

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 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 April 23, 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 February 19, 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

Update on Solar Projects – Shadi Ahanchi reported that the solar projects in Marshall and Princeton have been completely restored and retrofitted with the upgraded brackets after strong winds caused the base to come loose and damage the panels. She stated that there are only a couple of punch list items left for each project before the Commercial Operation Dates are finalized. Regarding the Oglesby project, Ahanchi stated that the racking, panels, switchgear and inverters have been installed and the City has energized the transformer. IMEA Staff is scheduling onsite visits for witness testing for shunt trip and fault isolation tests. The Dedication Ceremonies for each of these solar sites have been scheduled during the months of May through July.

Ahanchi reported that before the Inauguration of President Trump, SolAmerica had received funding commitments from the USDA, however, due to the new Administration's Executive Orders the IRA disbursements were paused. She stated that at the end of March, the USDA announced that they will release the previously obligated funds. SolAmerica is working on the environmental reviews and the USDA loan documents. Ahanchi stated that the IMEA Board had approved the authorization of PPA's for Highland, Metropolis and Carmi in August 2024 for nearly 11MW. She then reported that the Village of Chatham 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.

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

- Sierra Club v. Prairie State Generating Company, LLC (S.D. Ill., Case No. 3:23-cv-00919-RJD) – On April 16, 2025, this lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice meaning that the Sierra Club cannot file a proceeding against Prairie State on these grounds again.
- 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. Settlement talks are ongoing.
- MISO Filing to Reform Shortage Pricing and Price Formation for Value of Lost Load and Operating Reserve Demand Curves (Docket No. ER25-579) – MISO proposed changing 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. FERC accepted the filing via Order on April 4, 2025.
- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff for Expedited Resource Addition Study Process (Docket No. ER25-1674) – Filed on March 17, 2025, MISO proposed to fast-track eligible generators in a separate, temporary interconnection process on a “first-come first-served basis. This filing is similar to PJM’s Reliability Resource initiative filing that was approved by FERC on February 11, 2025. IMEA intervened on March 24, 2025.
- 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. Voltus is requesting FERC to direct MISO to revert to its pre-clarification DR requirements.
- MISO Filing to Revise Demand Response Participation Rules (Docket No. ER25-1729) – Filed on March 21, 2025, MISO proposed to add availability and control requirements for demand and energy storage resources for Planning Resource Auction participation. This is the first of several filings intended to revamp the MISO Resource Adequacy construct. IMEA intervened on April 2, 2025.
- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff to Implement Demand Response and Emergency Resource Reforms (Docket No. ER25-1886) – Filed on April 4, 2025, MISO proposed to accredit Demand Response and Emergency Resources based on availability during emergencies. Because Load Modifying Resources (LMRs) are included in this proposal, IMEA’s use of the members’ BTMG to meet Load Serving Entity obligations will be affected. IMEA intends to intervene and may protest the filing.
- Ameren Illinois Filing Regarding WCA between Ameren Illinois Company, IMEA, and Village of Ladd (Docket No. ER25-1986) - Ameren filed the executed WCA between itself, Ladd and IMEA on April 17, 2025.
- Ameren Illinois Filing Regarding WCA between Ameren Illinois Company, IMEA, and City of Breese (Docket No. ER25-1922) - Ameren filed the executed WCA between itself, Breese and IMEA. IMEA intervened on April 11, 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. FERC accepted the filing via Order on March 17, 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. FERC accepted the filing via Order on February 27, 2025.
- PJM Filing to Extend Demand Resource Availability Window and Accreditation Methodology (Docket No. ER25-1525) – Filed on March 6, 2025, PJM proposed to redefine Demand Resource (DR) requirements so they must be available within a 24-hour window. PJM also proposed to revise its Winter Peak Load calculation to be based on DR customer load during PJM-selected winter peak hours. IMEA intervened on March 26, 2025.
- PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. v. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC et al. (Docket Nos. EL25-20-000; EL25-49-000) – Filed on February 20, 2025, FERC instituted a Section 206 proceeding against PJM finding that PJM’s tariff appeared to be unjust and unreasonable based on Constellation’s Complaint against PJM alleging that the tariff is absent co-location rules for interconnected generators. IMEA intervened on March 4, 2025.
- 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. PJM filed a Stipulation of Satisfaction and Joint Motion to Dismiss with Pennsylvania on February 14, 2025 agreeing to a ~\$325/MW-day capacity price cap and a ~\$175/MW-day floor for the next two Base Residual Auctions. FERC issued an Order accepting the tariff revisions and dismissing Pennsylvania’s Complaint on April 22, 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. IMEA intervened on January 10, 2025 and FERC issued an Order accepting the revisions on February 20, 2025.
- PJM Filing to Establish Replacement Generation Interconnection Service (Docket No. ER-25-1128) – Filed on January 31, 2025, PJM proposes to establish a separate generator interconnection process wherein new generators being built can use an existing, deactivated generator’s Capacity Interconnection Rights. FERC issued a Deficiency Letter to PJM on March 12, 2025.
- Chatham SERC Registration – SERC gave final approval for IMEA deregistration as a Distribution Provider (DP) and for Chatham to be registered as a Transmission Owner (TO) retroactively effective on January 1, 2025. He reviewed the timeline of the specific processes over a multi-year period and stated that the official registration changes were made for both entities in the NERC registry on March 26, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #25-04-943 – Accepting and Approving New IMEA Power Sales Contract and Capacity Purchase Agreement with the City of Carmi for the Period Beginning October 1, 2035 Through May 31, 2055 – The City of Carmi unanimously approved the IMEA Power Sales Contract and Capacity Purchase Agreement at their February 18th City Council meeting. Pat McCarthy moved to recommend the approval of Resolution #25-04-943 to the full Board at tomorrow’s Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Cook and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-04-944 – Accepting and Approving New IMEA Power Sales Contract and Capacity Purchase Agreement with the City of Peru for the Period Beginning October 1, 2035 Through May 31, 2055 – The City of Peru unanimously approved the IMEA Power Sales Contract and Capacity Purchase Agreement at their March 24th City Council meeting. David Coston moved to recommend the approval of Resolution #25-04-944 to the full Board at tomorrow’s Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Suhr and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-04-945 – Accepting and Approving New Power Sales Contract with the Village of Ladd for the Period Beginning October 1, 2035 Through May 31, 2055 – The Village of Ladd approved the IMEA Power Sales Contract at their April 8th Village Board meeting. John Tolan moved to recommend the approval of Resolution #25-04-945 to the full Board at tomorrow’s Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Groth and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-04-946 – Adopting Revised IMEA Member Generation Policy – General Counsel Troy Fodor gave an overview of the Member Generation Policy changes. These changes included establishing a base component and updated production payment components for all dedicated generation; allowing additional incentives for Quick Start, Dual Fuel and high efficiency resources and addressing the peak load compensation limitations of newly dedicated resources. Dan Cook moved to approve Resolution #25-04-946. The motion was seconded by John Tolan and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-04-947 – Approving Peru Unit 6 as a Dedicated Capacity Addition under the Capacity Purchase Agreement and Member Generation Policy – CEO Kevin Gaden reported that Peru Unit #6 was installed in 1972 and removed from service in May 2013 by the City. It is currently deemed as an “emergency only” unit and has not received any capacity credits payments since that time. He explained that Peru is seeking IMEA’s approval to restore Unit #6 with updated generator controls, necessary repairs and permits. If approved, Unit #6 would be expected to return to service some time in 2027 or upon completion of the permitting process. Gaden reported that all costs incurred with adding the Unit #6 as a Dedicated Capacity Addition shall be the sole responsibility of Peru. Dan Cook moved to approve Resolution #25-04-947. The motion was seconded by Pete Suhr and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-04-948 – Approving Waterloo New Combustion Turbine Unit as a Dedicated Capacity Addition under the Capacity Purchase Agreement and Member Generation Policy – CEO Gaden reported that Waterloo is adding a new combustion turbine that will be commercially available in December 2025. He explained that due to MISO timelines for accreditation, the unit cannot become dedicated until June 1, 2026. If approved, Gaden stated that the unit would be expected to be ready prior to the MISO deadline for the PY 26/27 assuming all the critical construction timelines are met. The Capacity Purchase Agreement and the IMEA Member Generation Policy provide that members are permitted to add capacity to its system and receive compensation as a Dedicated Capacity Addition upon Board approval. Gaden reported that all costs incurred with adding the unit as a Dedicated Capacity Addition shall be the sole responsibility of Waterloo. Pat McCarthy moved to approve Resolution #25-04-948. The motion was seconded by Pete Suhr and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-04-949 – Approving Rock Falls Non-Dedicated Generation as Dedicated Capacity Additions under the Capacity Purchase Agreement and Member Generation Policy – CEO Gaden reported that Rock Falls has non-dedicated units that have participated in the IMEA Demand Response Program since 2008 and currently receive compensation under that program. Rock Falls is requesting approval of the current Non-Dedicated Capacity to be reclassified as Dedicated Capacity under the Capacity Purchase Agreement and the Member Generation Policy. If approved, the units would be expected to be ready prior to the PJM PY 25/26 which starts on June 1, 2025. Gaden stated that all costs incurred with maintaining the units as Dedicated Capacity shall be the sole responsibility of Rock Falls. Joe Fosdyck moved to approve Rock Falls Non-Dedicated Units #6, 7, 8 and 9 as Dedicated Capacity Additions. David Coston moved to approve Resolution #25-04-949. The motion was seconded by Dan Cook and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance #25-04-950 – Amending an Ordinance Approved on the 20th of February 2025, Authorizing, Among Other Things, the Sale of Not to Exceed \$645,000,000 Power Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, and Authorizing the Solicitation of Consents to Amendment of the Indenture Pursuant to which said Agency's Power Supply System Revenue Bonds are Issued – General Counsel Troy Fodor reported that this Ordinance amends Ordinance #25-02-940 regarding the 2025A Refunding Bonds to allow for amendments to the Bond Indenture. He explained that IMEA is working to become a joint owner of transmission projects that will generate a revenue stream from MISO that is separate from the revenues that come from the members' Power Sales Contracts (PSCs). Fodor discussed that in order to ensure that future MISO revenues are not considered pledged to the payment of the 2025A Refunding Bonds and the PSC revenues are not pledged to the future Transmission System Bonds, the Bond Indenture needs to be amended to clearly define the two revenue streams. In addition, he stated that provisions on how the Bond Indenture can be amended need to be updated. Brian Groth moved to approve Ordinance #25-04-950. The motion was seconded by David Coston and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Update on Possible Opportunity for IMEA Becoming a Joint Owner of Transmission Facilities – CEO Gaden reviewed the topics discussed in the March 26th IMEA Transmission Committee meeting to include transmission ownership logistics, process steps, rate setting methods as well as strategy to allow IMEA to become a transmission owner in the coming year. He stated that Staff will look to finalize the negotiations for terms of IMEA's partial ownership of Peru/Princeton 138kV transmission line by June or August and consider potential other opportunities for approval in the fall. Gaden reported that the IMEA Transmission Committee had provided IMEA Staff with guidance for the next steps to proceed towards formal approval of these commitments in the remainder of 2025.

Committee and OMA/FOIA Officer Appointments – CEO Gaden presented the committee appointments for the next fiscal year based upon the recommendations from Chairman Sheehy for the Board's review and approval. Gaden also recommended that Troy Fodor and Staci Wilson continue as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA) officers. Brian Groth moved to recommend the approval of the committee appointments for upcoming FY 2025-26 and that Troy Fodor and Staci Wilson remain as the OMA/FOIA officers to the full Board at tomorrow's Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Suhr and the roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Resolution #25-04-951 – Establishing the Schedule of Meetings for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year - CEO Kevin Gaden reviewed the IMEA Executive Board/Board of Director's meeting schedule for the upcoming fiscal year. Pat McCarthy moved to approve this Resolution, seconded by Dan Cook. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Chairman Cory Sheehy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Brian Groth and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary/Treasurer

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmi	David Coston
Chatham	Pat McCarthy
Flora	Bob Coble
Freeburg	John Tolan
Highland	Dan Cook
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
Naperville	Brian Groth
St. Charles	Peter Suhr
Sullivan	Mike Kirk

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Altamont	Larry Taylor
Breese	Jason Deering
Greenup	Mike Ryder
Waterloo	J.R. Landeck
Winnetka	Nick Narhi
IMEA	Kevin Gaden
IMEA	Troy Fodor
IMEA	Chris Wise
IMEA	Mandy Ripperda
IMEA	Staci Wilson
IMEA	Rakesh Kothakapu
IMEA	Shadi Ahanchi
IMEA	Charlie Robling
IMEA	Glenn Cunningham
IMEA	Adam Baker
IMEA	Jonathon Wygant
IMEA	Danny Chung
IMEA	Tia Horn
IMEA	Ellen Woehrmann
IMEA	Tammy Hall
Guest	Raheel Arshed (Naperville)
Guest	Giovanni McLean (St. Charles)

LISTEN ONLY VIA WEBINAR

Princeton	Jeff Mangrich
Red Bud	Josh Eckart
IMEA	Rodd Whelpley
Guest	Greg Hubert (Naperville)
Guest	Debi Mader (St. Charles)