

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 August 20, 2025. Chairman Dan Cook 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 June 25, 2025 was moved for approval by Brian Groth and seconded by Pat McCarthy. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment: Chairman Cook 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 Cook proceeded with the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive (Closed) Session Minutes: General Counsel Troy Fodor recommended that the Executive (Closed) Session minutes of January 22, 2025 be released as public records at this time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Bob Coble moved that the Board make the determination that the need for confidentiality no longer exists with respect to the minutes of January 22, 2025 and that such minutes be approved and released. Brian Groth seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Update on Solar Projects – Eric Weinant reported that the dedication ceremony was held for Marshall's solar project in July, in addition to the ceremonies that were previously held for the Oglesby and Princeton solar projects.

Weinant stated that the Bee Hollow solar project continues to make steady progress with a completion target date of late 2026/early 2027.

Regarding the USDA Pace loans being sought by SolAmerica to develop Illinois solar projects, Weinant reported that two of the four projects had received National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval and work is expected to begin soon on financing and loan documents. He explained that tariffs, labor costs and interest rates are placing pressure on these projects as well as the passage of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 and the Executive Order on July 7th. The Treasury's recent guidance on the "start of construction" rules that has gotten rid of the previous 5% of total cost

standard and the new “physical work of significant nature” is leaving uncertainty on the amount of work required before the program deadlines. Weinant stated that the IMEA Board has already approved the authorization of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for Highland, Metropolis and Carmi for nearly 11 MW. He then reported that the Interconnection Study for a 2.25 MW project in Chatham has been completed. IMEA Staff will ask for authorization from the Board if the project is determined to be feasible and the remaining hurdles are met.

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

- Public Citizen, Inc. et al. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. et al. (Docket No. EL 15-70-003 et al., then ER25-3069) – This case involves Dynegy’s alleged market manipulation in MISO’s 2015/2016 auction results for Zone 4. A Settlement Agreement was filed with FERC on August 1, 2025. Dynegy will pay out \$38 million and IMEA will receive \$1.33 million of that amount. The settlement terms are currently awaiting a FERC decision. If/when the final funds are transferred to IMEA, all funds will be credited back to reduce IMEA member energy bills in that month.
- Department of Energy (DOE) Order 202-25-6 – Issued on July 28, 2025, the DOE Order directed PJM and Talen Energy to keep H.A. Wagner Generating Station’s Unit 4 in Maryland running until October 26, 2025 and allows for its emissions limits to be exceeded. This unit has already been designated as a Reliability Must Run (RMR) resource by PJM. IMEA will not be affected by this Order because the PJM RMR process already directed recovery from the transmission customers in the portion of PJM that benefit from its continued operations and IMEA is not located in that area.
- Ameren Illinois Petition for Declaratory Order (Docket No. EL25-105) – Ameren requests that the Commission recognize Illinois’ “first in the field” doctrine as a granting of a “right of first refusal” so that the two Tranche 2.1 transmission projects in Ameren’s control area in Illinois are reclassified as Illinois-jurisdictional projects, rather than as competitive bid projects. IMEA intervened on August 11, 2025.
- Commonwealth Edison Company filing to Amend Attachment H-13A (Docket No. ER25-2129, then EL25-94-000) - On May 1, 2025, ComEd filed a revision to its formula rate that would include Asset Retirement Obligations and Costs through a footnote. FERC ordered Settlement Judge procedures on July 9, 2025. The first settlement discussion was held on Monday of this week.

Fodor reported that there are no significant changes to the pending matters listed below. All are awaiting FERC decisions.

- North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation v. PJM Interconnection LLC (Docket No. EL25-79-000) – Filed May 8, 2025
- Constellation Energy Generation, LLC et al. v. PJM Interconnection, LLC (Docket Nos. EL 25-20-000, then EL25-49-000) – Filed February 20, 2025
- Voltus, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (Docket No. EL25-52-000) – Filed January 24, 2025
- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff to Implement Demand Response and Emergency Resource Reforms (Docket No. ER25-1886) – Filed April 4, 2025

Fodor reported that the following matters were completed due to FERC's decisions:

- Consumers Energy Company v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (Docket No. EL25-90-000) – On June 6, 2025, Consumers Energy filed a fast-track Section 206 Complaint against MISO so that FERC can determine a cost recovery methodology for keeping the J.H. Campbell power plant running under the US DOE Section 202(c) Order. FERC granted the Consumers Energy's Complaint via Notational Order on August 15, 2025. MISO is directed to make a compliance filing adopting the Complaint's proposed tariff revision.
- PJM Proposal to Allocate Costs Required to Implement US Department of Energy Order No. 202-25-4 (Docket No. ER25-2653) – Filed on June 26, 2025, PJM proposed to revise its Reliability Assurance Agreement so that all PJM LSEs pay for Eddystone Units 3 and 4's operations under the US DOE Section 202(c) Order on a pro rata basis. FERC accepted PJM's revision via a Notational Order on August 15, 2025.
- 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. FERC accepted MISO's filing via Order on July 18, 2025.
- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff for Expedited Resource Addition Study Process (Docket No. ER25-1674, then ER25-2454) – 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. FERC accepted MISO's re-filing via Order on July 21, 2025.
- Fodor reported that FERC had accepted filings of Wholesale Connection Agreements between Ameren, IMEA and Members on behalf of Waterloo (July 10), Sullivan (July 15), Bushnell (July 15), Carlyle (July 16) and Roodhouse (July 16) via Letter Order.
- PJM Filing to Establish Replacement Generation Interconnection Service (Docket No. ER-25-1128) – Filed on January 31, 2025, PJM proposed establishing a separate generator interconnection process for generators that will replace retiring generators and receive their transferred Capacity Interconnection Rights. FERC rejected PJM's filing via Order on August 8, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #25-08-955 – Accepting and Approving New IMEA Power Sales Contract with the City of Cairo and Cairo Public Utility Company for the Period Beginning October 1, 2035 Through May 31, 2055 – CEO Gaden reported that the City of Cairo approved the IMEA Power Sales Contract at their July 8th City Council meeting and the Cairo Public City Company approved the IMEA Power Sales Contract at their July 24th meeting. David Coston moved to approve Resolution #25-08-955. The motion was seconded by Mike Kirk and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Status Update on the IMEA Power Sales Contract Offer at St. Charles – CEO Gaden reported that the City of St. Charles had rejected the IMEA Power Sales Contract offer at their August 11, 2025 Government Services Committee meeting. He explained that St. Charles has stated that they plan to continue to review their goals and future options and will likely seek to talk further with IMEA at a later date. At that time, Pete Suhr thanked the IMEA Board for granting the extension and stated the extra time proved to be another opportunity to provide additional information to the City Council. He thanked the IMEA staff for the tremendous time and effort to answer the City Council's questions.

Suhr indicated that at some point in the future, St. Charles would hopefully come back to the IMEA Board and request an extension of their Power Sales Contract.

Resolution #25-08-956 – Accepting and Approving New IMEA Power Sales Contract with the City of Naperville for the Period Beginning October 1, 2035 Through May 31, 2055 – CEO Gaden reported that the City of Naperville had rejected the base IMEA Power Sales Contract at their August 19th City Council meeting. He stated that at that same meeting, the Naperville City Council had presented nine contract amendments to be considered by the IMEA Board. Gaden stated that IMEA staff will continue to work with Naperville in the future to seek mutually agreeable terms for the IMEA Board to consider and that IMEA staff would carry out the Board's direction.

At that time, Brian Groth, the representative from Naperville, thanked the IMEA Board for granting the extension and thanked staff for supporting all the various information requests over the past several months. He stated that even though the Mayor of Naperville did not have the support of Council to move forward with the current form of the Power Sales Contract, the Council did vote to continue discussions with IMEA with additional contract amendments. Groth stated that he is hopeful that Naperville and the IMEA Board can continue discussions and come to mutually agreeable terms to achieve a successor contract.

Pat McCarthy moved to remove Resolution #25-08-956 from the current agenda as there was no action taken on behalf of Naperville with regard to the Power Sales Contract. The motion was seconded by Dan Cook and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Transmission Opportunities – CEO Gaden reported that IMEA staff continues to work with ATXI to negotiate the terms of a joint ownership agreement for the Princeton/Peru 138kV line. Staff had anticipated seeking approval in this Board meeting, but the negotiations for the contract terms are not finalized with the Ameren staff. Gaden explained that IMEA staff, Peru and Princeton staffs and ATXI have been reviewing the development process, siting criteria and regulatory logistics to ensure timely completion of the project to meet MISO timelines. The current plan is for IMEA staff and ATXI staff to seek their respective Board approvals of this agreement in their October Board meetings. This 138kV project is forecasted to be online in 2028-29 with the requirement that IMEA provide funds 6-9 months before commercial operations.

IMEA Upgrades to Flora Generators – Rakesh Kothakapu stated that the IMEA-Flora units' generation control system and switchgear are 25 years old and the equipment is no longer supported by the manufacturer. He explained that any malfunction of the controls will result in the entire unit being unavailable posing significant risk to accreditation and subject to potential MISO penalties. Kothakapu stated that the City of Flora is also upgrading its distribution system and IMEA staff has coordinated those upgrades with the City. In addition, IMEA staff is also working with a local vendor to refurbish the fuel system to avoid degradation of the fuel tank. The fuel tanks are also 25 years old and the staff is trying to avoid moisture build up in the fuel tanks as it leads to corrosion. He reported that the funds to upgrade these projects are in the FY25/26 IMEA approved budget and the revenue from a 9MW unit in the MISO Capacity Auction this summer season alone will over the entire project cost.

Regarding the control system upgrade, Kothakapu reported that IMEA staff has received proposals from two vendors to upgrade the controls and switchgear. Both vendors are well qualified to perform

the work, although one of the vendors is significantly cheaper and already contracted to perform similar work for the City of Flora generating units. He stated that these upgrades are to be completed prior to the summer of 2026 due to ongoing challenges in the MISO Capacity market.

Regarding the fuel system upgrade, Kothakapu reported that IMEA staff is working with a local contractor to either refurbish the existing fuel tanks or replace them with new. The refurbishment includes adding a corrosion-resistant liner and cleaning the underground pipes which will extend the life of the existing tanks. The current estimate of this cost is \$30,000. He explained that replacing the fuel tanks with new ones is another option that IMEA staff is considering, if the cost and efficacy of the tank refurbishment is not cost effective. The current estimate of that full fuel tank replacement cost is \$70,000. IMEA staff recommends working with the local contractor to finalize and execute a contract based on the final option determination to allow for flexibility pending a full tank inspection. IMEA staff recommends approval of both of these recommendations as presented. Bob Coble moved to approve both recommendations as presented. David Coston seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-08-957 – Approving Limited Variance for the Village of Winnetka Regarding the Small Renewable Generation Resource Policy – CEO Gaden reported that the IMEA Small Renewable Generation Resource Policy was adopted on May 1, 2009 allowing members to install qualifying renewable generation up to an aggregate total of 150 kW of nameplate capability to partially offset member's end-use electric consumption. Winnetka has previously installed renewable generation consisting of 10 kW photovoltaic facilities that are directly connected to the Village's public works facility. Gaden explained that Winnetka is requesting to install up to 265 kW of additional Village-owned solar generating capability on Village-owned buildings for a total of 275 kW which would be 125 kW variance over the policy limit. He explained that the Board had previously granted a limited variance to Naperville and the amount of the requested variance is reasonable in relation to Winnetka's request. Brian Groth moved to approve Resolution #25-08-957. Pat McCarthy seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-08-958 – Approving a Limited Waiver of the Member Generation Policy for Bushnell – Rakesh Kothakapu reported that Bushnell's Fairbanks diesel Unit #4 (1,966 kW) experienced a significant equipment failure on September 16, 2024 due to an alternator issue. Bushnell engaged an engine repair contractor and was advised that the alternator would need to be rebuilt. Since that time, the estimated costs for the repair have increased significantly. He stated that this unit has not received capacity credits per the Member Generation Policy since the September 16 outage in 2024 and IMEA received official notice of retirement from Bushnell on August 7, 2025. Bushnell intends to forego repair and completely replace Unit #4 with a generating unit with a similar nameplate capacity. Kothakapu reported that the IMEA Member Generation Policy provides that members shall be permitted to transfer the Dedicated Capacity associated with a retiring unit to replacement generation facilities. Section D.2 of the policy provides that such replacement generation shall be built and placed in service and tested within one year of the retirement. The City is requesting a waiver of the one-year requirement and expects to build, install and test the replacement generation by or before September 2027. He stated that one year is not reasonably sufficient time to install the replacement generation due to permitting, supply chain and labor constraints not within the City's control. Brian Groth moved to approve Resolution #25-08-958. Pete Suhr seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-08-959 – Authorizing Sale of Land to Ameren – Troy Fodor stated that IMEA had acquired a 0.61-acre parcel of undeveloped land in Clinton County, IL near Aviston and related easements initially intended for the development of a 138kV transmission project near Highland nearly 20 years ago. He explained that due to a change in the line route at the time, this parcel was never used for its intended purpose and is currently vacant. Fodor reported that Ameren Illinois and Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois want to buy the parcel and easements as part of their transmission system expansion project for part of southern Illinois. He explained that Highland, Ameren and IMEA have a Memorandum of Understanding in place for asset sales/purchases related to Ameren's transmission expansion that the IMEA Board approved in 2019 and the parties executed in 2021. Ameren has provided IMEA with a Contract of Purchase and Sale along with supplementary documents for the parcel purchase and transfer of other real property interests. IMEA staff recommends approval of Resolution #25-08-959 which authorizes the sale of the parcel and easements and authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate, finalize and execute the sale and related documents between IMEA and Ameren. Bob Coble moved to approved this Resolution, seconded by Pat McCarthy. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-08-960 – Approving Additional Delivery Point for City of Rock Falls – CEO Gaden stated that the McCormick Event Center in Rock Falls has requested to install a 120kW solar array which exceeds Rock Falls' 25kW net metering ordinance and falls under PURPA guidelines for interconnection. He explained that Rock Falls has an approved FERC waiver to allow IMEA to negotiate and contract directly with the generator/customer to buy output of local renewable generation. IMEA staff will finalize the contract terms and operational plans/logistics to allow the customer to provide excess energy to the City distribution system when generation exceeds the customer load at the same meter location. Gaden stated that the monthly payment process will begin the first month after all the Agreements are signed and within 5 days of receiving the load data, IMEA will analyze and provide an electronic payment directly to the customer's bank account and verify with the City. IMEA staff recommends approval of Resolution #25-08-960 authorizing the CEO to finalize and execute the agreement between IMEA, Rock Falls and the retail customer and also to approve this solar output as a new City delivery point. Pete Suhr moved to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mike Kirk. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Cook asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Brian Groth, seconded by Bob Coble and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary/Treasurer

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Altamont	Larry Taylor
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OTHERS PRESENT

Breese	Jason Deering
Freeburg	John Tolan
Rantoul	Jake McCoy
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	Eric Weinant
IMEA	Glenn Cunningham
IMEA	Adam Baker
IMEA	Rodd Whelpley
IMEA	Jonathon Wygant
IMEA	Danny Chung
IMEA	Tia Horn
IMEA	Ellen Woehrmann
IMEA	Hubert Murray
IMEA	Tammy Hall
Guest	Raheel Arshed (Naperville)
Guest	Giovanni McLean (St. Charles)

LISTEN ONLY VIA WEBINAR

Princeton	Jeff Mangrich
Red Bud	Josh Eckart
IMEA	Shadi Ahanchi
IMEA	Katherine Parrish
Guest	Greg Hubert
Guest	Debi Mader
Guest	Tim Ferritto