ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY

REPORT OF
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency was held, pursuant to proper notice, by webinar broadcast from the IMEA headquarters building, 3400 Conifer Drive, Springfield, Illinois on May 15, 2020. Chairman Dale Detmer called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Roll call was taken which showed a quorum was present via webinar as allowed for under the Governor's Executive Order during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shane Hill moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2020, seconded by Rick Abell. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment: Chairman Dale Detmer stated that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, any person attending this webinar shall be permitted an opportunity to comment. Questions during the rest of the meeting are reserved for Board members. If questions arise during the meeting, they can be raised with an appropriate staff member after the meeting by calling IMEA’s main number at 217-789-4632 and being directed by the operator at that time. He then asked if anyone from the public would like to make a comment and hearing none, the meeting continued.

President & CEO Report – CEO Gaden discussed IMEA Operations Center containment plans and reported that the overall staff remains healthy. He reported that IMEA staff had completed a Return to Work Plan and had held a staff meeting yesterday by webinar to discuss the specifics of a “phase in” transition. IMEA is an essential business under the Governor’s Executive Order. As such, beginning on May 18, the Senior Management team will return to the building full time. The following week, after Memorial Day, at least one person from each Department will physically be in the building full time utilizing a staggered return approach with other employees of that same Department. On June 1, subject to the Governor’s Order, all employees will be back in the office full time unless they have an exception such as sickness or childcare needs. Gaden stated that the Accounting Department is preparing for the IMEA/IPEA audits although it’s not yet determined if the Baker Tilly staff will be physically at the IMEA offices or conduct the audit offsite. Members should maintain staff communication by cell phone and email during regular business hours and until further notice, visitors will not be allowed in the IMEA building.

Regarding critical power plant operations, CEO Gaden reported that Prairie State and Trimble County continue to operate in compliance with heightened safety levels and there are no critical staffing issues at any of the plants. Prairie State is monitoring the situation in nearby St. Clair County as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to grow in that region. Trimble County Unit 1 is in a short planned outage; however, all other units are at full output. He reported that energy markets are still very cheap with low demand and low gas prices and stated that IMEA Member industrial loads are coming back slowly, but sales are still down.

From a transmission operations standpoint, CEO Gaden reported that Ameren and ComEd remain in essential operations. PJM and MISO are holding all meetings remotely and until further notice, no visitors are allowed at either RTO. APPA continues to communicate with its members by webinars.
and teleconferences as well. Gaden stated that APPA’s Distribution Systems Salary Survey would be
distributed to Members soon. He then explained that if over ten Members respond, data would be
provided on a State level instead of just the national level for comparison purposes. NERC has
postponed much of their public outreach efforts, and IMEA has not received notification of its next
NERC audit.

Regarding upcoming agency meetings, CEO Gaden stated that the IMEA and IMUA meetings will be
held on June 18th, although staff is unaware yet if they will be in person or via webinar. IMEA is
considering an alternate location if the meeting is required to be held in person. The tentative plan is
that the meeting would be held by webinar. Staff is planning on cancelling the June 17th IMEA
Executive Board meeting, and notification will be sent out soon.

CEO Gaden reported that Chris Wise along with himself will be participating in a ratings review
teleconference with Standard & Poor’s on June 1st, and will report on those results at the June Board
meeting. He discussed IMEA Members’ loads and Members’ projected rates for usage in the month of
May for the bill that will be distributed on June 9, payable on June 19. He described current energy
sales and peak demand compared to the budget. He stated that the longer the shutdown and the
reduced loads last, it will impact the overall average cost of power to the Members.

Legislative Issues – Staci Wilson stated that the Illinois legislature will return next week. They have
issued a Special Session Proclamation in which energy is not listed as a main focus, but could be
applied under the topics of budget implementation or COVID relief. Staff will continue to monitor the
legislative session. Through the remote working groups, Wilson reported that two items have been
moving forward. One of these is Exelon continuing to push to have the Fixed Resource Requirement
(FRR) to allow nuclear plants to bid capacity in a state-run system rather than the traditional PJM
capacity auction. The other item is the solar and wind industry trying to extend their Future Energy
Jobs Act (FEJA) incentives another year.

With regard to power shutoffs, Wilson reported that earlier this week, the Illinois Senate had sent a bi-
partisan letter to the ICC in lieu of passing legislation. The letter asked for a 60-day grace period of no
shutoffs after the Disaster Proclamation expires; a fixed 12-month deferred payment arrangement after
that same time period; and customer communications to clarify various options. The ICC has not
issued a final decision yet, and staff will continue to monitor this issue. She reminded Members to
complete the survey that staff sent out regarding load reductions and revenue.

Wilson explained that there are federal and state funds for LIHEAP and that federal funds are available
to municipal utility customers. She discussed specifically how both federal and state LIHEAP funding
works, and reported that LIHEAP federal funding had recently been increased by the federal CARES
Act. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has extended the LIHEAP program
through June. She encouraged Members to reach out to their local agencies and reminded them that
LIHEAP funding is paid directly to the utility to cover the customer bill. The next upcoming Federal
COVID bill may provide flexibility in regard to specific income threshold requirements which may
help with payment issues.

Wilson discussed the general expectation that the Federal HEROES Act would pass the House but not
likely pass in the Senate. Some of the terms in this bill will quite possibly be incorporated into a final
compromise package in the future. This bill includes helpful provisions to local governments. These
include fiscal relief, increase in LIHEAP funding, flexible language for LIHEAP allowing for a layoff
notice to qualify for funding, and grants for renters and homeowners which includes utility bills. Staff
is working with APPA to advocate on language regarding shutoffs which was reflected in the bill, although the more stringent debt collection language was not removed.

Resolution #20-05-848 – Approving Partial Payment Deferral Plan in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – CEO Gaden reported that there were no applications submitted for this current billing period and recommended that no action be taken at this time. He stated that this program would be offered at the June Board meeting for consideration of May’s usage. Invoices will be sent out on June 9th with payment due on Friday, June 19th. After that time, staff intends to discontinue offering this option and end the deferral program.

With no other business to be discussed, Shane Hill moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:42 p.m. Cory Sheehy seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA WEBINAR

Altamont  Larry Taylor  
Bethany  Shannon Risley  
Breese  Dale Detmer  
Bushnell  Justin Griffith  
Carlyle  John Hodapp  
Carni  David Coston  
Chatham  Shane Hill  
Farmer City  Sue McLaughlin  
Freeburg  John Tolan  
Ladd  Pat Barry  
Marshall  Cory Sheehy  
Metropolis  Rick Abell  
Naperville  Lucy Podlesny  
Oglesby  Mayor Dominic Rivara  
Peru  Jim Lukosus  
Princeton  Jeff Mangrich  
Rantoul  Greg Hazel  
Red Bud  Josh Eckart  
Riverton  Jim Mileham  
Rock Falls  Dick Simon  
St. Charles  Peter Suhr  
Sullivan  Mayor Richard Glazebrook  
Waterloo  Tim Birk  
Winnetka  Brian Keys

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cairo  Todd Ely  
Casey  Shelby Biggs  
Fairfield  Mayor Brent Maguire  
Flora  Bob Coble  
Greenup  Mike Ryder  
Highland  Dan Cook  
Mascoutah  Jesse Carlton  
Roodhouse  Mayor Tom Martin

OTHERS PRESENT

IMEA  Kevin Gaden  
IMEA  Troy Foder  
IMEA  Chris Wise  
IMEA  Staci Wilson  
IMEA  Glenn Cunningham  
IMEA  Adam Baker  
IMEA  Tammy Hall