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**ICC Workshop Explores Distributed Generation Valuation Options for Illinois**

Chicago, IL...The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) held an informal workshop recently in Chicago to begin the discussion with stakeholders about distributed generation compensation options for Illinois. A provision of The Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA), which was enacted into law in 2017, requires Illinois' large investor-owned utilities to seek ICC approval to provide rebates to retail customers that own distributed generation. It is up to the ICC to determine a formula for calculating the value of rebates for retail customers, reflecting the value of the distributed generation, and consider geographic, time-based, and performance-based benefits, for present and future grid needs.

To encourage and foster a robust discussion with the stakeholders at the workshop, presenters outlined the goals of FEJA and the activities of other states that have implemented or are in the process of implementing various distributed generation valuation approaches.

As written, FEJA declares Illinois should encourage the adoption of cost-effective distributed energy resource technology and devices to help stimulate economic growth, enhance the continuation of diversification of Illinois' energy resource mix, and protect the environment.

The workshop was coordinated by the ICC with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office Analytical Support Program for Public Utility Commissions. The ICC, DOE, and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) are partnering together to help create a distributed generation compensation structure for Illinois. This collaboration is an instrumental tool for studying and understanding the technical, financial, and policy implications of distributed generation deployment, as outlined in FEJA.

The Illinois Commerce Commission welcomes informal written comments from stakeholders. Comments can be submitted through the ICC website by clicking [here](#) or be sent to [Torsten.Clausen@Illinois.gov](mailto:Torsten.Clausen@Illinois.gov) by March 30. A summary report will then be developed outlining various

distributed generation valuation and compensation options for Illinois, taking into consideration data needs and availability, and input received from the stakeholders.

If you were unable to participate in the workshop, but would like to review the agenda and the first version of the Distributed Generation Valuation and Compensation White Paper click [here](#).

On a future date to be announced, another stakeholder workshop will be held to receive comments on the summary report. Based on stakeholder feedback, a final report will be developed summarizing options and considerations for calculating distributed generation rebates in Illinois.

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