

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5-117 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/5-117 new)

7 Sec. 5-117. Supplier diversity goals.

8 (a) The public policy of this State is to collaboratively
9 work with companies that serve Illinois residents to improve
10 their supplier diversity in a non-antagonistic manner.

11 (b) The Commission shall require all gas, electric, and
12 water companies with at least 100,000 customers under its
13 authority to submit an annual report by April 15, 2015 and
14 every April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on
15 all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned,
16 minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises
17 in the previous calendar year. These goals shall be expressed
18 as a percentage of the total work performed by the entity
19 submitting the report, and the actual spending for all
20 female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small
21 business enterprises shall also be expressed as a percentage of
22 the total work performed by the entity submitting the report.

23 (c) Each participating company in its annual report shall

1 include the following information:

2 (1) an explanation of the plan for the next year to
3 increase participation;

4 (2) an explanation of the plan to increase the goals;

5 (3) the areas of procurement each company shall be
6 actively seeking more participation in in the next year;

7 (4) an outline of the plan to alert and encourage
8 potential vendors in that area to seek business from the
9 company;

10 (5) an explanation of the challenges faced in finding
11 quality vendors and offer any suggestions for what the
12 Commission could do to be helpful to identify those
13 vendors;

14 (6) a list of the certifications the company
15 recognizes;

16 (7) the point of contact for any potential vendor who
17 wishes to do business with the company and explain the
18 process for a vendor to enroll with the company as a
19 minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned company; and

20 (8) any particular success stories to encourage other
21 companies to emulate best practices.

22 (d) Each annual report shall include as much State-specific
23 data as possible. If the submitting entity does not submit
24 State-specific data, then the company shall include any
25 national data it does have and explain why it could not submit
26 State-specific data and how it intends to do so in future

1 reports, if possible.

2 (e) Each annual report shall include the rules,
3 regulations, and definitions used for the procurement goals in
4 the company's annual report.

5 (f) The Commission and all participating entities shall
6 hold an annual workshop open to the public in 2015 and every
7 year thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to
8 collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to
9 achieving stated goals, including testimony from each
10 participating entity as well as subject matter experts and
11 advocates. The Commission shall publish a database on its
12 website of the point of contact for each participating entity
13 for supplier diversity, along with a list of certifications
14 each company recognizes from the information submitted in each
15 annual report. The Commission shall publish each annual report
16 on its website and shall maintain each annual report for at
17 least 5 years.

18 (220 ILCS 5/5-115 rep.)

19 Section 10. The Public Utilities Act is amended by
20 repealing Section 5-115.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.