

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 changing
5 Section 20-110 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/20-110)

7 Sec. 20-110. Office of Retail Market Development. Within 90
8 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
9 94th General Assembly, subject to appropriation, the
10 Commission shall establish an Office of Retail Market
11 Development and employ on its staff a Director of Retail Market
12 Development to oversee the Office. The Director shall have
13 authority to employ or otherwise retain at least 2
14 professionals dedicated to the task of actively seeking out
15 ways to promote retail competition in Illinois to benefit all
16 Illinois consumers.

17 The Office shall actively seek input from all interested
18 parties and shall develop a thorough understanding and critical
19 analyses of the tools and techniques used to promote retail
20 competition in other states.

21 The Office shall monitor existing competitive conditions
22 in Illinois, identify barriers to retail competition for all
23 customer classes, and actively explore and propose to the

1 Commission and to the General Assembly solutions to overcome
2 identified barriers. The Director may include municipal
3 aggregation of customers and creating and designing customer
4 choice programs as tools for retail market development.
5 Solutions proposed by the Office to promote retail competition
6 must also promote safe, reliable, and affordable electric
7 service.

8 On or before June 30 of each year, the Director shall
9 submit a report to the Commission, the General Assembly, and
10 the Governor, that details specific accomplishments achieved
11 by the Office in the prior 12 months in promoting retail
12 electric competition and that suggests administrative and
13 legislative action necessary to promote further improvements
14 in retail electric competition. Any information in this report
15 involving price comparisons between electric utilities,
16 electric utilities providing service outside their service
17 territories, or alternative retail electric suppliers shall
18 also include the combined value of additional products and
19 services offered by the competitive retail electricity market,
20 including, but not limited to, the cash value of energy control
21 technologies provided, the megawatt hours of energy savings
22 realized by customers utilizing energy control technologies,
23 the megawatt hours of renewable energy exclusive of State
24 mandated purchases, and the total amounts of cash or cash
25 equivalent offers. The Commission may include other energy
26 savings and marketing savings programs as they develop in the

1 market.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-1095, eff. 2-2-07.)