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## **Tenaska Taylorville LLC Submits Facility Cost Report for Illinois' Initial Clean Coal Facility to ICC**

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) has received the facility cost report from Tenaska Taylorville, LLC and is inviting anyone interested to submit comments on the report. The report can be found, and parties may post comments on the ICC web page, <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/Tenaska.aspx>.

Tenaska Taylorville, LLC, as the managing member of Christian County Generation, LLC, prepared and delivered to the Illinois Commerce Commission the Taylorville Energy Center (TEC) facility cost report pursuant to Illinois' Clean Coal Portfolio Standard Law. The law requires the owner of Illinois' initial clean coal facility, to submit to the ICC, the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) and the General Assembly a facility cost report, setting out the anticipated project costs, the method of financing, the operating and maintenance costs, an analysis of the ability of the facility to deliver power into the regional transmission organization markets and the facility's expected capacity factor.

As noted in the overview section of the facility cost report, the TEC is planned to be a commercial-scale, coal-fueled plant, converting Illinois coal into pipeline quality substitute natural gas (SNG), and then efficiently burning the SNG to produce electricity. The TEC design is fundamentally different from existing coal generating plants and from most other proposed "clean coal" plants, in that the TEC will burn clean SNG rather than coal, to generate electricity. It also will be a net reducer of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other emissions.

The ICC is required to analyze the facility cost report and submit a report to the General Assembly within six months, setting forth the results of its analysis. The ICC hired Boston Pacific Company and its subcontractor, MPR Associates, to assist in the preparation of its analysis and report to the General Assembly.

Comments are due on or before April 16. The comments will be considered public, posted to the ICC's website and attached to the ICC's report to the General Assembly.

Additional information regarding the initial clean coal facility law can be found in Public Act 95-1027 on the General Assembly's website [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).

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