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**New Illinois Data-Sharing Program to Spur Clean Energy Solutions, Cost Savings**  
*Joint statement from Andrew Barbeau, EDF and David Kolata, CUB*

(CHICAGO – February 17, 2017) The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) recently approved an energy data-sharing program for Illinois’ largest electric utility, Commonwealth Edison (ComEd). The program allows companies and researchers access to anonymous energy-use data from ComEd’s nearly 4 million smart meters, which will encourage the development of energy-saving products and services designed to help Illinoisans save money.

“This marks a major victory for money-saving innovation in Illinois. By allowing technology developers access to customer’s anonymous energy-use data, ComEd’s new program will help Illinois families cut their energy bills while protecting their privacy. We thank the ICC, ComEd and consumer advocates for working together to make Illinois a national leader in building a smarter power grid that benefits people and the environment.”

- David Kolata, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board

“This data will allow rooftop solar companies, energy efficiency providers, non-profits, researchers, cities, and other clean energy innovators to see which neighborhoods and blocks have the greatest potential for money-saving clean energy projects — ensuring no community is left behind.”

- Andrew Barbeau, Senior Consultant, Environmental Defense Fund

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