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AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2 (2001) ON CREATING ENERGY
CABINET

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has great resources, including coal and water, and infrastructure that must be utilized to support energy generation growth in an environmentally sound manner; and

WHEREAS, due to recent problems experienced by other states relating to energy generation, it is imperative that we have ample energy generation available in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, that there are many energy-related decisions made at the state level, including investments, permitting and regulatory approval, that must be coordinated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois needs to coordinate the matching of energy companies, to the extent feasible, who are looking to locate in Illinois, with communities that are willing to host generating plants.

THEREFORE, I, George H. Ryan, Governor of Illinois, hereby amend Executive Order Number 2 (2001) as follows:

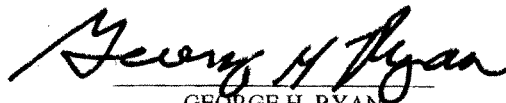
The Energy Cabinet shall have the additional responsibilities specifically related to the Illinois Resource Development and Energy Security Act, and related provisions:

1. The Energy Cabinet shall assist the State with developing investment strategies and priorities for clean coal and energy projects in the State; and
2. The Energy Cabinet shall hold an Energy Summit prior to May 1, 2002, and shall bring together those persons that wish to build generating capacity in Illinois and communities that wish to host plants. The Cabinet will encourage the groups to make presentations and network with each other. The Cabinet specifically shall solicit the identification of locations suitable for the development of new generation capacity in each region, identification of communities willing to host new generation and shall identify financial incentives available to coal mining companies and generators who are building new capacity in Illinois. The Cabinet will also encourage any unit of local government interested in hosting an electric generating plant to make or accommodate the making of infrastructure improvements and expedite, where possible, zoning and planning; and
3. On or about July 1, 2002, the Cabinet shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly summarizing the findings of the Energy Summit and any recommendations for action; and

4. The Cabinet shall assist the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs ("DCCA") and other state agencies, with developing strategies to promote environmentally responsible use of Illinois coal for meeting electric power supply requirements in Illinois; and
5. The Cabinet shall work with Illinois Environment Protection Agency to study the NOx Trading Program and possible strategies that allow the transfer of ozone season NOx credits from the transportation and area source sectors of the Illinois State Implementation Plan Call, NOx budget to the electric generating unit sector for the purpose of offsetting emission increases associated with new plant projects; and
6. The Cabinet shall study the availability in Illinois of natural resources such as coal and groundwater. The Cabinet shall also study the feasibility of establishing a north-south corridor for the construction of a new electric transmission line from southern Illinois to the dense electric load centers in the northern part of the State. That study shall include:
 - a. the evaluation of alternative routes for a transmission corridor;
 - b. estimates of the amount of right-of-way needed for the transmission corridor;
 - c. estimates of the cost of acquiring property for the transmission corridor;
 - d. the potential zoning problems related to designing the corridor;
 - e. cost of building the transmission line and substation; and
 - f. the potential for upgrading existing transmission lines for additional capacity; and
7. The Cabinet member agencies shall, to the extent permitted by Federal and State law, expedite permitting and regulatory approval for Clean Coal and Energy Projects and related mine projects. The Cabinet shall also oversee the coordination of those permit decisions and regulatory approvals; and
8. The Cabinet may also seek the advice and ad hoc participation of other State departments, agencies, boards and commissions, members of the Illinois General Assembly, public interest groups, and private organizations, as necessary and appropriate.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Executive Order Number 8 (2001) shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.


GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

May 25, 2001

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