



For Lower Utility Bills: Support the Clean & Reliable Grid Affordability Act (SB 25)

FACT SHEET

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The **Citizens Utility Board (CUB)** supports the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability (CRGA) Act (Senate Bill 25). This comprehensive energy legislation contains important protections to contain costs for electric customers while managing unprecedented energy demand.

This year's electric capacity price spikes, which cost customers across the state hundreds of dollars in higher power bills over the summer, highlight the painful cost of doing nothing. Illinois urgently needs to pass comprehensive reform legislation.

Challenge: Protect Illinois Consumers from Price Spikes

As demand for electricity grows, battery storage will be important to keeping energy prices down. Batteries are a cost-effective solution because they can store low-cost solar and wind energy for use during times when market prices are high. The CRGA Act would...

- Call for the state of Illinois to develop an energy storage procurement plan under which the Illinois Power Agency will be able to procure cost-effective storage for Illinoisans.
- Launch a "virtual power plant" initiative to pool thousands of small solar and storage projects to replace more expensive forms of electricity generation.
- Bring the benefits of battery storage to income-eligible households, nonprofit organizations, and public facilities.

Challenge: Consumers Need More Tools to Reduce their Utility Bills

Too many consumers lack easy access to programs that will help them cut costs. The CRGA Act would...

- Bolster the state's energy efficiency programs.
- Create smart, optional "time of use" electric rate choices for customers.
- Do away with the last vestige of formula rates for utilities.
- Give regulators more explicit authority to protect solar customers from misleading marketing and fraud.

Challenge: Cost-effectively Manage the Transition to Clean Energy

The market is choosing cleaner forms of energy over fossil fuels, but we have to manage that transition through smart, cost-effective transmission and infrastructure policies that protect consumers from high utility bills. The CRGA Act would...

- Give our state the tools to improve transmission planning and utilize advanced transmission technologies to ensure that investments are cost-effective.
- Give state regulators the authority to implement integrated resource planning to evaluate and assess resource adequacy and right-size Illinois' clean energy procurement targets to meet the state's energy needs.

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