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ICC Hosts *NextGrid: Illinois' Utility of the Future* Update & Public Comment Session

Chicago, IL... The public is invited to join Chairman Brien J. Sheahan, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), and Lead Facilitators Dr. George Gross and Dr. Pete Sauer from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for a NextGrid Study Update and Public Comment Session at the ICC office in Chicago on June 14, 2018.

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 the Working Groups can be found [here](#) on the NextGrid website.

At the conclusion of the Working Groups' deliberations, the Lead Facilitators 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.

"The electric industry is in a period of dramatic change - with the growth of solar and other renewable energy, electric vehicles and the Internet of Things - leading to greater choices and more empowered consumers. We want residential, commercial and industrial electric consumers to have a voice in reshaping the energy landscape and the modernization of the electric grid," said ICC Chairman Brien J. Sheahan.

The ICC is committed to ensuring a wide array of perspectives are included in the study and final report and is hosting three public comment sessions this summer in various locations across Illinois. The first session will be held in Chicago on June 14 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the ICC's main hearing room at 160 North LaSalle, C-800. Presentations will be given by the leaders of the first three Working Groups, after which the public will have the opportunity to ask questions or offer written or verbal comments.

Those who wish to comment verbally should register in advance and sign in at the meeting. In order to accommodate as many speakers as possible, there will be a limited time set for verbal comments; however, written comments of any length will be accepted from any member of the public who attends. A formal agenda is available [here](#).

Click the links below to see more information about each working group and view agendas, presentations and meeting summaries.

[Working Group #1: New Technology Deployment and Grid Integration](#)

Working Group Leader: Mohammad Shahidehpour, *Ph.D., Illinois Institute of Technology Bodine Chair Professor of ECE, Director, Robert W. Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation*

[Working Group #2: Metering, Communications and Data](#)

Working Group Leader: Matthew P. Olsen, P.E., *Networks, Integration and Automation/Projects Director/Transmission and Distribution Services, Burns & McDonnell*

[Working Group #3: Reliability, Resiliency and Cyber Security](#)

Working Group Leaders: Manimaran Govindarasu, *Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Iowa State University* and Dominic Saebeler, *Director of Cybersecurity and Risk Management, Illinois Commerce Commission*

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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.

To learn more about the Commission, its offices and bureaus, click [here](#). If you are a consumer who needs help resolving a utility dispute call 800-524-0795 or file an online complaint [here](#). For a complaint related to transportation, call 217-782-6448.

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