

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Illinois Commerce Commission	:
On its own Motion	:
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Regarding Interconnection Queues	:
of Regional Transmission Organizations	:
Serving Illinois Consumers	:

RESOLUTION

By the Commission:

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has recently enacted legislation designed to encourage the development and utilization of wind and solar renewable resources, and has established new procurements beginning in 2017 for the Illinois Power Agency which includes specified procurement targets for wind and solar resources to be achieved by 2020, 2025, and 2030; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner further emphasized this policy direction for the State of Illinois in his recent 2017 State of the State speech; and

WHEREAS, additional transmission projects may be necessary to most cost effectively meet the State of Illinois energy policies and provide the lowest prices for Illinois consumers; and

WHEREAS, new infrastructure projects support jobs and growth for our economy; and

WHEREAS, the electric transmission system in Illinois should maintain reliability while promoting fuel diversity and competition in the generation marketplace; and

WHEREAS, delays in the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) review process of interconnection studies may frustrate the Illinois Power Agency's ability to meet the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard under the newly enacted legislation; and

WHEREAS, delays in approval by RTOs of new transmission and generation projects in the interconnection queue could limit the number of projects able to respond to the Illinois Power Agency's renewable solicitations, which in turn could result in higher prices for Illinois' consumers; and

WHEREAS, RTOs have significant discretionary flexibility in the administration of the required interconnection studies:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that:

This Commission encourages RTOs to maximize their discretionary flexibility and reexamine their administration of interconnection studies to ensure projects in the interconnection queue process can move forward and begin construction.

CC: President Trump and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

(SIGNED) BRIEN SHEAHAN
Chairman