

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
Public Notice of Successful Bidders and Average Prices

Illinois Power Agency
October 2018 First Subsequent Forward Procurement of Renewable Energy Credits
from New Utility-Scale Wind Projects

October 10, 2018

On October 3, 2018, the Illinois Power Agency's procurement administrator, NERA Economic Consulting, received bids for the sale of renewable energy credits ("RECs") to Ameren Illinois Company ("Ameren"), Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), and MidAmerican Energy Company ("MEC") derived from new utility-scale wind projects. The bidding process was monitored for the Commission by Bates White. On October 10, 2018, voting in open session, the Commission approved the procurement administrator's selection of winning bids.

The 2018 wind procurement is a result of Public Act 99-0906, also known as the Future Energy Jobs Act, which was signed into law in December 2016 and became effective June 1, 2017. The new law requires at least two million RECs delivered annually from new wind projects by the end of the June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021 delivery year, at least three million RECs delivered annually from new wind projects by the end of the June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026 delivery year, and at least four million RECs delivered annually from new wind projects by the end of the June 1, 2030 – May 31, 2031 delivery year. Previously, on September 7, 2017, the Commission approved the procurement administrator's selection of winning bids through the Initial Forward Procurement, which will result in close to one million RECs from new utility-scale wind projects to be delivered annually (starting between June 2019 and June 2021).¹

The statute defines a utility-scale wind project as "an electric generating facility that: (1) generates electricity using wind; and (2) has a nameplate capacity that is greater than 2,000 kilowatts." Projects must be located in Illinois or in a state adjacent to Illinois. If in a state adjacent to Illinois, the project must satisfy the public interest criteria specified in Section 1-75(c)(1)(I) of the IPA Act. Projects must be "new" and thus, projects that commenced operations on or before June 1, 2017 are not new.

Delivery of the renewable energy credits for each selected project begins no later than January 7, 2022 and continues for a 15-year period. The RECs acquired through this RFP will help the utilities meet their obligations under the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS"). A REC represents all the environmental attributes corresponding to one MWh of energy generated from renewable energy resources. Projects selected in this RFP are agreeing only to supply RECs. Energy and capacity from the projects may be sold to other parties or into the PJM and MISO wholesale markets.

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(h) of the Public Utilities Act ("Act"), this public notice announces the names of the successful bidders and the average winning bid price for

¹ One of the 2017 winning bidders was awarded only a portion of its total RECs bid and the bidder rejected the partial award for its bid.

each contract type and for each contract term. 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(h). In accordance with the RFP rules and previous Commission orders, quantity information is also provided where the number of successful bidders is greater than two.

Average Winning Price

Average Winning Price (\$/REC)	Annual Quantity (RECs)
3.25	2,000,000

Winning Suppliers

Suppliers
Glacier Sands Wind Power, LLC
McLean Wind Energy Center LLC
Sugar Creek Wind One LLC
Wapella Bluffs Wind Project, LLC
WPPI Energy

The winning bids were allocated to Ameren (29.33%), ComEd (70.34%), and MEC (0.33%) in proportion to its renewable resource budget using 2020-2021 as the reference delivery year.

For more information on the 2018 Utility-Scale Wind Procurement or its implementation, see the following web sites:

Illinois Power Agency: <http://www.illinois.gov/ipa/Pages/default.aspx>

Illinois Power Agency RFPs: <http://ipa-energyrfp.com/>