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The governor of Illinois released an energy plan yesterday that he said would boost alternative energy and bring the state closer to reaching mandatory goals for renewable power. Gov. Pat Quinn (D-Ill.) also said he would veto a bill moving through the Legislature that would allow utilities to automatically raise electricity rates for electrical grid improvements. That places the governor in opposition to influential utilities that say they need the measure to raise \$2.6 billion for grid investments. Consumer advocate and environmental groups hailed the veto threat, though, as a way to block a bill they said would allow utilities to raise rates without prior approval from the state utility commission and lacks enough detail about the types of acceptable "upgrades." Many green groups also hailed the governor's energy plan as a way to move the state away from coal, which currently fires about half of Illinois' electricity.

The state is one of the nation's largest greenhouse gas emitters and has a law on the books requiring the state to obtain 25 percent of its power from renewable sources for 2025. For Quinn, the release of a broad energy plan was necessary to give the state a shot at achieving the target. "This plan will protect Illinois consumers from high energy costs, while creating thousands of jobs by increasing energy efficiency, improving our state's aging energy infrastructure and shifting to cleaner, renewable and reliable energy sources," Quinn said. The blueprint offers support for several bills pending in the state Legislature, including one that would broaden access to net metering, allowing consumers to sell excess energy from small renewable systems back to the grid. Another would create state renewable mandate for small power systems on locations such as factories, offices and apartment buildings, which advocates said would benefit renewable systems. The Illinois Power Agency also would be allowed to "buy" efficiency under the bills backed by the governor by offsetting the purchase of electricity with reductions in energy consumption.

Extended Temp Forecast: Chicago Area

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
63 - 78	62 - 77	60 - 78	53 - 68	49 - 59

Electricity Pricing Areas – On Peak June 2011

	May 10, 2011	Per kWh
Cinergy	Hub Peak Swap Monthly	\$.04020
PJM Hub	Electricity Monthly	\$.05113
PJM	No. Illinois Peak LMP	\$.04014
PJM	Western Peak LMP	\$.05113

ComEd Average Day Ahead LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
Jun 1- Jun 30, 2010	\$.04184
Jul 1 - Jul 31	\$.04741
Aug 1 -Aug 31	\$.04628
Sep 1 - Sep 30	\$.02934
Oct 1 - Oct 31	\$.02702
Nov 1 - Nov 30	\$.02778
Dec 1 - Dec 31	\$.03545
Jan 1 -Jan 31, 2011	\$.03871
Feb 1 - Feb 28	\$.03581
March 1- Mar 31	\$.03668
April 1 - April 30	\$.03448
May thru May 9	\$.03792

Weather - Tue: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 78F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. **Wed:** Partly cloudy with thunderstorms possible. High 77F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%. **Thu:** A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s. **Fri:** Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s. **Sat:** Showers possible. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

