified Statement; no responses were filed.

The attached Order finds that the IL-TRM Version 2.0 filed in this docket as an attachment to the Staff Report was arrived at using the Commission-mandated process, it is a consensus document, and it is consistent with the Commission's Orders and the TRM Policy Document adopted by the Commission. The Order adopts the IL-TRM Version 2.0 that was filed in this docket as an attachment to the Staff Report dated June 24, 2013.

There are no contested issues in this matter. There is no statutory deadline. Accordingly, I recommend that the Commission enter the attached Order.

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