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## **NextGrid Study to Host Working Group Draft Report Review and Public Comment Session**

CHICAGO...Stakeholders and the public are invited to attend the NextGrid Study Working Group Draft Report Review and Public Comment Session on August 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. in the ICC Main Hearing Room in Chicago.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Provide an overview and status of the NextGrid Study.
- Review Introductory Draft Chapter along with Working Groups #1, #2 & #3 Draft Reports and Public Comments received to date.
- Obtain public input on these drafts

The NextGrid Study is committed to ensuring a wide array of perspectives are included in the study and final report. Your participation is appreciated and important to the study.

Please click [here](#) for the meeting agenda. If you are unable to join us in person, you can follow along at

[www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com) or by calling 1-415-655-0002. The meeting number (access code): 809 677 855 and the meeting password: 2zF777At.

Written comments may be sent by August 24, 2018 to:

- Introductory Draft Chapter - [ICC.NextGrid@illinois.gov](mailto:ICC.NextGrid@illinois.gov)
- WG 1 Draft Report - [ICC.NextGridWorkingGroup1@illinois.gov](mailto:ICC.NextGridWorkingGroup1@illinois.gov)
- WG 2 Draft Report - [ICC.NextGridWorkingGroup2@illinois.gov](mailto:ICC.NextGridWorkingGroup2@illinois.gov)
- WG 3 Draft Report - [ICC.NextGridWorkingGroup3@illinois.gov](mailto:ICC.NextGridWorkingGroup3@illinois.gov)

NextGrid is a consumer-focused study to identify, research, and develop options to modernize and improve Illinois' electric grid while minimizing costs to consumers. The study is comprised of seven Working Groups that are providing research, technical information, discussion and feedback for the study. Descriptions of all the Working Groups can be found [here](#) on the NextGrid website.

At the conclusion of the Working Groups' deliberations, Lead Facilitators Dr. George Gross and Dr. Peter Sauer from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will prepare a final report providing a comprehensive view of our current grid, and a menu of tools, technologies, and policies that could lead to the grid of the future.

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