### STATE OF ILLINOIS

# OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

## SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

## **ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY**

Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

| FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1 |       |          |              | AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS |                    |            |            |  |  |
|------------------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--|--|
|                        | New   | Repeat   | <u>Total</u> | Repeated Since                      | Category 1         | Category 2 | Category 3 |  |  |
| Category 1:            | 1     | 0        | 1            |                                     |                    |            |            |  |  |
| Category 2:            | 0     | 0        | 0            |                                     |                    |            |            |  |  |
| Category 3:            | _0    | _0       | _0           |                                     | No Repeat Findings |            |            |  |  |
| TOTAL                  | 1     | 0        | 1            |                                     |                    |            |            |  |  |
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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Illinois Power Agency's (Agency) goals and objectives are (1) to oversee the electricity planning and procurement processes to ensure adequate, reliable, affordable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable electric service at the lowest cost over time for the residential and small commercial customers of power utility companies; (2) to procure renewable energy using the resources of the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund; (3) to develop and implement a Zero Emission Standard Procurement Plan; and (4) to develop a Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan and implement the programs and procurements contained in the Plan, including the Adjustable Block Program and the Illinois Solar for All Program.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

• (22-01) The Agency did not complete the final closing of its accounting records accurately or timely.

Category 1: Findings that are material weaknesses in internal control and/or a qualification on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).

Category 2: Findings that are significant deficiencies in internal control and noncompliance with State laws and regulations.

Category 3: Findings that have no internal control issues but are in noncompliance with State laws and regulations.

# ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY FINANCIAL AUDIT

# For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

| NONSHARED GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (in thousands)                    | FY 2022 |          | FY 2021 |          |  |
|--|---------|----------|---------|----------|--|
| Illinois Power Agency Operations Fund                          |         |          |         |          |  |
| Revenues   | \$      | 5,519    | \$      | 3,222    |  |
| Expenditures   |         | 11,441   |         | 5,990    |  |
| Other sources(uses) of financial resources                     |         | 5,439    |         | 1,657    |  |
| Net change in fund balance                                     | \$      | (483)    | \$      | (1,111)  |  |
| Assets and deferred outflows of resources                      | \$      | 5,903    | \$      | 4,661    |  |
| Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources                  |         | 2,875    |         | 1,150    |  |
| Committed fund balance   | \$      | 3,028    | \$      | 3,511    |  |
| Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund          |         |          |         |          |  |
| Revenues   | \$      | 141      | \$      | -        |  |
| Expenditures   |         | 11,926   |         | 16,524   |  |
| Other sources(uses) of financial resources                     |         | -        |         | -        |  |
| Net change in fund balance                                     | \$      | (11,785) | \$      | (16,524) |  |
| Assets and deferred outflows of resources                      | \$      | 130,056  | \$      | 142,259  |  |
| Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources                  |         | 3,455    |         | 3,873    |  |
| Committed fund balance   | \$      | 126,601  | \$      | 138,386  |  |
| Illinois Power Agency Trust Fund                               |         |          |         |          |  |
| Revenues   | \$      | (2,913)  | \$      | 10,126   |  |
| Expenditures   |         | -        |         | -        |  |
| Other sources(uses) of financial resources                     |         | (3,439)  |         | (1,682)  |  |
| Net change in fund balance                                     | \$      | (6,352)  | \$      | 8,444    |  |
| Assets and deferred outflows of resources                      | \$      | 41,621   | \$      | 47,872   |  |
| Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources                  |         | 101      |         | -        |  |
| Nonspendable fund balance                                      |         | 41,520   |         | 46,215   |  |
| Committed fund balance   |         | -        |         | 1,657    |  |
| Total fund balance   | \$      | 41,520   | \$      | 47,872   |  |
| AGENCY DIRECTOR  |         |          |         |          |  |
| During Audit Period: Anthony Star (through September 30, 2022) |         |          |         |          |  |
| Currently: Brian Granahan (Acting) (Effective October 1, 2022) |         |          |         |          |  |

# FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

# INADEQUTE CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL STATEMENT CLOSE PROCESS

The Agency did not complete the final closing of its accounting records timely or within the timelines established by the Statewide Accounting Management System (SAMS) manual. In addition, the financial statements provided to the auditors were initially not accurate.

Agency's year-end close process was completed over six months after year-end

Agency provided trial balance and financial statements were not accurate at the start of audit

The Agency's year-end close process was completed over six months after year-end. The delayed procedures included delayed reconciliations of subsidiary ledgers to the general ledger for accounts receivable, accounts payable, revenue, and expenses. General ledger account balances were not appropriately stated on the trial balance and financial statements provided to auditors at the start of the audit process. The Agency's Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) reporting packages were submitted to the Comptroller's Office on August 19, 2022 for Fund 424, Fund 425, and Fund 836, and on September 28, 2022 for Fund 1408. A complete set of GAAP basis financial statements were submitted on October 17, 2022. (Finding 1, pages 23-24)

We recommended the Agency timely prepare and submit GAAP basis reporting packages and financial statements to the Comptroller in accordance with the SAMS manual. Further, we recommended the trial balances and financial statements, when provided to auditors in a timely manner, are complete and accurate.

Agency agreed with finding

Agency agreed with the finding.

#### **AUDITOR'S OPINION**

The auditors stated the financial statements of the Agency as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, are fairly stated in all material respects.

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This financial audit was conducted by Plante & Moran, PLLC

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JANE CLARK Division Director This report is transmitted in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

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FRANK J. MAUTINO Auditor General

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