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Illinois Commerce Commission Supports Careers in Energy Week

At its meeting on October 14, the Illinois Commerce Commission voiced its support of Governor Bruce Rauner's proclamation of the week of October 12 – 18 as Careers in Energy Week.

Careers in energy are on the rise and the Illinois Department of Employment Security predicts that there will be a growth of more than 50,000 energy-related jobs in Illinois by 2022.

The Illinois Energy Workforce Consortium, a non-profit collaboration of industry employers, cooperatives, educators, and government agents from across the state, coordinates Careers in Energy Week events in Illinois as part of the nationwide effort by the Center for Energy Workforce Development, who created the celebration to increase public awareness of the many careers in the energy industry.

Members of the Consortium leading activities throughout Illinois during the week include the Energy Learning Exchange, Illinois State University, Nicor Gas, AGL Resources, Ameren Illinois, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, ComEd, Exelon Corporation, Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company, Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas, and Illinois Energy Association.

ICC Commissioners are also getting involved in the week, and Commissioner John Rosales will speak to 7th and 8th grade science students at West Park Elementary Academy about the energy industry and its multiple career paths this Thursday.

"The youth are our future, and I could not be happier to be involved in an initiative highlighting these important career opportunities," said Commissioner Rosales. "As regulators, I believe it's essential that the Commission do its part to help promote careers in energy. The opportunities provide high wages and excellent trade skills. I look forward to continuing to get the word out through outreach and education."

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