

ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY
Indexed REC RFP

Invitation to Comment and Opportunity to Provide Feedback

*The Procurement Administrator invites stakeholder feedback on any aspect of the documents posted on August 18, 2026 (including the **Draft Indexed REC Contract** and the **Preliminary Proposal Requirements**) as well as on Topic 1 (**General Feedback on Improvements**). Specific questions related to Topic 1 are listed in Appendix A.*

Background and Overview of Changes

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(B) of the Public Utilities Act, the IPA filed the 2026 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“2026 Long-Term Plan”) with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC” or “Commission”) on October 20, 2025. The Commission released a Final Order approving the 2026 Long-Term Plan with modifications on February 17, 2026.¹ The IPA issued a final 2026 Long-Term Plan, dated June 1, 2026, to conform with the Commission’s Final Order and to be consistent with Public Act 104-0458.²

In accordance with the 2026 Long-Term Plan, on July 29, 2026, the Procurement Administrator scheduled the Fall 2026 Indexed REC RFP to procure renewable energy credits (“RECs”) from new utility-scale wind projects (projects over 5 MW), new utility-scale solar projects (projects over 5 MW), new brownfield site photovoltaic projects, and new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam. The Targets for this procurement event are 837,984 RECs delivered annually from either new utility-scale wind or hydropower projects, 433,333 RECs delivered annually from new utility-scale solar projects, and 296,271 RECs delivered annually from new brownfield site photovoltaic projects.

Invitation to Comment

On August 18, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted the Draft Indexed REC Contract and Preliminary Proposal Requirements for the Fall 2026 Indexed REC RFP. The Preliminary Proposal Requirements provide an overview of the proposal submission process and draft requirements to qualify projects under the RFP. For convenience of stakeholders, a redline showing changes between the draft contract proposed and the contract used in the prior procurement event held in Summer 2026 has also been posted.

¹ Docket No. 25-0945, Final Order dated February 17, 2026.

² <https://ipa.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/ipa/documents/20260602-2026-modified-ipa-long-term-plan.pdf>

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The Procurement Administrator invites stakeholder feedback on any aspect of the posted documents as well as on one specified topic, *Topic 1 (General Feedback on Improvements)*. Topic 1 is listed in Appendix A, accompanied by specific questions on which feedback is sought. Commenters need not respond to every question (some may not be applicable) and commenters should not feel limited by these questions in providing feedback. A single round of written comments has been planned to finalize the Fall 2026 Indexed REC RFP Rules and Indexed REC Contract.

Comments are welcome from any interested party. To facilitate the reviewer's understanding and consideration of the comments, stakeholders are strongly encouraged to provide comments in the form of redlines against the posted documents along with explanatory notes either in a separate document or highlighted in tracked changes.

The timeline and process for interested parties to provide comments are as follows:

- Please submit an attachment with your comments on the Draft Indexed REC Contract and the Preliminary Proposal Requirements by email to the Procurement Administrator at: Illinois-RFP@nera.com
- Please provide telephone and e-mail contact information in the event that the Procurement Administrator seeks clarification regarding your comments.
- If providing feedback on the Draft Indexed REC Contract, please submit your comments with track changes in Microsoft Word. We strongly encourage you to provide explanatory notes either in a separate document or highlighted in tracked changes.
- If providing feedback on the Preliminary Proposal Requirements, please include a reference to the paragraph number of section name, from the left-hand column of the respective table, that is applicable to the requirement for which you are providing comment(s).

The deadline to provide written comments is on September 4, 2026 and all comments should be sent to Illinois-RFP@nera.com.

In general, responses will be made public and published on the Procurement Administrator's website (www.ipa-energyrfp.com). However, should a commenter seek to designate any portion of its response as confidential, that commenter should provide both public and redacted versions. Independent of that designation, if the IPA or the Procurement Administrator determines that a response contains confidential information that should not be disclosed in connection with a competitive procurement event, it reserves the right to provide its own redactions.

Some elements of the Indexed REC RFP are prescribed by Public Act 102-0662 and the 2026 Long-Term Plan and cannot be changed.

Please direct all questions to the Procurement Administrator at: Illinois-RFP@nera.com

Appendix A

TOPIC 1: General Feedback on Improvements

The Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP was held on June 17, 2026. The quantities to be procured were 2,500,000 RECs to be delivered annually from either new utility-scale wind, new hydropower projects at an existing dam, or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam; 1,300,000 RECs to be delivered annually from new utility-scale solar projects; and 266,271 RECs delivered annually from new brownfield site photovoltaic projects. The results of the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP can be found [here](#).

The targets for RECs from wind and hydropower projects and from brownfield site photovoltaic projects were not met in the Summer 2026 procurement event. Thus, the IPA and the Procurement Administrator are seeking stakeholder feedback on improvements to consider for the upcoming Fall 2026 procurement to facilitate participation.

Questions:

1. Are there specific eligibility requirements or procurement processes that are overly prohibitive for a Technology? Please explain.
2. Please provide feedback for improvements to the procurement requirements for any Technology.
3. How did you learn about the Indexed REC RFP opportunity? Are there other venues or mediums through which information could have been published that would have made it easier for you to learn about the procurement event?