

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors 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 27, 2026. Chairman Dan Cook called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and all attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Matt Trout, seconded by Pat Barry, moved for approval of the minutes of June 25, 2026. 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 in person shall be permitted an opportunity to comment. He then asked if anyone from the public would like to make a comment. Hearing none, Chairman Cook then proceeded with the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Wise reported on the June 2026 financials stating that actual member power costs are 1.1% under original budget, year to date, and the MWh sales to members is 4.4% under original budget year to date. He reported that the July 2026 invoices had been sent out on August 7th with the average cost being 0.1% below budget. He explained that purchased power expenses were higher than anticipated due to unit outages at IMEA's baseload units in June resulting in more energy being purchased from the market during a time of elevated prices. Wise explained that higher energy sales to members in July than anticipated spreads these additional costs over more kWh's keeping the average cost to members close to the budgeted amount.

Wise also discussed the August 2026 preliminary invoice estimates stating that those invoices would be sent out on September 10th and due on September 21st. He reported that the projected average cost for August is 0.1% under budget, energy is projected to be 2.3% under budget and demand to be 9.3% under budget.

Wise reported that IMEA members had been billed for all of FY2026 along with May and June of 2027 for the decommissioning fund and as of June 30, 2026, the cash balance in the fund is \$2,399,018. Regarding a rating agency update, he reported that there had been no changes since the June Board meeting.

Wise reported that Baker Tilly had completed the audit of the financial statements for the year ending April 30, 2026. They issued their report on July 24, 2026 and the result was a clean audit, meaning an unmodified report with no adjustments. He explained that Jodi Dobson, a partner at Baker Tilly out of the Madison, WI office, will report her findings regarding the audit later in the meeting. Wise complimented

the IMEA Accounting staff on all of their great work on the audit and throughout the year. With there being no questions, Cory Sheehy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Nick Narhi. The roll call vote showed all in favor.

President & CEO Report – CEO Doug Brown welcomed new IMEA Board member from Rantoul, Geoff Wahl who is now the Director of Electric for Rantoul. He is replacing Matt Caldwell who is resigning from the Village at the end of the year. He also announced that the Resource Analyst position in the Engineering Department had been filled. Jack Wolfe will begin his employment at IMEA on September 1. Jack recently graduated with Computer Science and Data Science degrees and will work with Eric on long-term planning, evaluating energy resources and utilizing forecasting, modeling software to develop and maintain energy models along with assisting in the development of the Integrated Resource Plan.

Regarding the CVR Program, CEO Brown stated that the agreement had been signed with BHMG to perform the study for Peru and staff is seeking a DEED grant that could be applied afterwards. He reported that a vendor contract with OATI had been signed for the Thermostat Program and they are in the process of finalizing the platform of that program. IMEA Staff conducted a webinar to introduce the program and is developing a detailed webinar on the Thermostat Program for members in the fall for program roll out.

CEO Brown reported that FERC held a conference on July 23 regarding PJM's governance. He stated that FERC has implied that they will impose reforms to PJM if PJM does not address these governance issues. Brown announced that FERC had approved NERC Reliability Standard CIP-015-02 for cyber security. He also noted that Tom Heller is retiring from the Transmission Access Policy Study Group (TAPS) and Suzanne Lane has been named to replace him in early November. TAPS promotes non-discriminatory transmission access, competitive wholesale electricity markets and risk-based regulation. IMEA is a long-standing member of this group.

CEO Brown presented slides from a webinar he had attended regarding the future of fusion. This webinar was conducted by Commonwealth Fusion Systems, the world's largest private fusion company. He explained that this presentation describes fusion as safe, clean, firm, scalable and secure and that the world's first commercially relevant fusion machine (SPARC) is estimated to be operable within the next two years. The SPARC facility is located in Devens, Massachusetts. The presentation then illustrates that SPARC paves the way for ARC, the world's first grid-scale commercial fusion power plant estimated to be completed in the early 2030's. Brown stated that IMEA's power plants could bridge the gap if these technologies don't become available and economically viable until the mid to late 2040's.

Legislative & Regulatory Update – Staci Wilson reported that the POWER Act (HB 5513) which would put regulations on municipals and coops for data centers was not voted on in the spring session. Governor Pritzker directed the Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to pause data center tax incentives and issued a framework on data center policy. She reported that Governor Pritzker publicly stated that he wants a vote on data center regulations in the November Veto session. She provided background on various stakeholder discussions, but noted that there have not been any formal negotiations. Wilson then stated that PJM large load proposals are complicating this issue to ensure the state and federal regulations can work in concert. She explained that PJM is running a Reliability Backstop Auction to procure 15-year commitments from generators to support data centers. They are conducting a stop gap for the current resource deficiencies that they have in their current auction. Going

forward long term, PJM is trying to request that new data centers embrace flexibility of their load needs (interruptible load) or bring their own generation to meet those requirements. She emphasized how these regulatory filings are going to intertwine to some degree and may affect State legislation.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive (Closed) Session Minutes: General Counsel Troy Fodor recommended that the Executive (Closed) Session minutes of December 4, 2025 be released as public records at this time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists. General Counsel Troy Fodor then recommended that the Executive (Closed) Session minutes of November 6-7, 2019; June 17, 2021 and November 9-10, 2022 not be released as public records at this time because the need for confidentiality still exists. Fodor explained that these meetings had been closed to the public pursuant to Section 2(c)(23) of the Open Meetings Act, as effective at the time of each meeting. The need for confidentiality does still exist because the discussions involved pre-decisional power supply planning matters regarding the purchase and sale of electricity under the Power Sales Contract between IMEA and each of its Members that has not otherwise become public. Mike Kirk moved that the Board make the determination that the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to the minutes dated November 6-7, 2019; June 17, 2021 and November 9-10, 2022 and that IMEA continue to restrict public access to such minutes and also that the Board make the determination that the need for confidentiality no longer exists with respect to the minutes of December 4, 2025 and that such minutes be approved and released. Pat Barry seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Operations – Mandy Ripperda stated that the results of the PJM Base Residual Auction for Delivery Year 2028/2029 were posted at the end of July with a cleared capacity price of \$325/MWD, hitting the price cap. A price cap has been in effect for the last 3 auctions and will be extended for the next auction as well. She explained that the auction resulted in a 6,800 MW shortfall below the 20% installed reserve margin and that load growth continues to outpace new generation additions. Without the agreed upon price cap, prices would have cleared at \$555/MWD for the PJM footprint and \$777/MWD in the ComEd zone. As a result, PJM is preparing for a “Reliability Backstop Procurement” auction and a “Connect and Manage” framework for data centers.

Ripperda discussed MISO’s Reliability Imperative which is their long-term strategy for keeping the grid reliable as system changes are rapidly occurring. This framework focuses on market redefinition, operations of the future, transmission evolution and system enhancements. She stated that MISO is using a vendor to produce day-ahead, real-time, 5-minute and hourly forecasting for wind and solar output which Market Participants have been strongly encouraged to use. IMEA Staff is working with its consultant and other off-takers for the Big River resource to show the importance of good forecasts including the financial impacts.

Ripperda then reported on the significant heat events in July that set a new preliminary all-time peak load of over 168,000 MW for PJM. She noted that IMEA’s BTMG in ComEd were called for a Demand Response Event on July 2nd and 3rd. She explained that another event in July had resulted in IMEA’s BTMG being called by MISO for an LMR event on July 15th. Both RTOs did maintain reliability during these events; however, high LMPs and the use of DR, LMR and other emergency operating procedures indicate how tight the operating conditions were during the extreme heat. Ripperda presented graphs showing how IMEA’s average July LMPs have compared over the past three years and how the LMP

peaks have been shifting to the late evening hours during the summer. During these hours, the solar output has dropped off which causes a shortage so prices spike. Ripperda thanked all the power plant personnel for their efforts in generating over the summer.

Update on PJM/MISO Stakeholder Meetings – Charlie Robling reported that both PJM and MISO are hitting new peak loads and future projections are increasing mostly due to computational load such as data centers and crypto mining while at the same time, retirements from aging resources are affecting the supply available to meet the growing load. He stated that the Reliability Backstop Procurement (RBP) will be a one-time event consisting of a bilateral contracting phase and a Reliability Backstop Auction. Starting in September, PJM will hold the RBP intended to procure resources aimed at addressing capacity shortfall caused by the rapid addition of large load in its territory (15-year commitment). Robling explained that under the PJM-filed proposal, the cost allocation is to load serving entities, but the Governors of these PJM states and the White House have communicated a strong desire for large load to pay. The final decision will be made by FERC.

Robling stated that on June 18th, FERC issued a Show Cause Order requiring MISO and PJM to handle new large load in the form of connect and manage. PJM will treat the new large loads as non-firm and have direct control. MISO is developing similar rules. He explained that both RTOs are planning to utilize the emergency back-up resources dedicated to the data center load to help meet peaks during emergencies. Robling reported that the Cost of New Entry (CONE), or cost to build new resources in PJM and MISO continues to rise due to increased demand for new resources, supply chain issues and higher capital costs. CONE is used to calculate the maximum price in both RTO's capacity market demand curves.

Robling further discussed that the volatility of resources continue to impact reliability. He stated that PJM is significantly relying on waivers to emission limits and delayed retirements from DOE Orders to maintain reliability. He noted that the outlook of resource availability continues to be a challenge with the aging fleet of resources and legislatively-mandated retirement dates. He explained that the PJM auction in December will cover Delivery Year 2029/2030 and the auction in May 2027 will cover Delivery Year 2030/2031. CEJA-mandated retirements will begin to be reflected in 2030 and absent price caps, the ComEd zone is already clearing higher than the rest of PJM. Robling reported that MISO and PJM have submitted compliance filings which detail the ongoing efforts to account for new and existing large loads. MISO proposes a Zero-Injection Generation Interconnection Agreement along with a reformed large load study process and updated reliability requirements while PJM proposes Reliability Backstop Procurement and a capacity market design refresh. Robling noted that both RTOs are working on versions of "Connect and Manage" incorporating provisional transmission service which designates load to be curtailed prior to emergencies.

Trimble County (TC): Rakesh Kothakapu reported the following:

- There was one incident involving a contractor. Plant performance through July 2026 shows that the EAF was 60.54% due to an extended outage and the EFOR was 14.19% both YTD. Unit 1 is currently online, however, it had a planned outage to replace the stack liner, turbine overhaul, boiler tube replacement and FDG work. Unit 1 also had three forced outages in July due to a stuck valve, reaction tank and turbine vibrations. Unit 2 is currently online, however it had one forced outage in July due to final superheat section issues. There is no planned outage at Unit 2 until Spring 2027.

IMEA Staff attended the annual Owners meeting at the plant in mid-August to review capital projects and big picture items. The stack liner replacement along with the final elbow installation is now complete for Unit 1. Prep work is underway for the stack liner replacement for Unit 2 in the spring.

Prairie State (PSGC): Rakesh Kothakapu reported the following:

- There have not been any reportable safety incidents since the last Board meeting. Plant performance through July 2026 shows that the EAF was 89.7% and the EFOR was 9.7% both YTD. Unit 1 is currently online for full load, although it had two forced outages in July due to a tube leak and external steam leak. Unit 2 is currently online for full load, however, had one forced outage in July due to a tube leak in the platen superheater section. Unit 2 is in the planning phase for a 28-day planned outage in September and Unit 1 will have a 10-day maintenance outage in October. Unit 2's outage will consist of platen superheater inspection and replacement along with the replacement of the SCR catalyst and boiler feed pump valve, and reheat tee. Unit 1's outage is a general inspection and prep work for the turbine overhaul in 2027.

Local Transmission and Generation – Rakesh Kothakapu reported on the following:

- Ameren Export Study/WCA – Staff is still waiting for Ameren to issue the export study results for Casey and is working with SIPC for Red Bud to establish an export limit. IMEA Staff is working with Ameren to issue WCA agreements for members with 138kV delivery points.
- Peru-Princeton Project – The final Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) by the ICC is expected in September. Permits and construction schedules should allow a 2029 online date, although the Lima and Princeton substations should be online earlier. If required, a tariff filing for rate recovery would likely be in 2027-2028 with ownership closing 30 days before the energization of the line likely in 2029. A Wholesale Connection Agreement or Transmission Interconnection Agreement is needed to finalize these projects so staff is working with Ameren to coordinate these efforts.
- Fairfield – The City has expressed a desire to relocate its delivery point to the Fairfield 69KV substation from the current Ameren Albion 138KV substation. Hoosier operates and maintains the 18-mile 138KV line from the Ameren Albion substation to the City's 69KV substation that was previously owned by Fairfield. Hoosier is planning to run the 138KV facility as a network asset to serve other Hoosier load in the area. A new substation is being developed by Ameren which further complicates this arrangement. Staff is working to make sure IMEA is not financially harmed by this arrangement and is waiting on Hoosier and Fairfield to reach back to IMEA with a comprehensive plan.
- Princeton Unit 8 – Unit #8 experienced engine failure in September 2025 and is currently paying the penalty for non-availability by not receiving capacity payments. The unit is covered under warranty from the contractor work and the City is working with the contractor to replace the engine block. Staff believes the City has taken the necessary steps to replace the engine within 6 months after the date of the equipment failure, therefore, under the IMEA Generation Policy's provision, an additional 12-month extension is granted. Staff will keep the Board updated on the progress of this work.

Update on Solar Projects – Regarding the Bee Hollow Solar project, Eric Weinant reported that the pile and module installation is 100% completed along with the tracker cold commissioning. He stated that synchronization to the grid is scheduled for next week and it should be commercial by the end of November. IMEA Staff have been working to set up the onboarding of this 150MW solar project into

IMEA's resource portfolio. Weinant stated that IMEA will receive all the energy, capacity and Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from this facility for the next 25 years. Staff anticipates that all financial closing will be completed close to energization.

Weinant reported that as part of the PACE Program, IMEA Staff began working on an application with SolAmerica back in early 2023 with four member towns. IMEA gained approvals, but loan terms made financing extremely difficult so IMEA and SolAmerica determined there was no path forward utilizing PACE funding. Weinant stated that IMEA was still interested in pursuing the SolAmerica project without PACE funding. IMEA Staff is meeting with SolAmerica in a couple weeks to finalize contract language. He stated that if suitable pricing and contract language can be achieved, Staff will bring them to the Board for consideration.

Weinant discussed a new USDA Rural Development Initiative, Powering Affordable Reliable Technology (PART), which offers up to 40% loan forgiveness to eligible projects. He reported that IMEA's focus would be to apply for loan forgiveness on a battery project that would be powered by wind and solar resources; however, only the battery portion would qualify for PART. Weinant explained that the loan and loan forgiveness happens only after the project is finished and all requirements are met. The submission window is open between September 8 and October 9 on a first come, first served basis. IMEA Staff is in the process of gathering all the information required for an application and due to the nature of this initiative being rural, staff is focusing on IMEA's southern towns. He noted that IMEA would be the applicant because developers are not eligible to apply and would most likely need to be the owner of the battery.

Update on Preferred Member Site for Battery Pilot Project – Shadi Ahanchi reported that as part of the Sustainability Plan, the IMEA Board had directed Staff to study the feasibility of utility-scale behind-the-meter battery energy storage systems (BESS) on member distribution systems. IMEA Staff conducted the study and found that developing small-scale BESS would be beneficial as part of future resource development and planning. She stated that the IMEA Board had authorized the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit interested member sites to host BESS pilot projects in the February IMEA Board meeting. Ahanchi explained that IMEA would prefer to select one site in MISO and another one in PJM for a 1 to 5 MW BESS pilot project. IMEA Staff subsequently developed and issued a member RFP for host sites for the BESS pilot projects. She reported that four member proposals had been received: Breese, Highland, Naperville and St. Charles. After reviewing these proposals, IMEA Staff made the following assessments:

- Breese – one site was not conducive for BESS and the other is awaiting distribution upgrades
- Highland – Site conducive and the distribution system highly likely to handle BESS
- St. Charles - Site conducive and the distribution system highly likely to handle BESS
- Naperville – Concern with flood plain; Site conducive and the distribution system highly likely to handle BESS

IMEA Staff is working with other entities to determine the insurance limits and the type of contract structures to limit the provisions on indemnification. IMEA Staff is also working to utilize the funding from the PART Program for these sites. Ahanchi stated that battery tours are being scheduled for these potential host members.

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 protested on May 5, 2025, stating that the reforms would make it more difficult and expensive for its LMRs to run especially with the 30-minute notice requirements. FERC accepted MISO’s proposed tariff revisions on June 18, 2026 with some conditions for changes to be made in a compliance filing. MISO filed its compliance filing on July 20, 2026.
- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff to Expand Load Modifying Resource Penalties and Related Provisions (ER26-1882-000) – On March 20, 2026, MISO filed changes to its LMR nonperformance penalty construct which would potentially impose unreasonably harsher penalties on IMEA BTMG. IMEA intervened and filed a protest to the MISO filing on April 10, 2026. MISO answered IMEA’s protest on April 28. IMEA filed its Answer to MISO’s Answer on May 20 citing examples of unjust and unreasonable nature of penalties and undue discrimination against BTMG. FERC issued a Deficiency Letter against MISO on May 22 addressing some points made by IMEA. MISO answered IMEA’s May 20 Answer on July 27, 2026. IMEA filed an Answer to MISO’s Answer on August 11, 2026. Staff is awaiting FERC action.
- PJM Filing to Revise Tariff for Load Management Enhancements (ER26-2319-000) – Filed April 27, 2026, PJM filed to impose penalties on its market participants with demand resources and price responsive demand providers due to a recent pattern of underperformance. This may affect how IMEA uses its BTMG in PJM. IMEA intervened on May 5, 2026. FERC accepted the filing via Letter Order on June 26, 2026.
- PJM Governance and Stakeholder Reforms (AD26-7-000) – On May 12, 2026, FERC issued a notice of a technical conference to discuss and evaluate reforms to PJM’s governance and stakeholder process. FERC invited state regulators, generation owners, AMP and others to be panelists. The technical conference was held on July 23, 2026 which IMEA Staff attended remotely. Discussion topics included State involvement in stakeholder process, member voting rights, PJM Board member obligations and term limits along with Section 205 filing rights. On July 30, FERC circulated a post-conference questionnaire that polled PJM members on topics discussed in the technical conference. On August 10, 2026, FERC issued a notice dispute resolution procedures to gather feedback and consensus on future PJM governance reform filings. The first dispute resolution meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2026.
- PJM Filing to Establish and Implement Reliability Backstop Procurement Procedures (RBP) (Docket No. ER26-3380-000) – On July 31, 2026, PJM filed to establish a one-time auction to procure additional new capacity on top of its usual Base Residual Auction. This filing includes 15-year commitments required for new resources registered for the RBP auction. The capacity shortfall for Delivery Years 2027/2028 and 2028/2029 is driven by data center additions. This is part of a “multi-pronged implementation” of National Energy Dominance Council’s Statement of Principles. The RBP capacity obligations for Load Serving Entities (LSEs) in this RBP auction would be allocated according to Electric Distributor (EDC) zone/area load forecasts. The EDCs give PJM notice of allocation to LSEs. The LSEs that have data centers can offset requirements with bilateral contracts. LSEs will pay costs proportionately within the EDC zone/area. IMEA intervened on August 12, 2026 and is closely monitoring the proceeding.

- PJM Interconnection, LLC et al. (EL25-49-002 et al.) Filed on February 20, 2025, FERC ordered Section 206 proceedings so that PJM could show cause as to why its tariff was just and reasonable as to data center interconnection procedures. IMEA intervened on March 4, 2025. On December 18, 2025, FERC found PJM's then-current tariff language unjust and unreasonable and ordered changes so that the tariff had express language addressing how co-located load (data centers) can interconnect with the PJM system and how they pay costs associated with their use of PJM's transmission system. On June 18, 2026, FERC issued an Order granting a partial rehearing to its December 18 Order setting aside and modifying it in accordance to the new Order; and partially accepted PJM's second filing and ordered PJM transmission owners to submit compliance filings within 60 days of and based on the June 18 Order's directions. On July 28, 2026 PJM and TOs asked FERC for an extension to its Compliance Filing. On August 14, 2026, FERC granted PJM's extension request. The Compliance Filing is due November 16, 2026.
- PJM Interconnection LLC (EL26-67-000) – A series of Show Cause Orders were issued on June 18, 2026. FERC found all the RTOs' tariffs unjust and unreasonable because of their lack of large and co-located load interconnection frameworks; Section 206 proceedings for PJM. IMEA intervened on July 1, 2026. PJM and TOs submitted its informational report on July 20, 2026, but sought to postpone its 60-day show cause/tariff revision deadline 90 days beyond its August 17 deadline. On August 14, 2026, FERC granted an abeyance motion. Show cause and briefing questions are due on November 16, 2026.
- PJM Filing to Establish Interim Resource Adequacy Service (IRAS) and Large Load Registry (Docket No. ER26-3515-000) – On August 13, 2026, PJM filed to establish rules for LSEs serving new large load to be able to be curtailed prior to Pre-Emergency Load Management Response if the LSE has not brought their own new capacity or had its new large load covered by the Reliability Backstop Procurement auction. This service is only implemented during periods when there are insufficient resources to reliably meet demand in real-time operations. PJM says it imposed on LSE's to observe states' rights over retail customers under the theory of cooperative federalism. For Delivery Year 2029/2030 auctions, PJM will remove certain new large loads from the Variable Resource Requirement curve which is meant to protect residential customers from capacity price increases. Pursuant to IRAs, each Electric Distributor zone/area may be directed by PJM dispatchers to reduce load up to the MW quantity of capacity attributable to eligible new large loads in that zone/area. Each Electric Distributor zone/area will determine which load to reduce in response to a PJM IRAs directive. IMEA intends to intervene. IMEA Staff will comment or protest if appropriate.
- Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (EL26-70-000) – A Show Cause Order was issued for MISO on June 18, 2026. FERC found all the RTOs' tariffs unjust and unreasonable because of their lack of large and co-located load interconnection frameworks and ordered each RTO to show cause as to why their tariffs are just and reasonable. IMEA intervened on July 1, 2026. On July 20, 2026, MISO submitted its informational report stating that ordered tariff changes continue being discussed in stakeholder meetings. On August 3, 2026, MISO submitted a Motion to Hold proceeding in abeyance through November 16, 2026 stating they need more time to develop changes through its stakeholder process. On August 14, 2026, FERC granted the Abeyance Motion.
- MISO Filing to Establish Zero Injection Generator Interconnection Agreement (ZGIA) (Docket No. ER26-3552-000) – Filed on August 18, 2026, ZGIA is MISO's co-location filing in response to the FERC Show Cause Order. Zero-Injection Generation Resources (ZG Resources) is an interconnection service framework for generation serving load at the same substation. This ZGIA proposal will help streamline the MISO generator interconnection process by providing an expedited review of the

addition of ZG Resources that have little or no impact on the transmission system because they are limited to serving load at the same substation and voltage level. IMEA will monitor this proceeding.

- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff to Redefine Loss of Load Expectations (Docket No. ER25-3307) – On August 27, 2025, MISO filed to redefine Loss of Load Expectations from daily peak hours to all hours of a day. MISO has been applying its proposed redefinition since 2017 due to a “Continuing Error” as defined in its tariff. IMEA intervened and filed comments. FERC accepted MISO’s revision on October 24, 2025. A software problem, tariff change, subsequent \$280 million make-whole payments and lack of PRA re-run led to complaints by Market Participants.
- Pelican Power LLC v. MISO (Docket No. EL26-26-000) – On November 14, 2025, a MISO generator filed a Complaint saying that MISO’s tariff does not allow it to retroactively modify auction results and requested that the 2025/2026 auction be re-run. FERC denied the Complaint on August 7, 2026 citing Pelican Power failed to show why MISO’s adjustment was unjust and unreasonable.
- Coalition of Midwest Power Producers, Inc. et al. v. MISO (Docket No. EL26-35-000) – On December 15, 2025, a coalition of generators filed a Complaint saying that MISO’s incorrect use of tariff provisions for Loss of Load Expectations calculations was not a “Continuing Error” and MISO’s adjustment was essentially a manual re-run of its auction. FERC denied the Complaint on August 7, 2026 citing the coalition failed to show why MISO’s adjustment was unjust and unreasonable.
- Louisville Gas and Electric Company et al. (EC98-2-007 et al.) – The initial docket was filed on October 9, 1997 and was recently consolidated via Order on May 15, 2026. On May 15, 2026, FERC ordered Settlement judge procedures regarding LG&E/KU’s tariff revisions that would remove merger mitigation de-pancaking under its Rate Schedule 402. Elimination of de-pancaking could affect what IMEA pays to move power from Trimble County to the PJM system. IMEA intervened in the original anti-pancake proceedings on December 8, 1997. IMEA attended the initial settlement conference that was held on June 18, 2026 and plans to attend the second settlement conference scheduled for September 3, 2026.
- Maryland Energy Administration, et al. v. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, et al. (Docket No. EL26-87-000) – On July 2, 2026, the State of Maryland filed a Complaint against Maryland-based Transmission Owners (TOs) arguing that the RTO adder in the TOs’ Return on Equity is unjust and unreasonable. Maryland state law requires TOs to participate in RTOs. Illinois state law also mandates RTO participation. The RTO adder adds 50 basis points to the TOs guaranteed profit. If this challenge is granted, it could pave the way for Illinois transmission customers to challenge ComEd or Ameren’s RTO adder and could save IMEA on transmission costs. IMEA is monitoring this proceeding.
- Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) (ICC Docket No. 26-0081) – ATXI is seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Peru-Princeton project. IMEA intervened and attended hearings. ATXI filed an agreed Draft Order with the ICC on August 6, 2026.
- Gridliance Heartland LLC Filing to Authorize Transmission Rate Incentives (ER26-2743-000) – Filed on June 5, 2026, Gridliance is seeking to recover more in cost incentives for two MISO-area transmission projects. IMEA signed a Joint Ownership Agreement with ATXI, Gridliance and Dairyland for an ownership interest option in both transmission projects. IMEA intervened on June 24, 2026. On August 5, 2026, FERC granted Gridliance’s request via Order.
- Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois Filing to Authorize Transmission Rate Incentives (ER26-2744-000) – Filed on June 5, 2026, ATXI is seeking to recover same cost incentives for same projects as Gridliance. IMEA has the same interests as in the Gridliance proceeding. IMEA intervened on June 24, 2026. On August 5, 2026, FERC granted ATXI’s request via Order.

- MISO Filing to Implement Agreements with External Transmission Owners (ER26-1538-000) – Filed on February 27, 2026, MISO seeks to implement Cost Recovery and Funding Agreements with certain PJM Transmission Owners including ComEd and Duke. This will govern funding and ownership of MISO requested facilities in the PJM footprint, including connecting to the 765 kV line and an accompanying substation. FERC issued a Deficiency Letter against MISO on May 22, 2026 with concerns for double cost recovery; MISO responded on June 22, 2026. On August 14, 2026, FERC accepted MISO’s filing and agreements with ComEd and Duke.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Report: Jodi Dobson of Baker Tilly gave the IMEA Fiscal Audit Report for fiscal year ending April 30, 2026. Dobson reported it was a clean audit and the financial statements received an Unmodified Opinion. Dobson thanked the IMEA Accounting staff for their preparation regarding the audit. There being no questions, David Coston moved to approve the Audit Report, seconded by Josh Eckart. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Resolution #26-08-978 – Approving New Delivery Point for the City of Peru – Jon Wygant stated that LKCS in Peru has requested to install a 212kW solar array which exceeds Peru’s 25kW net metering ordinance and falls under PURPA guidelines for interconnection. He reported that the Interconnection Agreement has been executed and the PPA language is ready to be executed. 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. Within five 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 #26-08-978 authorizing the CEO to finalize and execute the agreement between IMEA, Peru and the retail customer and also to approve the interconnection point of solar output as a new City Delivery Point under the Power Sales Contract. Larry Taylor moved to approve Resolution #26-08-978, seconded by Pat Barry. The motion carried by a unanimous weighted roll call vote with the exception of the abstention by the representative from Peru.

Resolution #26-08-979 – Authorizing Commencement of Work on Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – Rakesh Kothakapu reported that the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act (CRGA) requires municipalities and joint action agencies to conduct Integrated Resource Planning every 5 years. Members may adopt IMEA’s IRP, but members will still be required to provide notice via their website and billing processes. He stated that IMEA Staff will help coordinate this effort with the municipalities. Kothakapu provided a timeline for the IRP and noted that the consultant contract is scheduled to be finalized in October. He explained that Staff had received 12 proposals from qualified bidders and has narrowed that number down to 4. Staff is currently performing interviews with those 4 bidders to narrow the scope of work, negotiate contracting and to ultimately select the vendor. Kothakapu stated that this Resolution authorizes the President & CEO to commence work on the IRP, select the consultant, take all steps necessary to negotiate, finalize and execute the agreement and to take all actions necessary to implement the integrated resource planning process. Nick Narhi moved to approve Resolution #26-08-979, seconded by Matt Trout. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Committee Vacancies – CEO Doug Brown reported that a vacancy had been created on the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Committee due to Brian Groth no longer being on the IMEA Board. He stated that Brian Groth had been the Chair of this Committee. He explained that the IMEA Bylaws allow for the IMEA Chairman to appoint a member of the IMEA Board to fill a vacancy on an IMEA Committee with Board approval. Chairman Cook's recommendations are as follows: Nick Narhi, currently on the Committee, will fill the Chair position and Raheel Arshed will fill the vacancy created by Nick Narhi moving to the Chair position. Each member has agreed to assume these roles on the Committee. David Coston moved to approve the filling of these Committee vacancies as described above, seconded by Pat Barry. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval with the exception of the abstention by the representatives from Naperville and Winnetka.

At that time, CEO Brown thanked Brad Myers from Carlyle for his four years of service on the IMEA Board of Directors and wished him well in his retirement.

Larry Taylor reported that Don Wendling from Altamont had recently passed away and that Don was the last of the original Board members of IMEA.

Nick Narhi from Winnetka thanked the City of Rock Falls for all of their help with widespread outages and restoration efforts following the storm on July 7, 2026. He also acknowledged the effectiveness of the Mutual Aid Program and thanked the IMUA Staff for all of their coordination efforts.

With there being no other new business, Chairman Cook asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Matt Trout, seconded by Cory Sheehy and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary/Treasurer

**ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Altamont	Larry Taylor
Breese	Jason Deering
Bushnell	Joe Fosdyck
Carlyle	Brad Myers
Carmi	David Coston
Casey	Ryan Staley
Flora	Bob Coble
Freeburg	Matt Trout
Greenup	John Knueppel
Highland	Dan Cook
Ladd	Pat Barry
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
Mascoutah	Cody Hawkins
Metropolis	Michael Gentry
Naperville	Raheel Arshed
Peru	Kevin Minnick
Princeton	Jeff Mangrich
Rantoul	Geoff Wahl
Red Bud	Josh Eckart
Rock Falls	Larry Hanrahan
St. Charles	Peter Suhr
Sullivan	Mike Kirk
Waterloo	J.R. Landeck
Winnetka	Nick Narhi

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bethany	Shannon Risley
Cairo	Larry Klein
Chatham	Pat McCarthy
Fairfield	Mayor Gary Moore
Farmer City	Adam Turpen
Oglesby	Rich Baldridge
Riverton	Jim Mileham
Roodhouse	Rich Wallis

OTHERS PRESENT

IMEA	Doug Brown
IMEA	Troy Fodor
IMEA	Chris Wise
IMEA	Mandy Ripperda
IMEA	Eric Weinant
IMEA	Rakesh Kothakapu
IMEA	Glenn Cunningham
IMEA	Jaken Hicks
IMEA	Staci Wilson
IMEA	Jonathon Wygant
IMEA	Rodd Whelpley
IMEA	Tia Horn
IMEA	Tammy Hall
IMEA	Ellen Woehrmann
IMEA	Hubert Murray
IMEA	Shadi Ahanchi
IMEA	Charlie Robling
IMEA	Katherine Parrish
Guest	Jodi Dobson (Baker Tilly)
Guest	Kevin Rolfingsmeyer (Carlyle)
Guest	Jim Transou (Princeton)
Guest	Giovanni McLean (St. Charles)

LISTEN ONLY VIA WEBINAR

Guest	Greg Hubert
Guest	Jean Korte
Guest	Ted Bourlard