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Ameren Illinois prepared

Ameren Illinois announced that it is prepared to meet customers' needs and increased electrical demand during the summer months. The company presented its report before the Illinois Commerce Commission's Electricity Policy Committee this week in Chicago. Among the key highlights, Ameren Illinois reported that it has sufficient generation resources and transmission and distribution capability to provide reliable electric service to its Illinois customers during 2013.

The results of a Summer Operating Study performed by Ameren and a MISO-wide Coordinated Summer Assessment both show the Ameren system is adequate to serve summer loads. Ameren estimates it will need approximately 7,873 megawatts of power to meet customer demand this summer.

"Ameren Illinois customers can be assured that our energy delivery systems are ready to support the increased electrical demands that are typical of a summer in Illinois," said Ron Pate, vice-president, Operations and Technical Services, Ameren Illinois. "The integrity of our system has always been strong, but additional improvements over the next 10 years through our infrastructure modernization program will help ensure it remains safe, reliable, and capable of meeting the needs of our customers now and in the future."

Duke Energy's Edwardsport power plant begins commercial operation

Duke Energy's Edwardsport Generating Station near Illinois has begun commercial operation. Located in Knox County, Ind., near Vincennes, the 618-megawatt advanced technology coal gasification plant is one of the world's cleanest coal-fired power generating facilities.

The plant uses advanced technology to gasify coal, strip out pollutants, and then burn that cleaner gas to produce electricity. The technology substantially reduces the environmental impact of burning coal to produce electric power.

"Coal has powered Indiana and Illinois for more than a century," said Duke Energy Indiana President Doug Esamann. "But today's air quality standards require us to use that fuel in a cleaner, more efficient way. Edwardsport turns coal into a cleaner-burning fuel and enables us to continue using an abundant local resource."

This is the first time the technology has been used on this scale, so the plant is expected to build up to its long-term level of availability over the next 15 months.

Electricity Pricing – June 11, 2013 Com Ed Average LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
June, 2012	\$.03089
July, 2012	\$.04303
Aug, 2012	\$.03112
Sep, 2012	\$.03034
Oct, 2012	\$.02829
Nov, 2012	\$.03327
Dec, 2012	\$.03081
Jan, 2013	\$.03111
Feb, 2013	\$.03219
Mar, 2013	\$.03665
April, 2013	\$.03821
May, 2013	\$.03501
Jun 1–Jun 10, 2013	\$.03019

Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
High	85	84	75	72	78
Low	67	60	56	57	69

