

Agenda

Economic Impacts from Updating Our Infrastructure

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The Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies
Department of Economics, Illinois State University

8:30 am Welcome: *David Loomis, Executive Director, *Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies*

8:35 am Opening Remarks: *Hon. Erin O'Connell-Diaz, Commissioner, *ICC*

8:45 a.m. Session 1: Updating our Infrastructure: Water, Electric Grid, and Natural Gas Pipelines.

- Implications from increased conservation efforts: decreased demand but greater investment costs.
- Options for updating our aging water infrastructure and recovering costs.
- Building and maintaining distribution for a competitive generation sector.
- Natural gas distribution infrastructure needs and updates.

Moderator: * Hon. Doug Scott, Chairman, *Illinois Commerce Commission*

Speakers: *Michael Deane, Executive Director, *National Associations of Water Companies*

*James R. Monk, President, *Illinois Energy Association*

*Susan Satter, Senior Assistant Attorney General, *Illinois Attorney General's Office*

*Kevin Wright, President, *Illinois Competitive Energy Association*

10:30 a.m. Morning Break

10:45 a.m. Session 2: Impacts from Legislative Mandates on the Market

- The consequences of requiring new synthetic natural gas power plants on jobs, price of gas, price of electricity, and competition in Illinois.
- The effect of RPS requirements on the composition of electricity generation, coal price, revenue for coal plants, and baseload operation.
- Reliability concerns and the impact on competition, and baseload operation.

Moderator: *Hon. John Colgan, Commissioner, *Illinois Commerce Commission*

Speakers: *Hon. Tom Holbrook, Chairman, Illinois House Public Utilities Commission, *State Representative, 113th District, Belleville, IL*

*J.T. Smith, Manager, Regulatory Studies, *MISO Energy*

*Paul Sotkiewicz, Ph.D., *PJM Interconnection*

12:30 p.m. Lunch

Luncheon speaker: *Robert Lieberman

1:30 p.m. Session 3: Changing Transmission Regulation: Market Distortions, Incentives, and the Demand for Natural Gas

- Incentives created by FERC Order 1000 for transmission operators, generators, and developers.
- Suggested modifications to FERC Order 1000.
- The impact of increased natural gas on pipeline updates.
- The economic implications of FERC Order 1000 on Illinois consumers and utilities.

Moderator: *Hon. Lula Ford, Commissioner, *ICC*

Speakers: *Robert Berntsen, Vice President of Governmental & Regulatory Affairs, *MISO Energy*

*David Grover, Manager, Regulatory Strategy, *ITC Holdings Corp.*

*Shiv Mani, Group Manager and Team Lead for Order #1000, *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

3:15 p.m. Close

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