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ICC Hosts Policy Session to Examine the Potential Impact of Renewable Energy on Illinois' Transmission Infrastructure and Energy Markets

CHICAGO: **Acting Commissioner Sadzi Martha Oliva** and **Commissioner Sherina Maye Edwards** will host the second installment of Illinois' Power Meter titled *Renewable Energy and Illinois' Transmission System*, on Thursday, October 19 at the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Chicago Office. The policy session will assess the infrastructure and market opportunities and challenges at the regional level with integrating renewables in Illinois in light of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) and future state goals.

“We are building on the first Illinois' Power Meter session, where we examined the integration of renewables at the distribution level,” Acting Commissioner Sadzi Martha Oliva explains. “It is important to include a regional perspective for a holistic view on how increasing integration of distributed energy resources will impact Illinois.”

The policy session will begin with expert panelists discussing the infrastructure and regulatory needs of the direct and ancillary stakeholders in this sphere and the potential planning mechanisms for renewables at the regional level. The second half of the policy session will examine the effect that renewables pose for the energy market as Illinois reforms and implements its environmental policies.

“It is important for stakeholders in our state to stay informed about the priorities and actions of regional entities operating in the MISO and PJM footprints,” said Commissioner Sherina Maye Edwards. “This session is an opportunity for those types of discussions to take place in the hopes of identifying shared goals and opportunities for collaboration.”

Panelists will include:

- Scott Baker, Business Solutions Engineer, PJM Interconnection
- Daniel Barr, Principal Engineer, ITC Holdings Corporation
- Jeffrey Bladen, Executive Director, Market Development, MISO

- Dr. Joseph Bowring, PJM Independent Market Monitor
- Paul Centolella, President, Paul Centolella & Associates LLC
- Joseph Paladino, Senior Advisor, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy

The Future Energy Jobs Act was signed into law by Governor Rauner in December of 2016 and went into effect June 1, 2017. The bipartisan legislation aims to pivot Illinois into the new clean energy economy by strengthening and greatly expanding the Renewable Portfolio Standard to increase renewable energy sources, as well as reduce emissions, substantially expand energy efficiency programs and save or create thousands of clean energy jobs in our state.

Illinois' Power Meter is a forum originated by The Office of Acting Commissioner Sadzi Oliva to provide a reading on Illinois' electricity system, market and industry.

The policy session will be held from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Main Hearing Room at the ICC's Chicago Office, located at 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite C-800. The public is encouraged to suggest questions for policy session panelists by sending a direct message to Twitter @ILCommerceComm. Click [here](#) to listen to a live audio feed during the session. Click [here](#) to access the Illinois' Power Meter policy session agenda.

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