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**ICC to Conduct Policy Session on Peoples Gas System Modernization Program**

CHICAGO – On Tuesday, April 26, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) will host a policy session to discuss and summarize six workshops conducted to address the Peoples Gas system modernization program.

The Peoples Gas system modernization program primarily involves the replacement of cast and ductile iron gas pipes and facilities in the natural gas delivery system with modern polyethylene pipes to reinforce the long-term safety and reliability of the system.

Following a December Commission action calling for the reevaluation of the regulatory treatment of the program, formerly known as the Accelerated Main Replacement Program (AMRP), ICC Staff hosted the workshops in January, February and March in consultation with numerous stakeholders.

Along with the ICC and Peoples Gas, stakeholders involved in the workshop process included the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, the Gas Workers Union Local 18007, the Citizens Utility Board, the City of Chicago, and the Illinois Industrial Energy Consumers.

Through the workshop process, ICC Staff heard stakeholder recommendations on issues including the program's emphasis on safety and reliability, scope, schedule, cost forecasts and controls, and plans for measuring and monitoring progress.

During the Policy Session, ICC Staff will summarize the workshop process and discuss plans for preparing a stakeholder collaborative Staff Report which will identify key issues and alternatives for next steps to be presented to the ICC's Chairman and Commissioners on or before May 31, 2016. The Report will help frame the issues for the Commission as it prepares to hear a formal case later this year.

In addition, workshop participants will present their perspectives and insights as to the workshop process. The City of Chicago will also demonstrate its dotMaps Geographic Information System (GIS) application that allows the City's departments and other entities, including utilities, to efficiently utilize resources, align efforts, and coordinate the numerous projects and events occurring daily throughout the city. City officials demonstrated dotMaps to workshop participants and this will be an opportunity to share the program's capabilities with a wider audience.

The policy session will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Main Hearing Room of the ICC's Chicago office, located at 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite C-800. For more details as they become available, [click here](#).

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