





## Welcome to ORMD's 2nd Newsletter

# **MARC** is Coming to Chicago

The Mid-America Regulatory Conference team & volunteers have been busy putting together what promises to be a fun, dynamic and engaging Conference June 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Chicago. From content to keynotes to ride & drives and tours, there is plenty to do at the Conference – all against the backdrop of a world-class city! What's on the agenda so far? Take a look here.



### **REGISTER TODAY!**

#### **Registration Ends May 31!**

Besides a dynamic wide-ranging agenda, MARC has curated unique, fun and varied receptions, tours and experiences, approachable for professionals and families alike. From London House to the Lion House – we got you covered. From expansive downtown views to cozy Lincoln Park views, you can expect to see it all while in Chicago.

As always, be sure to check out MARC's <u>website</u> and follow the social media accounts on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> for updates and announcements about the MARC 2022 Annual Conference.

## **Upcoming Filing Deadlines**

Please be aware of the upcoming due dates for ARES and ABC filing requirements, which are listed below. As a reminder, there are several required filings with occurrence-based deadlines, so please ensure to stay compliant with those as well. If you have any questions related to these filings, please review the ARES FAQ Filing Requirements document and the ARES Filing Cheat Sheet located on the <u>ARES webpage</u>.

Please note this information is only provided as a convenience and does not necessarily represent the full extent of reporting obligations under relevant statutes and rules. It is the responsibility of the company to ensure compliance with all applicable reporting requirements.

- ARES Rate Report: Due June 30<sup>th</sup>
- ARES Environmental Disclosures: Due July 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>
- ARES Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Report: Due September 1st
- Designated Agent Report: Due after January 1<sup>st</sup> and before January 31<sup>st</sup> as well as within 15 days to any change in the designated agent

  This is required for both ARES and ABC



## PlugIn Illinois

As you are aware, PlugIn Illinois is the ICC's consumer education website where customers may learn about residential electric competition in Illinois and compare supplier offers within their utility territory. As a reminder, it is the responsibility of the supplier to ensure the offers are regularly updated and correct. If an incorrect offer is posted, the supplier is required to honor the offer.

The June Price to Compare (PTC) will be changing to summer pricing. As always, the PTC is posted on the ICC's Plugin Illinois website at the end of the prior month. The June PTC will be posted on May 31, 2022.

# Filing and Posting Authorization

Suppliers must fill out an External User Account Request Form for access to file certain required filings electronically and the right to post offers on PlugIn Illinois. This form can be found on the ICC's ARES webpage. To view which reports may be filed through the electronic portal, please review the ARES Filing Cheat Sheet also located on the ARES webpage. As a reminder, you must submit a new form if you wish to add additional filings or posting rights onto your account. The form must be accompanied by a letter on the company's letterhead:

- 1. Stating the name of the person requesting to file or post on behalf of the company
- 2. Listing the filing(s) (code part(s)) they are requesting authorization for 3. Must be signed by the CEO or DA on file with the Commission

For ABCs please note that ABC required filings are not available for electronic filing at this time.

Reminder: The External User Account Request Form is intended to authorize an individual to file on behalf of the company to the ICC. These individual accounts are not intended to be shared between multiple people. Besides violating common security practices, the company will not have an accurate record of the individual making a filing with the ICC when account information is shared.



# **Legislative Updates**

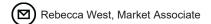
On April 7, 2022, <u>HB 4973</u> passed both Houses and amends the Public Utilities Act and the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. The Bill states that a license to operate for an ARES, AGS, or an ABC is not property, and the granting of a certificate or license does not create property interest. Additionally, the Bill aligns the fines in the CFA and the PUA. The Commission may also file a complaint on its own motion when there appears to be compliance violations and may revoke the ARES certificate of service authority. HB 4973 requires the inclusion of an internet address instead of an email address, to which a consumer complaint may be directed under the CFA.

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