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Welcome

Welcome to ORMD's first newsletter! This periodic newsletter will serve as an avenue for our Office to remind the industry of upcoming filings and events, as well as noteworthy news and updates. Please note, that this newsletter is a courtesy and may not necessarily represent the full extent of any updates or a company's reporting obligations.

To help ensure that your company is in compliance with all Illinois rules and statutes, we recommend you review the [ARES](#), [ABC](#), and [ORMD](#) webpages. There, you will find helpful information such as a document outlining ARES filing requirements, an FAQ list, links to the relevant code parts, and more!



Recent/Upcoming Deadlines

As mentioned earlier, please note this information is only provided as a convenience and may 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.

- Designated Agent Report: Due after January 1st and before January 31st as well as within 15 days to any change in the designated agent
 - This is required for both ARES and ABC
- ABC Annual Report: Due March 31st (ABC)
- ARES Environmental Disclosures: Due January 1st and April 1st (ARES)
- ARES Call Center Information Reports: Due March 1st (ARES)
- ARES Kilowatt-hour Report: Due March 1st (ARES)
 - This report now has a form that is located on the ARES webpage – please ensure to utilize the form when making the filing
- ARES Net Metering Report: Due April 1st (ARES)
- Supplier Diversity Report: Due April 15th
 - Pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/15-117, “all gas, electric, and water companies with at least 100,000 customers under its authority, as well as suppliers of wind energy, solar energy, hydroelectricity, nuclear energy, and any other supplier of energy within this State” are required to submit an annual supplier diversity report. Please note that **all** ARES should file this report as a supplier of energy.

- ARES Annual Report: Due April 30th (ARES)

Additionally, we would like to remind all ARES that participate in municipal aggregation of the requirement to provide information to ORMD, pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 470.200. The required information should be sent to Rebecca West at Rebecca.West@Illinois.gov. ORMD has an excel template that is posted on the ARES webpage, please utilize this template when sending the new contract(s) information. The excel document does not represent the full reporting obligations under the relevant rules, but rather serves the purpose of aiding in the uploading of new contracts to the PlugIn Illinois webpage. Please review the rules and ensure you are still providing ORMD all the required information outside of the excel template.

Required Filings Reminder

Please be aware of the upcoming and recently passed due dates for ARES and ABC filing requirements, which are listed below. As a reminder, there are a number of 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 Filing Requirements document located on the [ARES webpage](#). This document includes information on which filings can be submitted through the E-filing portal.

Please note that for electronic filings, the Chief Clerk's Office will only review to ensure the uploaded files are readable and does not review for content^[1]. This form of electronic filing is provided as a convenience, and it is the responsibility of the company to ensure that the filing contains all required information and that it is filed under the correct code or legislation citation. This may be a concern if a company is attempting to file a confidential version of a document, as confidential information will be publicly posted. Once files are uploaded through the portal, they cannot be removed without an order from the Commission. If a company wishes to file a confidential version of a filing, Staff recommends filing by mail to the Chief Clerk's Office. Note that all confidential filings must include a redacted public version and be accompanied by an affidavit or petition for confidential treatment based on the document being filed. For more information, please review the ARES Filing Requirements document mentioned above.

^[1] Once the filing is accepted and posted to the company's entity profile page, Staff will review the content and follow up with the company if needed.

Workshop Recap

On October 27, 2021, ICC Staff conducted a workshop that focused on ARES filing requirements to review filing instructions. Staff created a PDF for this workshop that details the filings, the due dates, the code section, and how to file. A copy of this PDF has been posted to the ARES webpage and is titled "ARES Filing Requirements". Please review this document prior to reaching out to ICC Staff with any filing questions.

While on the topic of filing requirements, we would like to remind you that ORMD does not confirm receipt of filing requirements. To determine if the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO) has received your filing, please review your [entity profile](#). Once on the profile, click the "Filings" tab under Profile Navigation on the right side of the page. This will list all filings the CCO has received. Please cross-reference the list of filings on the entity profile with the reporting requirements.

Additionally, we have added guidance on common questions to the ARES FAQ List, which can be found on the ARES webpage.

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Updates

On September 15, 2021, the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) went into effect. ORMD is currently analyzing the law for potential impacts on the retail market. For additional information and ICC activity related to the new law, please visit the ICC's [CEJA webpage](#).

Anyone, 5 years of age and older, is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Find your nearest vaccination location at [vaccines.gov](#).

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Climate and Equitable Jobs Act Implementation

[Public Act 102-0662](#), which includes the Energy Transition Act and related legislation, was enacted by the General Assembly with an effective date of September 15, 2021. The Act obligates the Commission to take various actions to implement new programs, initiatives and directives to further the State's goals of transitioning the State to 100% clean energy; supporting a responsible transition away from carbon-intensive power generation; increasing public participation in regulatory matters; and encouraging further diversity and inclusion within the renewable energy industry. Implementation of the Act, which contains changes to numerous statutes related to utility regulation, will likely require revisions to various Commission rules as well as other processes and procedures. The purpose of this page is to keep stakeholders and other interested parties apprised of informal implementation efforts and to provide links to formal implementation proceedings.

Notices to Public Utilities

- [Notice to Gas, Electric, Water and Sewer Public Utilities Concerning Consumer Intervenor Compensation Fund Contributions](#)
- [Notice to Gas, Electric, Water and Sewer Public Utilities Concerning Credit & Collections and Arrearage Data Reporting](#)
 - [How to Register for an Illinois Public Account](#)
 - [External User Account Request Form](#)

Solicitations for Work and Selected Vendors

- [Renewable Energy Access Plan Technical and Policy Experts Solicitation](#)
- [Intervenor Compensation Fund Administrator: Vendor is CW Financial & Management Group LLC](#)
- [Multi-year Integrated Grid Plan Workshop Facilitator: Vendor is EnerNex, LLC](#)
- [Grid Plan Auditor to Assist ICC Staff: Vendor is Liberty Consulting Group, Inc.](#)
- [Performance and Tracking Measure Workshop Facilitator: Vendor is RMI](#)
- [Beneficial Electrification Workshop Facilitator: Vendor is Cella Johnson Consulting LLC](#)
- [Baseline Grid Auditor for Ameren IL: Vendor is The Liberty Consulting Group](#)
- [Baseline Grid Auditor for ComEd: Vendor is The Liberty Consulting Group](#)

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