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ICC Hosts Transportation Electrification Policy Session

Chicago, IL - The Illinois Commerce Commission's (ICC) first public policy session of 2020, *Electric Vehicles (EVs): The Beneficial Electrification of Transportation* hosted by Commissioner Maria Bocanegra will be held on January 8 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the ICC's Chicago Office.

“In line with Governor Pritzker’s pledge to reduce Illinois’ carbon emissions, green transportation, such as electric vehicles and electric transit, can help us meet and align our energy goals. This policy session will bring together a panel of experts representing consumers, transit, environmental, private and public interests to discuss the national impact of an increasingly electrified future and the integration of electrification in Illinois,” said Commissioner Bocanegra.

The policy session will provide an overview of the national EV policy landscape, including insights on the development of EV adoption and deployment in other states, as well as critical topics and issues related to infrastructure, equity concerns, environmental impacts and grid management.

Among the panelists invited to participate are:

- Britta Gross, Managing Director at the Rocky Mountain Institute
- Jim Thomas, Vice President of Special Projects at Rivian
- Alexander Keros, Lead Architect, EV Infrastructure at General Motors
- Kate Tomford, Senior Analyst, Energy and Environmental Policy at the Chicago Transit Authority
- Dr. Elizabeth Kocs, Director of Partnerships and Strategy at UIC and Energy Executive at National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Christie Hicks, Senior Attorney at the Environmental Defense Fund
- Nick Nigro, Founder of Atlas Public Policy

“Market forecasts predict that the expansion of electric mobility will surpass 30 percent of the global passenger vehicle fleet by 2040. Illinois needs to be ready; and as regulators, the time is now for stakeholders to be informed and foster discussions to ensure we are prepared for the challenges ahead. I welcome anyone interested in this topic to join us at this on-trend and thought-provoking policy session,” said Commissioner Bocanegra.

A formal agenda will be forthcoming and will be available [here](#) on the ICC website.

The discussion will take place in the ICC’s Main Hearing Room located at 160 N. LaSalle Street, 8th Floor, Chicago, Illinois. If you are unable to attend the policy session in Chicago, you may click [here](#) to listen to a live audio feed during the session.

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About the Illinois Commerce Commission

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is a quasi-judicial body made up of five Commissioners. Through its Public Utility Program, the Commission oversees the provision of adequate, reliable, efficient and safe utility services at the least possible cost to Illinois citizens served by electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and sewer public utility companies. Through its Transportation Regulatory Program, the Commission oversees public safety and consumer protection programs with regard to intrastate commercial motor carriers of general freight, household goods movers, relocation towers, safety towers, personal property warehouses and repossession agencies. The Commission’s Rail Safety Program also inspects and regulates the general safety of railroad tracks, facilities and equipment in the state.

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