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ICC To Host Third Policy Session Nov. 6 On New Carbon Standards for Power Plants

The Illinois Commerce Commission will host the third in a series of policy sessions on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) draft guidelines for new carbon standards Thursday, November 6 in Chicago.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in the Commission's main hearing room on the eighth floor of the Bilandic Building, 160 North LaSalle, with a video conference in Hearing Room A in the Commission's office in Springfield, 527 East Capitol Ave. The policy meeting will be audio streamed through a link on the Commission's website (www.icc.illinois.gov).

The policy session, hosted in conjunction with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Power Agency and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, will center on the state's efforts to establish carbon standards for existing power plants under section 111 (d) of the Clean Air Act.

This session will focus on the details and implementation of a range of compliance mechanisms that could be utilized in Illinois individually or on a regional basis. In addition, this session will address the impact of compliance mechanisms on generators, ratepayers and the electric grid. Previous meetings have provided stakeholders with an overview of the rule from IEPA and US EPA, including a numerical breakdown of Illinois' GHG reduction goal; assessed the goals contained in each of EPA's proposed building blocks; discussed how the rule could impact Illinois' current generation mix; and addressed how Illinois can leverage a mature RPS and successful utility and private energy efficiency programs to comply with the draft regulations.

Speakers include **Cara Hendrickson**, chief of the Public Interest Division, *Office of the Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan*; **Franz Litz**, program consultant, *Great Plains Institute*; **Jonas Monast**, director of Climate and Energy Program, *Duke University*; **Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz**, chief economist, Market Services Division, *PJM*; and **Brian Rybarik**, regional director, *MISO*.

Legislators from the Illinois General Assembly have also been invited to share their thoughts regarding implementation of new carbon standards with the ICC.

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