

# **ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY**

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 October 22, 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 August 20, 2025 was moved for approval by Brian Groth and seconded by Mike Kirk. 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

Update on Solar Projects – Eric Weinant reported that Geronimo Power announced that Burns & McDonnell has begun construction on the Bee Hollow project. He stated that the Ameren Substation expansion to interconnect the project should be completed by June 2026 and is expected to be synchronized for testing in late summer 2026 or early fall. The project is anticipated to begin operation in late 2026.

Regarding the USDA Pace loans being sought by SolAmerica to develop Illinois solar projects, Weinant stated that the IMEA Board has already approved the authorization of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for Highland, Metropolis and Carmi. He explained that the current Federal Administration is causing significant uncertainty by terminating projects and pulling back funding in late stages. He reported that since the project must be completed before any PACE funding is distributed, initial financing could be difficult, expensive or nearly impossible due to the risk of cancellation. IMEA Staff and SolAmerica will continue to monitor this situation, however, staff is tracking vendors seeking quicker off-take agreements to safe harbor tax credits. Weinant explained that recent tax legislation had accelerated the expiration of tax credits and notional prices of wind and solar have increased. He stated that prices are expected to increase even more once tax credits are no longer available.

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

- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff to Implement Demand Response and Emergency Resource Reforms (Docket No. ER25-1886 – Filed April 4, 2025, MISO proposed to accredit Demand Response and Emergency Resources based on availability during emergencies. IMEA intervened and protested the proposal because it would negatively impact IMEA’s use of member behind-the-meter generation to meet LSE obligations. FERC issued a Deficiency Letter on September 8, 2025, however, it did not address the IMEA protest. MISO responded September 26, 2025. Awaiting FERC decision and order.
- Commonwealth Edison Company filing to Amend Attachment H-13A (Docket No. ER25-2129, then EL25-94-000) - On May 1, 2025, ComEd filed tariff revisions which included Asset Retirement Obligations. FERC initiated settlement procedures because the inclusion could be unjust and unreasonable. IMEA intervened and is participating in the settlement process. Parties have held a settlement conference, exchanged data requests and responses and also had a Technical Conference on October 8, 2025.
- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff to Redefine Loss of Load Expectations (Docket No. ER25-3307) – Filed August 27, 2025, MISO wants to change the definition of Loss of Load Expectations from daily peak hours to all hours of a day. This filing would affect IMEA’s Load Serving Entity obligations and future auction clearing prices. IMEA intervened and filed comments on September 17, 2025.
- DOE Order 202-25-7 – Issued August 20, 2025, the Department of Energy extended J.H. Campbell Power Plant’s mandate to continue running. This Order directed Campbell to run until November 19, 2025, although further extensions are possible. In response, Consumers Energy Company v. MISO was filed on June 6, 2025 and accepted by FERC Order on August 15, 2025. Some parties are requesting rehearing and filing appeals.
- DOE Order 202-25-8 – Issued August 27, 2025, the Department of Energy extended Eddystone Generating Station Units’ mandate to continue running. This Order directed the Eddystone units to run until November 26, 2025, although further extensions are possible. In response, PJM Proposal to Allocate Costs Required to Implement US Department of Energy (Order No. ER25-2653) was filed on June 26, 2025 and accepted by FERC Order on August 15, 2025. Some parties are requesting rehearing and filing appeals.

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, North Carolina Co-op Complaint against PJM for pseudo-tie price separation practice.
- Constellation Energy Generation, LLC et al. v. PJM Interconnection, LLC (Docket Nos. EL 25-20-000) – Filed February 20, 2025, FERC initiated Section 206 proceeding. Constellation Complaint against PJM for lack of co-location rules for interconnected generators.
- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff for Expedited Resource Addition Study Process (Docket No. ER25-1674) – Filed March 17, 2025, MISO proposed to fast-track eligible generators in a separate, temporary interconnection process on a “first-come first-served” basis.
- Voltus, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (Docket No. EL25-52-000) – Filed January 24, 2025, Voltus Complaint against MISO for changes to LMR testing rules.

- Ameren Illinois Petition for Declaratory Order (Docket No. EL25-105) – Filed July 24, 2025, Ameren requested that FERC 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.

Fodor reported on the following completed 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) – Filed May 28, 2015 in response to MISO’s 2015/2016 Planning Resource Auction results for Zone 4 and Dynegy’s alleged market manipulation. FERC approved the Settlement Agreement via Letter Order on August 27, 2025. Dynegy paid out \$38 million and IMEA received payment of \$1.33 million on September 15, 2025. The settlement payment will flow through to IMEA members using normal adjustment provisions.
- PJM Filing to Revise Tariff to Recover Black Start Service Costs (Docket No. ER25-2123-000) – Filed April 30, 2025, PJM proposing to change Black Start Service revenue requirement from a formula rate to a fixed rate. FERC accepted PJM’s Tariff revisions on August 28, 2025.

## NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #25-10-961 – Establishing IMEA Transmission System; Approving Program for the Participation, Acquisition, and Ownership of Transmission Facilities; Authorizing Joint Ownership Agreement with Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois - CEO Gaden reported that contract negotiations have been completed with Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) to become co-owners of a 23-mile 138kV transmission line between Princeton and Peru. He stated that IMEA will become a 25% owner of the transmission line project and fund this project roughly 6 months before the expected commercial operations. Gaden explained that IMEA will have the option to fund the project all the way until 180 days before the ATXI proposed closing date. IMEA will either file to become a Transmission Owner at MISO and file Attachment O statements to MISO to gain recovery of the investment and cover expenses or IMEA may seek a Transmission Bill Credit of Cost Recovery through an Ameren billing credit to offset other costs paid to Ameren by IMEA. Gaden stated that both owners (ATXI and IMEA) will be tenants in common and will mutually agree on the operations and maintenance plans for the long-term operation of the facilities. He noted that the contract allows that if the planned project facilities are used as part of future MISO system upgrades, IMEA has the right, but not the obligation to expand the ownership of the facilities under a separate arrangement. Bob Coble moved to approve Resolution #25-10-961. The motion was seconded by Dan Cook and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-10-962 – Approving Second Addendum to the Power Sales Contract with Village of Riverton – General Counsel Troy Fodor reported that IMEA Staff has prepared an Addendum to Riverton’s Power Sales Contract to fix a glitch in the premium provision. He stated that a premium was developed for Naperville in late 2006 to recover estimated costs of Prairie State. Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative (RECC) signed up as a non-member purchaser in August 2008. The same premium was charged, but there was no end date for the premium. Fodor explained that Riverton signed the IMEA Power Sales Contract on December 4, 2008 as a non-member of IMEA with the

same premium as RECC and no end date because Riverton was a non-member at that time. He explained that it was always the intention to change the end date after Riverton rejoined as a member. He stated that Red Bud signed up on April 30, 2009 with the same premium as Naperville and with the December 31, 2025 end date because Red Bud was already a member.

Fodor reported that Riverton was a member when IMEA was created in 1984, but withdrew at the end of 2006 upon request from IMEA due to Riverton not planning to purchase power from IMEA. Fodor explained that in 2009, Riverton became a full IMEA member and continues to be actively engaged in IMEA efforts. He stated that this change could have been corrected in 2009. Riverton has signed the same new IMEA Power Sales Contract as 28 other members. Bob Coble moved to approve Resolution #25-10-962. The motion was seconded by Cory Sheehy and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-10-963 – Approving Baker Tilly US, LLP to Perform Audit of Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026 – CFO Chris Wise stated that Baker Tilly’s engagement letter shows a 4% increase over last year’s financial audit fee and stated this amount continues to be very low compared to fees paid by other joint action agencies. Baker Tilly will also perform IPEA’s audit (subject to IPEA’s approval) at the same time as IMEA’s audit. Peter Suhr moved to approve Resolution #25-10-963, seconded by Dan Cook. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Annual Review of Revenue Requirements for IMEA Rate Schedule B – CFO Chris Wise stated that IMEA reviews the Schedule B rates annually to ensure revenue sufficiency. He reviewed the steps involved in the annual review process to include reviewing Debt Service Coverage obligations, operating cash needs, transmission increases and the need to collect transmission costs through the transmission rate and not the energy cost adjustment. Wise reported that the outcome of this review demonstrated that the Debt Service Coverage and level of operating cash are sufficient, and both remain at the targeted level, although the transmission charges need to be adjusted to reflect current transmission costs. Wise recommended that the Delivery Service Charge in Rate Schedule B be increased to recover the transmission rate increases by Ameren and ComEd for 2026. He presented the proposed changes for delivery at less than 100 kV and above, along with a \$/kW-month breakdown of the increase. Wise presented charts showing the rise in IMEA’s transmission costs over the past 10 years, a bar chart reflecting the effect of transmission on Member average cost along with a chart detailing dollar amounts and percentages of member average cost increases.

Ordinance #25-10-964 – Chris Wise reported that the proposed Rate Schedule B reflects an increase to the Delivery Service Charge (DSC). This will adjust the rate to account for Ameren and ComEd pricing zone increases and ensures that current transmission costs are collected through the DSC and not the IMEA cost adjustment mechanism. This will also update Rate Schedule B to eliminate the Premium Credit Adjustment no longer being collected after December 31, 2025. Mike Kirk moved to approve Ordinance #25-10-964, seconded by Peter Suhr. A unanimous roll call vote showed all in favor except for an abstention from the representative from Chatham who was not present in the room during the vote.

Ordinance #25-10-965 – Approval of Extension of Economic Development Rate Schedules B-2, B-6 and B-7 and Continuing the Suspension of Load Retention Rate B-4 – Energy Services Representative, Jon Wygant explained that IMEA’s Economic Development and Load Retention rates are reviewed by staff annually and approved by the Board each year. IMEA Staff takes into consideration the balancing

of current market conditions along with the long-term value of adding new electric loads to the IMEA portfolio. IMEA Staff is recommending the 2026 economic development rate offerings for B-6 and B-7 be adjusted due to market conditions. He explained that any customer already receiving an approved economic development rate will remain subject to the terms of their approved rate agreement. Each year, the new Board-approved economic development rates only apply to those new or expanding customers who are approved for an economic development rate that year. Wygant reviewed the existing economic development rates as follows:

Schedule B-2 applies to new or expanding commercial/light industrial loads with a minimum monthly Peak Demand level of 200 kW and above and a monthly load factor of 60% or greater. There is no change to the proposed rate values for 2026.

Schedule B-4 (when available) is available for use with existing “at risk” electric customers with demands of over 1,000 kW. Staff recommends this rate continue to remain suspended for 2026.

Schedule B-6 applies to new or expanding large demand medium load factor loads with a minimum monthly Peak Demand level of over 1,000 kW and a monthly load factor level of 60% or greater. Customers are required to prove the creation of a minimum of 20 new full-time equivalent jobs in the participating member community. The discount rate is limited to a maximum monthly peak demand level of 15,000 kW or less for the qualifying loads. Large electric demand customers above that level might require special energy/capacity considerations in order to serve and would be subject to Board approval. Staff recommends reducing the discount by \$0.50 for all years.

Schedule B-7 is available to new or expanding very large demand high load factor loads with a minimum monthly peak demand level of 3,000 kW or greater and a monthly load factor level of 80% or greater. Customers are required to create a minimum of 20 new full-time equivalent jobs. A maximum monthly peak demand level of 15,000 kW or less is required. Staff recommends reducing the discount by \$0.50 for all years. Pat McCarthy made a motion to approve to continue offering IMEA economic development rate B-2, a reduced offering of the B-6 and B-7 rates by \$0.50, a reduced cap on load maximums to 15MW for the B-6 and B-7 and the continued suspension of the B-4 load retention rate for 2026. The motion was seconded by Bob Coble and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-10-966 – Approving New Delivery Point for the City of Mascoutah – Jon Wygant stated that the School District in Mascoutah has requested to install combined 1.92MW solar arrays on the middle and high school which exceeds Mascoutah’s 25kW net metering ordinance and falls under PURPA guidelines for interconnection. He stated that a FERC Form 556 is required to file self-certifying by the PURPA generator source that the combined array is above 1MW, but less than 80MW and within 1 mile of each other. He explained that Mascoutah has an approved FERC waiver to allow IMEA to negotiate and contract directly with the generator/customer to buy output of local renewable generation. He explained that the Interconnection Agreement was approved by Mascoutah on October 20<sup>th</sup> and the School Board approved it last night. 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. Wygant stated that the monthly payment process will begin the first month after all the Agreements are signed. 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 #25-10-966 authorizing the CEO to finalize and execute the agreement between IMEA, Mascoutah and the retail customer and also to approve this solar output as a new City delivery point. Brian Groth moved to approve Resolution #25-10-966, seconded by Dan Cook. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #25-10-967 – Approving New Delivery Point for the City of Rock Falls – Jon Wygant stated that East Coloma-Nelson School 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. Wygant stated that the monthly payment process will begin the first month after all the Agreements are signed. 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 #25-10-967 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. Brian Groth moved to approve Resolution #25-10-967, seconded by Pat McCarthy. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Update on Conservation Voltage Reduction Program – Technical Programs Manager, Hubert Murray reported that as part of the IMEA Sustainability Plan goals, IMEA Staff is exploring a Member Distribution Voltage Optimization Predevelopment Study to evaluate the potential of Conservation Voltage Reduction (CVR) as a cost-effective, system-wide efficiency measure. He explained that the study will evaluate the requirements for implementing a Voltage Optimization project in multiple IMEA member communities with the objective of reducing energy consumption and peak demand without requiring direct participation from end-use customers. Murray discussed the outcomes from this study to include developing strategy to reduce energy consumption and peak demand by lowering feeder voltage, generating actionable insights into operational, economic and customer impacts, potentially establishing a replicable model for the IMEA Board to consider and to seek to generate savings that can be shared by both the participating utility and the broader IMEA membership. He discussed that CVR benefits would include energy savings, peak demand reduction and environmental gains and key considerations would be load type matters, customer comfort and quality control. Murray provided a potential timeline for the CVR Program.


Update on Smart Thermostat Residential Demand-Side Management Program – Hubert Murray reported that IMEA Staff is currently working with 3 vendors to assess program models; evaluate impacts on costs, member participation and operational benefits; explore rebate and optimization models and align with PJM and MISO demand-management structures. He provided device count opportunities in IMEA member communities in PJM and MISO along with a tentative timeline to launch this program.

Update on Battery Storage Study – VP of Engineering & Energy Markets, Rakesh Kothakapu stated that in December 2024, the IMEA Board had directed staff to conduct a study on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in support of IMEA’s Sustainability Plan. He explained that the comprehensive study will focus on the advantages, disadvantages and feasibility of adding BESS to the IMEA portfolio and the key points of emphasis include technology, safety best practices, cost benefit analysis and industry trends. Kothakapu stated that if deemed economically feasible, implementation of a Battery pilot installation would occur no later than 2030. IMEA Staff is seeking assistance from national consultants and will continue to engage various vendors to gain indicative pricing and project

opportunities. He stated that demand peaks in PJM and MISO continue to grow in duration and shift to hours during which wind and solar resources may not be available and while limited, BESS could help address the gap in generation and reinforce reliability. Kothakapu reported that battery economics largely revolve around RTO rules especially associated with capacity accreditation and energy price volatility. He discussed the key variables pertinent to BESS include the type of battery, size, duration, location, ownership structure and revenue streams. This study will be centered on utility scale systems (greater than 1 MW), behind-the-meter, lithium-ion systems as this avoids lengthy generation interconnection queues and utilize technology that is highly efficient and has an established track record. Kothakapu provided a timeline for the remainder of 2025 and in 2026 and stated that the Board would decide the next steps once the analysis and options are vetted.

Chairman Cook asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Brian Groth, seconded by Cory Sheehy and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary/Treasurer

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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
Carmi	David Coston

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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	Eric Weinant
IMEA	Glenn Cunningham
IMEA	Adam Baker
IMEA	Jaken Hicks
IMEA	Rodd Whelpley
IMEA	Jonathon Wygant
IMEA	Danny Chung
IMEA	Tia Horn
IMEA	Hubert Murray
IMEA	Tammy Hall
Guest	Giovanni McLean (St. Charles)

**LISTEN ONLY VIA WEBINAR**

Carmi	David Coston
Freeburg	John Tolan
Peru	Kevin Minnick
Princeton	Jeff Mangrich
Red Bud	Josh Eckart
Winnetka	Nick Narhi
IMEA	Shadi Ahanchi
IMEA	Charlie Robling
IMEA	Ellen Woehrmann
Guest	Greg Hubert
Guest	Debi Mader
Guest	Ted Bourland