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**Future of Illinois Energy:
Looking Ahead at Illinois' Legislative Efforts**

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Subject Matter Covered Today

- ▶ Energy legislation is a recurring topic
- ▶ What is driving the discussion?
- ▶ What is on the table?
- ▶ What is the outlook?

Energy Legislation is a Recurring Topic

- ▶ Future Energy Jobs Act
 - ▶ Governor Rauner signed FEJA in December 2016
 - ▶ Created ambitious renewable energy goals and kept nuclear plants open
- ▶ Climate and Equitable Jobs Act
 - ▶ Governor Pritzker signed CEJA in September 2021
 - ▶ Emission limits on GHGs and copollutants
 - ▶ Scheduled shutdown of coal and gas powered generation
 - ▶ Electric vehicle incentives
- ▶ Carbon Capture
 - ▶ Governor Pritzker signed the Safe CCS Act in July 2024
 - ▶ Enhanced federal requirements on sequestration and adopted a temporary pipeline moratorium

What is Driving the Discussion

- ▶ Cost and reliability
 - ▶ Increased energy demand
 - ▶ Slow growth in generation
- ▶ New generation
 - ▶ Battery storage
 - ▶ Nuclear
- ▶ Additional demands from advocates
 - ▶ Energy Efficiency
 - ▶ Integrated Resource Planning
 - ▶ Nirvana

What is on the Table?

- ▶ Integrated Resource Planning
 - ▶ An evaluation of energy supply and demand to ensure that long term needs can be met
 - ▶ IPA list of qualified IRP contractors
- ▶ Utility Data Access
- ▶ DCEO program enhancements
 - ▶ Workforce development
 - ▶ Beneficial electrification funding (vehicles and infrastructure)
 - ▶ Overseen by Illinois EPA beginning in 2029

What is on the Table?

- ▶ Thermal Energy Network Revolving Loan and Financial Assistance Program (geothermal)
- ▶ Battery storage provisions and financial incentives
 - ▶ Storage for All program
 - ▶ Required IPA procurement
- ▶ Societal cost of carbon
- ▶ IPA contract flexibility
- ▶ Further restrictions on county zoning barriers

What is on the Table?

- ▶ Solar Bill of Rights
- ▶ Required energy efficiency and demand response program growth
- ▶ Elimination of barriers to nuclear development
- ▶ Virtual power plant program
- ▶ Time-of-Use Pricing programs
- ▶ Energy Reliability Corporation
- ▶ Interconnection Working Group and Monitor
- ▶ Bring Your Own Energy
- ▶ Extraordinary ICC oversight and countless other provisions to implement the programs contained within the proposal

What is the Outlook?

- ▶ Skinny omnibus?
- ▶ Who pays?
- ▶ Who are the key players that could shape the discussion?
- ▶ Will it solve any of Illinois' problems?

QUESTIONS?

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