

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency was held in person pursuant to proper notice at the IMEA headquarters building, 3400 Conifer Drive, Springfield, Illinois on February 19, 2025. Chairman Cory Sheehy called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken which showed a quorum was present. Participation in this meeting was available in person only for both members and the general public, however, as an accommodation to members that could not physically attend and the general public, a webinar broadcast of the meeting was made available live in listen-only mode.

The Report of January 22, 2025 was moved for approval by Dan Cook and seconded by Brian Groth. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment: Chairman Cory Sheehy stated that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, any person attending this meeting shall be permitted an opportunity to comment. Questions during the rest of the meeting are reserved for Board members. He then asked if anyone from the public would like to make a comment. Hearing none, Chairman Sheehy proceeded with the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive (Closed) Session Minutes: General Counsel Troy Fodor recommended that the Executive (Closed) Session minutes of June 26, 2024 and August 28, 2024 be released as public records at this time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists. John Tolan moved that the Board make the determination that the minutes of June 26, 2024 and the minutes of August 28, 2024 be approved and released. Pete Suhr seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Update on Solar Projects – Eric Weinant reported that the solar projects in Marshall and Princeton were energized in December and are currently in the testing phase. He stated that staff is awaiting installation of tracking software and fine tuning before COD can be declared. IMEA Staff is planning for unit dedication ceremonies this spring. Regarding the Oglesby project, Weinant stated that the racking installation is complete, half of the panel installation has been completed and the switchgear has arrived. The project is expected to be online by Spring 2025.

Weinant reported that SolAmerica had received initial funding commitments for all of IMEA's projects, however, these projects are subject to final funding confirmation, contracts and other details. He explained that due to the new Administration's Executive Orders pausing IRA disbursements, it is uncertain what the next steps are for the PACE loans.

He stated that the IMEA Board had approved the authorization of PPA's for Highland, Metropolis and Carmi in August 2024 for nearly 11MW. He then reported that the Village of Chatham, an alternate to the Rantoul site that was deemed not feasible, has signed a Lease Agreement with SolAmerica for 2.25

MW. SolAmerica is paying for an Interconnection Study to determine site feasibility and IMEA Staff will ask for authorization from the Board should the site be determined to be feasible. Both Chatham and SolAmerica confirmed their desire to move forward. Weinant reported that the utility-scale Bee Hollow solar project is going well and is currently scheduled to be online by the end of 2026.

Update on Legal Matters – General Counsel Troy Fodor reported on the following matters:

- Voltus, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (Docket No. EL25-52-000) – On January 24, 2025, Voltus filed a complaint against MISO alleging that MISO's LMR testing clarifications made its Demand Resources (DR) ineligible for the PY 25/26 auction and should have been subject to FERC review. Voltus is requesting FERC to direct MISO to revert to its pre-clarification DR requirements. IMEA is monitoring the case.
- Public Citizen, Inc. et al. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. et al. (Docket No. EL 15-70-003 et al.) – This case involves the allegations against Dynegy's alleged market manipulation in MISO's 2015/2016 auction results for Zone 4. The third settlement conference occurred on January 30, 2025 and the fourth settlement conference will be scheduled in March.
- MISO Filing to Reform Shortage Pricing and Price Formation for Value of Lost Load and Operating Reserve Demand Curves (Docket No. ER25-579) – MISO is proposing to change its shortage pricing mechanism to better align with its reliability and efficiency goals in light of a changing resource mix and more frequent extreme weather events. MISO wants to change the price that demand is willing to pay to avoid loss of service from \$3,500/MWH to \$10,000/MWH as a price cap for emergencies and load shed events and \$35,000/MWH as a placeholder in the modeling to estimate shortage pricing due to MISO-directed load curtailment if/when implemented. This will likely affect demand response pricing for IMEA resources called on during MISO emergency events. IMEA intervened on January 10, 2025.
- Ameren Illinois Filing Regarding WCA between Ameren Illinois Company, IMEA, and City of Carmi (Docket No. ER25-1099) – Ameren filed the executed WCA between itself, Carmi and IMEA. IMEA intervened on January 31, 2025.
- Ameren Illinois Filing Regarding WCA between Ameren Illinois Company, IMEA, and City of Altamont (Docket No. ER25-912) - Ameren filed the executed WCA between itself, Altamont and IMEA. IMEA intervened on January 31, 2025 and FERC accepted the filing via Letter Order on February 11, 2025.
- Ameren Illinois Filing Regarding WCA between Ameren Illinois Company, IMEA, and City of Casey (Docket No. ER25-910) - Ameren filed the executed WCA between itself, Casey and IMEA. IMEA intervened on January 31, 2025.
- PJM Filing to Revise its Reliability Pricing Model (Docket No. ER25-682) – Filed on December 9, 2024, PJM proposes to revise how Reliability Must-Run Resources are categorized and how combustion turbines will be used in various resource adequacy concepts. IMEA intervened on December 19, 2024. FERC accepted the filing via Order subject to condition on February 14, 2025.
- Joint Consumer Advocates v. PJM Interconnection, LLC (Docket No. EL25-18) – PJM-area consumer advocacy agencies filed a Section 206 Complaint against PJM for its high capacity clearing prices for the 2025/26 Delivery Year. IMEA intervened on December 5, 2024 and is monitoring the proceeding.

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C (Docket No. EL25-46) – On December 30, 2024, the Governor and the State of Pennsylvania filed a Section 206 Complaint against PJM for its Delivery Year 2025/26 capacity clearing prices. This proceeding has very similar allegations and request for relief as the Joint Consumer Advocates Complaint. IMEA intervened on January 29, 2025. PJM and Pennsylvania tentatively agreed to a ~\$325/MW-day capacity price cap and a ~\$175/MW-day floor to be filed as tariff revisions to resolve the complaint. A PJM Special Members Committee meeting was held on February 7, 2025 to address more details about the settlement.
- Commonwealth Edison Filing Revising its Attachment H-13 (Docket No. ER24-2890) – Filed August 28, 2024, ComEd proposes to designate co-located load as Network Load if it does not have a Point-to-Point Transmission Service or NITS arrangements. FERC issued a Deficiency Letter on November 22, 2024 to Exelon companies, including ComEd. Exelon companies submitted an Answer to the Deficiency Letter on December 20, 2024. IMEA intervened on October 2, 2024 and continues to monitor the proceeding.
- PJM Filing to Revise Tariff for Reliability Resource Initiative (Docket No. ER25-712) – Filed on December 13, 2024, PJM proposes to fast track up to 50 “shovel-ready” generators in its interconnection queue based on set criteria. IMEA intervened on January 8, 2025. FERC accepted the filing via Order on February 11, 2025.
- PJM Filing to Revise Market Seller Offer Cap and Subject All Generation Capacity Resources to Must Offer Rule (Docket No. ER-25-785) – Filed on December 20, 2024, PJM proposes to remove must-offer exemptions traditionally held by intermittent resources, capacity storage resources and hybrid resources as well as set resource-specific Market Seller Offer Cap floors on those resources to protect against Capacity Performance risk. Demand Response resources will retain its must-offer exemption. IMEA intervened on January 10, 2025 and continues to monitor the proceeding.
- PJM Filing to Revise Tariff to Expand Credit Review for Bilateral Capacity Transactions (Docket No. ER-25-783) – Filed on December 20, 2024, PJM proposes to require advance credit review for auction-specific and locational UCAP bilateral transactions. IMEA intervened on January 10, 2025 and FERC accepted the filing via Order on February 18, 2025.
- PJM Filing to Revise Tariff to Modify Bilateral Transfer Rules for Financial Transmission Rights (Docket No. ER24-374) – Filed on November 9, 2023, PJM proposed to tighten FTR transaction rules through seller disclaimers of lingering FTR interests post-sale as well as buyer submissions of FTR economic terms and bilateral contracts to PJM. FERC issued a Deficiency Letter to PJM on December 14, 2023; PJM responded to the Deficiency Letter on January 16, 2024 and submitted its compliance filing on May 13, 2024. FERC accepted the compliance filing via Letter Order on February 10, 2025.
- PJM Filing to Revise its Surplus Interconnection Service (Docket No. ER25-778) – Filed on December 20, 2024, PJM proposes to expand surplus interconnection service availability to existing and planned generating facilities. IMEA intervened on January 10, 2025 and FERC accepted the filing via Order on February 11, 2025.
- Chatham SERC Registration – Awaiting on final acceptance letter from SERC to register Chatham as a Transmission Owner and then IMEA will be de-registered as the Distribution Provider.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #25-02-939 – Accepting and Approving New Power Sales Contract with the City of Mascoutah for the Period Beginning October 1, 2035 Through May 31, 2055 – The City of Mascoutah

unanimously approved the IMEA Power Sales Contract at their January 21st City Council meeting. Dan Cook moved to approve Resolution #25-02-939. The motion was seconded by Brian Groth and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance #25-02-940 – Authorizing and Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$645,000,000 Power Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds in One or More Series, Providing for the Terms of Security and Payment for said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of said Bonds to the Purchasers thereof – CFO Chris Wise explained that this Ordinance refunds the remaining 10 years of IMEA’s outstanding debt from 2025-2035. This outstanding debt includes the 2015A tax exempt bonds and the Build America bonds (BABs), although the BABs will only be retired if there are savings. He stated that this will not extend any bond financial obligation beyond the current IMEA member contracts and will not extend the maturity of the outstanding bonds past the current maturity. Wise reported that the bonds will be ready to price and sell in May of 2025, although the timing of the sale will depend on the market pricing at that time. Wise then reviewed the specifics and terms of each Article in the Ordinance. Pat McCarthy moved to approve Ordinance #25-02-940. The motion was seconded by Pete Suhr and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance #25-02-941 – Adopting Revised Operating & Capital Budget and Appropriations Therefore for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2025 for the IMEA - CFO Chris Wise reviewed the revised FY2024/25 budget pointing out that the MWh sales are projected to be 1.8% lower than the original budget and the average cost to Participating Members is projected to be 1.8% lower than the original budget. Wise further reviewed the operating revenues & expenses and the capital budget. Dan Cook moved for approval of this Ordinance, seconded by John Tolan. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Ordinance #25-02-942 – Adopting Operating & Capital Budget and Appropriations Therefore for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026 for the IMEA - CFO Chris Wise gave an overview of the upcoming FY2025/26 budget to include total MWh sales projected to be slightly higher than the revised FY2025 projection. The average cost to participating members is projected to be approximately 1.6% higher than the FY2025 original budget and 3.5% higher than the FY2025 revised budget. Wise further explained the budget assumptions, operating revenues & expenses and the capital budget. Brian Groth moved for approval of this Ordinance, seconded by John Tolan. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

CFO Chris Wise presented a chart outlining the Updated Financial Projections for FY2023-FY2029. He also presented a graph showing the effect that transmission costs have had on member average costs specifically the actual cost from years 2014-2024 and the projected cost from years 2025-2029.

Travel Expenditures for APPA Legislative Rally Participants – Staci Wilson stated that pursuant to the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, member expenses must be approved by a roll call vote at an open meeting of the governing board. The estimated travel, lodging and food expenses (maximum amount of \$2,470 per person) for the APPA Legislative Rally were read aloud and are attached. Dan Cook moved for approval of the travel expenditures for the APPA Legislative Rally participants, seconded by John Tolan. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Authorization for President & CEO to Enter into Agreements with Ameren to Study the Potential Export of Member Generation to the Grid – Rakesh Kothakapu stated that MISO continues to push for changes to Load Modifying Resources (LMRs). He explained that there is opposition from stakeholders due to the lack of detailed implementation of these changes. MISO is planning for a Q1-Q2 filing with implementation in the 2028-29 timeframe. Kothakapu stated that the proposed changes require a 30-minute maximum notification called only for EEA3 - emergency status one step before load shed. The alternate approach is a 6-hour maximum notification with MISO or IMEA pre-scheduling these resources in anticipation of an emergency. He explained that the resources with the longest lead time are called first and the notification time and response will be critical to maximize capacity value. He also stated that there are accreditation incentives for resources willing to respond to emergencies. Kothakapu reported that these MISO changes align with rewarding better availability and performance with increased accreditation and the ability to export to the grid will increase the availability for MISO. IMEA Staff has worked with Ameren to create a mechanism to allow these exports. Ameren has agreed to complete a study that will establish the export limits for each town which will require a standard \$10,000 deposit/pre-payment for each study. IMEA Staff intends to complete these studies for 12 generating members. He explained that these studies will create limits that will allow the flexibility to operate these resources while exporting to Ameren for accreditation and IMEA Staff will coordinate export limits with the members prior to entering into these agreements. Mike Kirk moved for approval to authorize the President & CEO to enter into Agreements with Ameren to study the potential export of member generation to the grid, seconded by Pat McCarthy. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Chairman Cory Sheehy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by John Tolan, seconded by Brian Groth and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary/Treasurer

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chatham	Pat McCarthy
Freeburg	John Tolan
Highland	Dan Cook
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
Naperville	Brian Groth
St. Charles	Peter Suhr
Sullivan	Mike Kirk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carmi	David Coston
Flora	Bob Coble

OTHERS PRESENT

Altamont	Larry Taylor
Breese	Jason Deering
Waterloo	J.R. Landeck
IMEA	Kevin Gaden
IMEA	Troy Fodor
IMEA	Chris Wise
IMEA	Mandy Ripperda
IMEA	Staci Wilson
IMEA	Rakesh Kothakapu
IMEA	Glenn Cunningham
IMEA	Adam Baker
IMEA	Eric Weinant
IMEA	Jonathon Wygant
IMEA	Danny Chung
IMEA	Tia Horn
IMEA	Tammy Hall
Guest	Raheel Arshed (Naperville)
Guest	Giovanni McLean (St. Charles)

LISTEN ONLY VIA WEBINAR

Carmi	David Coston
Flora	Bob Coble
Red Bud	Josh Eckart
IMEA	Rodd Whelpley
IMEA	Ellen Woehrmann
Guest	Greg Hubert (Naperville)
Guest	Debi Mader (St. Charles)
Guest	Mike Mace (PFM)
Guest	William Koehl (Geneva)

TRAVEL, MEAL AND LODGING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM
Pursuant to Resolution 17-02-797

The following documentation is submitted to the corporate authorities of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for approval of travel expenses as per the requirements of Public Act 99-0604:

- (1) The name of the individual who received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense and the individual's job title or office.

Name of Employee or Officer

Job Title/Office

- (2) The date or dates and nature of the official business in which the travel, meal, or lodging expense was or will be expended.

- (3) APPA Legislative Rally February 24 – February 27, 2024
Name of Event or Program Date(s) of Event or Program

Washington, D.C. Advocacy
Location of Event or Program Purpose of Event or Program

- (4) Cost of travel (estimate): \$700.00
Cost of meals (estimate): \$220.00
Cost of lodging (estimate): \$1,550.00

Basis for the estimate: Estimate based on known cost of events and previous similar travel.

Signature

Date

2025 Washington,D.C. Participants

L&R Committee members shows in **bold**

Representatives Reimbursed by IMEA

Municipals

Bob Berndsen	Breese
Jason Deering	Breese
Brad Myers	Carlyle
Kevin Rolfingsmeyer	Carlyle
Hon. Scott Testory	Farmer City
Hon. Seth Speiser	Freeburg
Matt Trout	Freeburg
Dan Cook	Highland
Chris Conrad	Highland
Pat Barry	Ladd
Cody Hawkins	Mascoutah
Hon. Don Canada	Metropolis
Natalie Harris	Metropolis
Richard Baldrige	Oglesby
Marc Marincic	Oglesby
Josh Eckart	Red Bud
Hon. Susan Harbaugh	Red Bud
Larry Hanrahan	Rock Falls
Peter Suhr	St. Charles
Giovani McLean	St. Charles
Hon. Stanley Darter	Waterloo
J.R. Landeck	Waterloo
Kevin Gaden	IMUA
Rodd Whelpley	IMUA
Staci Wilson	IMUA
Ellen Woehrmann	IMUA