**Section 1200.110 Definitions**

The following terms are defined for this Part:

"Act" shall mean the Illinois Power Agency Act [20 ILCS 3855].

"Agency" shall mean the Illinois Power Agency.

"ARES" shall mean an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier, as defined in Section 16-102 of the Public Utilities Act.

"Attributable Portion" shall mean the share of a fixed expense assigned to a participating utility.

"Bidder" shall mean any person or entity that bids to provide electric supply or related energy products (e.g., renewable energy credits, energy efficiency credits, or demand response) or feedstock for any facility using clean coal technology in any amount in any procurement.

"Commission" shall mean the Illinois Commerce Commission.

"Mediation" shall have the meaning provided in the specific Section of the Act or the Public Utilities Act authorizing or requiring the Agency to offer mediation in a particular instance.

"Overhead" shall mean the Agency's appropriated operations budget, excluding budgeted amounts for one or more procurement administrators, as defined in Section 16-111.5(c) of the Public Utilities Act, any expert or expert consulting firm as defined in Sections 1-75(a)(1) and 1-77(a)(1) of the Act or any other individual or firm the Agency is required to retain pursuant to the Act or the Public Utilities Act.

"Participating Utility" shall mean any utility for which the Agency conducts a regular procurement or special procurement.

"Planning Cycle" shall mean the time period starting no later than January 1 of a year and ending with the Commission issuing a Final Order in a proceeding pursuant to Section 1-78 of the Act or Section 16-111.5 or 16-111.5B of the Public Utilities Act, but in any event no later than December 31 of the same year, unless the Commission grants rehearing or a party appeals the Commission's Final Order.

"Procurement" shall mean any competitive bidding process overseen by the Agency or its agents, representatives or consultants. Procurement events are limited to bidding for electric supply or related energy products (such as renewable energy credits, energy efficiency credits, or demand response) and feedstock for any facility using clean coal technology.

"Procurement Administrator" shall have the meaning provided in Section 1-78 of the Act.

"Procurement Cycle" shall mean the time from the end of the planning cycle to the execution of the final supply contract or sourcing agreement authorized in a procurement approved in the planning cycle.

"Procurement Event" shall mean the actual procurement of a product or products for one or more participating utilities and, as applicable, an ARES, or a State fund, regardless of whether the event results in any product being procured.

"Procurement Plan" shall have the meaning provided in Section 1-75(a) of the Act.

"Product" shall mean:

energy, capacity, ancillary services, other measures of electricity supplied, energy efficiency, demand response, or reductions in demand for electricity (through commercially verifiable methods such as verified voluntary load reduction) that can be measured in a singly unit specified by the Agency in the procurement document; and

renewable energy credits.

"Public Utilities Act" shall mean 220 ILCS 5.

"Regular Procurement" shall mean any procurement authorized by a procurement plan duly approved by the Commission.

"Sourcing Agreement" shall mean a contract between a clean coal SNG facility, a clean coal SNG brownfield facility, an initial clean coal facility, a clean coal facility, or any other similar bilateral contract between a facility and a public utility or ARES described in the Public Utilities Act or the Act.

"Special Procurement" shall mean any procurement that is not a regular procurement and that becomes mandated for a particular Procurement Cycle after its associated procurement Planning Cycle has ended.

"Supplier" shall mean any bidder who successfully secures the right to provide one or more units of one or more products in a procurement event.