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Illinois Commerce Commission to host “Planning for the Future” Policy Session; Focus on 2015-2016 Winter Preparedness and Resource Adequacy in the Ameren Illinois Footprint

On Thursday, November 19, the Illinois Commerce Commission will host a Planning for the Future Policy Session to explore the issues surrounding 2015-2016 Winter Preparedness and Resource Adequacy.

The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Main Hearing Room at the ICC’s Chicago office, 160 North LaSalle, Suite C-800. In addition, there will be an audio stream of the meeting on the Commission’s website, www.icc.illinois.gov.

The Policy Session will be hosted by Commissioner Sherina E. Maye-Edwards and include ICC Commissioners and staff, consumer advocates, and representatives from the gas industry, regional transmission organizations (RTOs), and Illinois local distribution companies (LDCs).

The Session will consist of two parts. The morning will feature discussions on meeting the upcoming winter demand and include questions such as:

- How is the U.S. Natural Gas Market positioned to meet the 2015-2016 winter demand?
- Have appropriate adjustments been made in the coordination between gas and electricity markets to avoid some of the problems experienced in the past?
- What challenges are RTOs facing with respect to assuring electric reliability during the 2015-2016 winter months and how are they addressing those challenges?
- Have the LDCs been able to refill gas storage facilities or otherwise assure access to supply for the 2015-2016 winter?
- How have the pipelines addressed issues such as transmission pipeline operating restrictions?

The second part of the meeting will address Resource Adequacy in the Ameren Illinois footprint.

“MISO’s goal to ensure enough capacity is available to meet the needs of all consumers in the MISO footprint during peak times at just and reasonable rates is critical. With diminishing excess supply and the narrow timing of the MISO Planning Resource Auction, I believe this is the right time to explore this issue in greater detail,” said Commissioner Maye-Edwards.

The Session will explore the following questions:

- Is long-term resource adequacy being successfully addressed in the Ameren Illinois footprint?

- What are the benefits of ensuring long-term Resource Adequacy in the Ameren Illinois footprint?
- Which entity or entities, by design or default, should be responsible for ensuring long-term Resource Adequacy in the Ameren Illinois footprint?
- Assuming MISO is the responsible party, what improvements or changes should they be making to the resource adequacy construct?
- What are the primary concerns stakeholders have with long-term Resource Adequacy in the Ameren Illinois footprint?

Joining the ICC will be Chris McGill, Vice President, Policy Analysis, American Gas Association; Todd Ramey, Vice President, System Operations & Market Services, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO); Rich Mathias, Senior Consultant, PJM Interconnection; Scott Glaser, Vice President, Gas Operations & Development, Ameren Illinois; Tina Yoder, Manager, Energy Efficiency, MidAmerican Energy Company; Michelle Rindt, Vice President, Customer Service, People's Gas/North Shore Gas; Jim Blessing, Senior Director, Power Supply & Infrastructure Development, Ameren Illinois; Dean Ellis, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Dynegy; Bill Berg, Eastern RTO Director, Exelon; Susan Satter, Public Utilities Counsel, Illinois Attorney General's Office; and Anthony Star, Director, Illinois Power Agency.

Additional details, including an agenda, will be available on the Commission's website at a later date. To attend, please RSVP to ncrossley@icc.illinois.gov.

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