

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF ST. CHARLES**  
**GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**ALDR. RYAN BONGARD, CHAIR**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**2 E. MAIN STREET**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Administrative**
- 4. Omnibus Vote**

Items with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member/citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in normal sequence on the agenda.

**5. Public Works Department**

- \*A. Recommendation to Amend Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13.08 “Electricity”, Section 8.100 “Access to premises” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.
- \*B. Recommendation to Amend Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13 “Electricity”, Section 8.150 “General Terms and Conditions” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.
- C. Recommendation to Issue a Non-Binding Letter of Support Under Section 519 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

**6. Public Comment**

**7. Additional Items from Mayor and City Council Members**

**8. Executive Session**

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

**9. Adjourn**

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## IMEA Board of Directors Meeting

October 23, 2025

**Treasurer's Report** IMEA Chief Financial Officer reported on a successful 2025A bond refinancing that provided Net Present Value savings of \$23 million and overall savings of \$33.6 million over the next 10 years that will be shared by all members for the remainder of IMEA power system debt obligations. The bond closing was completed on September 9, 2025.

**President & CEO Report** announced new IMEA Board Members. Jason Reisner, Electric Lead, is now the City of Greenup's IMEA Board member after the former IMEA Board member resigned from the Village in June. Lance Holsapple, Greenup's Gas Lead, will become the City's new IPEA member. Larry Klein will become the new IMEA Board member from Cairo with Mayor Simpson's resignation. Matt Trout will become the new IMEA Board member for Freeburg due to John Tolan's retirement. Lastly, Ryan Staley will become the new IMEA Board member for Casey due to Shelby Bigg's planned retirement.

Negotiations with Ameren on the Peru-Princeton 138 kV line are complete and are on the Board's agenda for consideration at this meeting. In other transmission news, work continues for a larger MISO project proposal and, if all goes well, IMEA Board approval to proceed on that project will be voted on in December 2025.

President & CEO Gaden then updated the Board on several other matters, including:

- IMUA was awarded a Department of Energy grant totaling \$475,376 from the Illinois Finance Authority. The Emergency Equipment Share will fund the association's new equipment hub in Springfield, increasing resiliency for all members in the event of a natural disaster or other major system disruption. The grant agreement was signed on October 10<sup>th</sup> and implementation has begun.
- Naperville negotiations continue since the city's request for contract amendments, and the IMEA staff anticipates that they will provide more details at the December meeting, if the discussions are at a point to seek board approval or direction.
- The CEO Search Working Group is reviewing potential candidates and setting interview/recruitment plans.
- Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) efforts continue with staff monitoring the Energy Omnibus Bill moving through the Illinois General Assembly to know the exact requirements for an IRP under state law. It's anticipated that a bill will pass in Veto Session.
- New FERC Commissioners, Laura Swett and David LaCerte, were confirmed.

**The Legislative and Regulatory Report** was provided by Ellen Woehrmann which focused on the fall Veto Session taking place and the proposed Energy Omnibus Bill that requires municipalities and electric cooperatives to create IRPs every five years. The Illinois Municipal Utilities Association testified at a Senate Hearing and is neutral on language currently in the bill.

The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) of 2021 requires the state to conduct a Resource Adequacy Study by the end of this year. E3, a consulting firm, was hired by the Illinois Commerce Commission and will present the study findings by the due date of December 15, 2025. At their presentation on October 8<sup>th</sup>, E3 noted the evolving system risk in winter and summer, both early morning and night, with a need for new resources in both Regional Transmission Organizations that cover the state—PJM Interconnection and MISO. The consultant's next step before finalizing the report is to develop a scenario analysis to examine the portfolio of resources needed under different cost and availability assumptions.

**Operations** reported that PJM Delivery Year (DY) 26/27 Base Residual Auction for generating capacity had a record high clearing price of \$329.17/megawatt day for all PJM zones for June 2026 through May 2027. The DY27/28 Base Residual Auction will be held in December 2025 and the DY26/27 will be held in February 2026.

MISO's 2026/2027 Planning Resource Auction for generating capacity will be held in April 2026. IMEA will be providing load and resource forecasts to MISO over the next few months.

MISO discovered a "software error in a third-party tool" that was in use by MISO since its 2017 software system introduction. As a result of this finding, MISO will adjust settlement statements for all affected by this error. IMEA will see an expected credit of \$580,000 that the agency will return to member municipalities as a demand cost credit when paid out by MISO over the coming year.

**Update on solar projects**- The developer of Bee Hollow announced groundbreaking and an end of 2026 expected date of completion. IMEA is the sole off-taker of the 150 MW utility-scale solar project, meaning IMEA receives Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), capacity, and energy.

IMEA's SolAmerica Projects have stalled with federal PACE Loans being pulled back.

**Legal Update**- Staff reviewed various matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as well as cases that are now resolved. Through the agency's advocacy, IMEA received \$1.33 million through a settlement with Dynegy that will be returned to members through cost adjustment in IMEA billing.

## **New business-**

**Resolution #25-10-961- Establishing IMEA Transmission System (passed)** As the President & CEO mentioned in his report, contract negotiations are complete for IMEA's 25% ownership of a 23-mile 138 kV transmission line between Princeton and Peru. The agency will fund their share, \$22.5 million, roughly 6 months before the expected commercial operations of the new line. Ownership of transmission should ultimately help IMEA offset some transmission costs in the future.

**Resolution #25-10-962- Approving Second Addendum to Power Sales Contract for Village of Riverton (passed)** This is an addendum to correct a glitch that was discovered in the Village of Riverton's contract in the premium provision from 2009. With passage, Riverton will now have an end date, December of 2025, for rate premium provision payments just like two other member municipalities who signed around the same time.

**Resolution #25-10-963 – IMEA Annual Audit for FY2026 (passed)** The resolution approved Baker Tilly US, LLP to perform next year's audit of the agency.

**Ordinance #25-10-964 – Proposed Amended Rate Schedule B (passed)** Each year the IMEA Board of Directors reviews the revenue requirements and approves rates for the agency with the goal of providing transparency in cost allocation between transmission, energy, and capacity. Staff recommend an increase to the Delivery Service Charge (DSC) to account for Ameren and ComEd transmission rate increases. The last increase was January 1, 2025.

**Ordinance #25-10-965 – Consideration and Approval of IMEA Load Retention & Economic Development Rates (passed)** Asked for the approval of continuing the IMEA Economic Development Rates, a reduction of two rate categories by 50 cents per kw-month, a reduced cap on load maximums to 15 MW for two rates, and continued suspension of the Load Retention Rate for 2026. Staff noted economic development rates are not designed to address very large electric demand customers, such as data centers. Those matters over 15MW would require the IMEA Board to consider any future rate and cost recovery policy if such a project would become eminent.

**Ordinance #25-10-966 – Additional Delivery Point for City of Mascoutah (passed)** Approval of a new city delivery point for installation of 1.92 MW of solar on Mascoutah's middle and high school. The agreement also approves IMEA to purchase energy, as available, from these solar locations under the terms of the federal PURPA rules.

**Resolution #25-10-967 – Additional Delivery Point for City of Rock Falls (passed)** Approval of a new city delivery point for installing 120 kW of solar on East Coloma-Nelson


School in Rock Falls. The agreement also approves IMEA to purchase energy, as available, from these solar locations under the terms of the federal PURPA rules.

**Exploring Conservation Voltage Reduction (CVR)-** IMEA staff reviewed objectives and outcomes of the staff's CVR review and stated they will be working with members to determine if a program can be rolled out. Potential benefits are energy savings, peak demand reduction, and environmental gains, but require investment in advanced metering and controls to deploy this system.

**Smart Thermostat Residential Demand-Side Management-** IMEA's objective is to reduce peak load, manage demand, and enhance grid flexibility. A full plan and budget are expected at February 2026's board meeting with an anticipated program launch, pending board approval, sometime in 2026.

**Battery Study Update-** The battery study was in support of IMEA's Sustainability Plan, the agency's roadmap to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Staff continue to engage various vendors to gain indicative pricing and project opportunities for the study and a draft of the report's findings will be shared at the December IMEA Board meeting. An annual update of IMEA's Sustainability Plan will also be provided at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. The IMEA Executive Board meets next on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and the IMEA Board of Directors meets next on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

	<b>AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>		Agenda Item number: *5.A
	Title:	<b>Recommendation to Amend Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13.08 “Electricity”, Section 8.100 “Access to premises” of the St. Charles Municipal Code</b>	
	Presenter:	Giovanni McLean – Public Works Manager, Electric Services	
<b>Meeting:</b> Government Services Committee		<b>Date:</b> November 24, 2025	
<b>Proposed Cost:</b>		<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Not Budgeted:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

As a housekeeping item, Staff is requesting the revision of the clearance requirements around electrical pad-mounted equipment to ensure adequate operational access and proper equipment cooling.

**Attachments** (please list):

\*Proposed amended City Code 13.08.100

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** (briefly explain):


Recommendation to amend City Code 13.08.100

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### **13.08.100 Access to premises.**

The properly authorized agents of the City shall at all reasonable hours have free access to the premises for the purpose of reading, examining, repairing or removing the City's meters and for installing, testing, inspecting, repairing, removing or changing any or all equipment belonging to the City. Should access be denied, or property owner unavailable or unable to provide access more than six (6) times in a calendar year, city equipment shall be relocated outside of the inaccessible area at owner's expense. In the case of meters, the customer shall maintain a minimum of three (3) feet clear working space in front of each meter. Additional space will be required adjacent to moving machinery. In the case of pad-mounted equipment, clear and level work areas are required around pad-mounted equipment to provide an adequate safe working space to operate and maintain the equipment. A ~~eight-foot~~ ten-foot minimum workspace is required in front of all equipment doors to provide room to operate with hot sticks and to replace the equipment. A ~~three-foot~~ five-foot minimum space is required on non-operable sides.

(2003-M-99: § 1; 1995-M-30: § 1; Prior code: § 14.105(6))

	<b>AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>		Agenda Item number: *5.B
	Title:	<b>Recommendation to Amend Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13 “Electricity”, Section 8.150 “General terms and conditions” of the St. Charles Municipal Code</b>	
	Presenter:	<b>Giovanni McLean – Public Works Manager – Electric Services</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b> Government Services Committee		<b>Date:</b> November 24, 2025	
<b>Proposed Cost:</b>		<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Not Budgeted:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

As a housekeeping item. Updating National Electrical Code (NEC) code reference to align with current safety standards and industry practices, transitioning from NEC-2017 to NEC-2020. The change will help maintain regulatory consistency, improve public safety, and support modern electrical design requirements.

**Attachments** (please list):

\*Proposed amended City Code 13.08.150

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** (briefly explain):

Recommendation to amend City Code 13.08.150




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### 13.08.150 General terms and conditions.

*General service and multi-unit residential installations (e.g., apartments, condominiums).*

- A. Customer, as prescribed by the [2014-2020](#) edition National Electrical Code, adopted by the National Fire Protection Association, the National Electrical Safety Code, 2017 edition C2-2017, Rules and Regulations of SCMEU, and directives of the Public Works Director or designee, shall furnish, install and maintain:
  - 1. Foundation and pad for transformer(s).
  - 2. Primary line conduit to the primary voltage point of connection (PVPC).
  - 3. Ground grid as required.
  - 4. Service entrance.
  - 5. Secondary line conduit and secondary conductors.
  - 6. Vehicle barriers as required.
- B. SCMEU, upon receipt of a specified service origination connection charge (SOCC), will furnish, install, and maintain:
  - 1. Transformer(s), switchgear, circuit protection, ground connections for primary and secondary compartments.
  - 2. Primary cables and connections.
  - 3. Make secondary line connections at transformer and at the service entrance.<sup>4</sup>

(2017-M-14: § 2; 2013-M-54: § 6; 2003-M-99: § 1; 1994-M-65: § 1; 1992-M-71: § 1; 1991-M-24: § 1; 1990-M-36: § 1; 1989-M-57: § 1; 1988-M-19: § 1; 1976-M-25: § 1; 1976-M-18: § 1; 1975-M-1: § 1; 1973-M-1: § 3; 1972-M-42: § 1; Prior code: § 14.105(16))

 <p>CITY OF ST. CHARLES ILLINOIS • 1834</p>	<b>AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>		Agenda Item number: 5.C
	Title:	<b>Recommendation to Issue a Non-Binding Letter of Support Under Section 519 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000</b>	
	Presenter:	<b>Heather McGuire, City Administrator</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b> Government Services Committee <b>Date:</b> December 1, 2025			
<b>Proposed Cost:</b> \$ 0		<b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$0	<b>Not Budgeted:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TIF District:</b> Choose an item.			
<b>Executive Summary</b> (if not budgeted, please explain):  <p>The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is requesting that municipalities with state owned dams provide Letters of Support to confirm the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) ability to serve as a non-federal sponsor and proceed with dam removal or modification without opposition.</p> <p>The IDNR is requesting a formal response no later than January 31, 2026; if no response is received, USACE will assume our community does not oppose removal or modification of the St. Charles Dam and USACE will continue to include the St. Charles Dam in the final plan as the feasibility study is completed.</p> <p>USACE has provided a template letter of support to guide the City of St. Charles response and is attached for review.</p>			
<b>Attachments</b> (please list):  <p>*Request for Letter of Support *Fox River 519 Letter of Support template</p>			
<b>Recommendation/Suggested Action</b> (briefly explain):  <p>Continuation of a discussion regarding the recommendation to issue a non-binding letter of support under Section 519 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, as amended, for the Fox River Connectivity and Habitat Feasibility Study in Kane and McHenry Counties, Illinois.</p>			



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CHICAGO DISTRICT**  
**231 SOUTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 1500**  
**CHICAGO, IL 60604**

August 28, 2025

**SUBJECT: Fox River Connectivity & Habitat Study Request for Letter of Support**

Honorable Mayor Clint Hull  
City of St. Charles  
2 E. Main Street  
St. Charles, IL 60174-1926

Dear Honorable Mayor Hull:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District (USACE), in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), is conducting the Fox River Connectivity and Habitat Feasibility Study authorized under Section 519 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, as amended. The study addresses riverine connectivity and habitat degradation related to ten dams on the Fox River from Algonquin, IL downstream to Montgomery, IL. The study has explored an array of opportunities to improve connectivity and habitat restoration and, as of September 2023, identified dam removal as an alternative that appears to reasonably maximize ecosystem benefits compared to costs.

The draft Project Implementation Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment was released for public review in September 2023. USACE received nearly 1,000 comments expressing both support for the proposed project and concerns related to sediment quality and/or potential impacts to infrastructure, recreation, and wildlife. Since that time USACE and IDNR have been conducting further analyses to address these concerns.

USACE requires items of local cooperation from a non-federal sponsor to share project costs and provide lands, easements, rights of way, relocations, and disposals (LERRDs). As such, a letter of intent (LOI) is required from a non-federal entity to demonstrate understanding of responsibilities and willingness to participate in the proposed project. IDNR has agreed to provide the LOI for the state-owned dams in the study area with a caveat that, as outlined in IDNR's Public Dam Removal Program Local Government Participation Guidance, local governments that oppose dam removal or modification can opt to take ownership of the dam, including all associated costs for liability coverage and maintenance.

USACE is requesting a letter of support from your community to confirm IDNR's ability to serve as a non-federal sponsor and proceed with dam removal or modification without opposition. We request a formal response no later than January 31, 2026. If no response is received, USACE will assume that your community does not oppose removal or modification of the St. Charles Dam, and USACE will continue to include the St. Charles Dam in the final plan as the feasibility study is completed. Attached is a template letter of support to guide your response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued dialog related to this important project. Please feel free to reach out to me at (312) 846-5300 or Mr. Ryan Johnson, Lead Planner, at [ryan.a.johnson@usace.army.mil](mailto:ryan.a.johnson@usace.army.mil) if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,



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Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Commander

Enclosure  
Letter of Support/Non-Support Template