



IPA Announces Key Details Related to ABP Program Administrator Transition

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On April 21, 2022, the Illinois Power Agency announced the transition of the administration of the Adjustable Block Program from the incumbent Program Administrator, InClima, to the new Program Administrator, Energy Solutions.

The IPA announces several key dates and details to assist Approved Vendors and Designees navigate the Program Administration transition efficiently. Additional details will be provided through subsequent communications.

Previously Communicated Application Pause

Section 7.3.4 of the 2022 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“Long-Term Plan”) filed for approval by the IPA with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) on March 21, 2022 included a proposed pause of new Adjustable Block Program project applications from June 1, 2022 to August 1, 2022, while allowing for the continued generation of Disclosure Forms by Approved Vendors and Designees.

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in ICC [Docket No. 22-0231](#), the proceeding to approve that Plan, the Agency proposed an adjustment of the dates for the application pause, to be considered by the Commission during its ongoing review of the Long-Term Plan. **The new dates will be an application pause starting on July 1 and ending on August 31, 2022.**

This pause is occurring for three reasons. First, the pause allows the new Program Administrator time to set up a new portal, and into which it will integrate new program requirements approved by the ICC in the Long-Term Plan. That approval is expected to occur on July 14, 2022. Second, shifting the start of the pause from June 1 to July 1 accommodates the June 13, 2022, deadline for applications for the current block of community-driven community solar. Third, REC prices will be finalized after the ICC’s approval of the Long-Term Plan, and this pause will allow the Agency time to publish those final REC prices. Additionally, it will allow Approved Vendors to make any adjustments to projects subject to those new prices.

Subject to available capacity, currently open blocks of capacity will remain open until June 30, 2022, except community-driven community solar which will remain open until June 13, 2022.

Dates of Application Pause:

- **July 1:** Submissions of both Part I and Part II applications will be paused, Disclosure Form generation will be available through a new portal administered by Energy Solutions.

- **September 1:** Part I applications for all project categories (aside from Traditional Community Solar) will be available and accepted in the new portal. *(The date that Part I applications will open for Traditional Community Solar is an open issue in the ICC proceeding to approve the 2022 Long-Term Plan. The IPA has proposed an opening date of November 1, 2022.)*
 - **All applications received on or after September 1, 2022, will be subject to new and/or revised Program requirements as outlined in the then ICC approved 2022 Long-Term Plan. Applications received prior to the application pause on July 1, 2022, will not be subject to new and/or revised Program requirements as outlined in the 2022 Long-Term Plan as it will not yet be approved by the ICC.**
- **November 1:** Part I applications for Traditional Community Solar will be available in the new portal. Part II applications for all project categories will be also available. *(Part II availability date is subject to change and may be moved earlier if technically feasible.)*

	Disclosure Forms Available	Part I Application Available	Part II Application Available	Disclosure Form API Available
July 1	Yes	No	No	No
September 1	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
November 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

To account for the pause in Part II application submittals, the Agency will work with Approved Vendors to efficiently process extension requests for energization dates so that projects have sufficient time to submit Part II applications for approval.

To help Approved Vendors and Designees navigate the Program Administrator transition, the IPA will provide regular communications.

The Agency appreciates the patience of Approved Vendors, Designees, and their customers during this transition period. The transition will enable the Adjustable Block Program to grow in scale and expand the Program into its vital second phase with changes envisioned by the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. After the initial transition, the Agency and Program Administrator will be rolling out additional program enhancements over the coming year.

For Questions and Inquiries:

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