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## Memorandum

**Date:** 1/21/2015

**To:** IMUA Utility Members

**From:** IMUA staff

**Subject:** A few notes on the beginning of the General Assembly

As we begin the 99<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly, here are a few items related to the coming session and other matters of state government.

**Rauner makes appointments:** Governor Rauner has made two appointments of interest to those of us in the gas and electric utility business. First, he has decided to keep **Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Director Lisa Bonnett** on in that capacity. This would seem to indicate that IEPA will keep in place the staff that has been assigned to the development of a state plan to implement a final US EPA CO2 emission rule for existing power plants. We have had a very good working relationship with IEPA on this issue.

Also, former Illinois Commerce Commission chairman Doug Scott was not reappointed to the Commission. In his place, Rauner has appointed **Brien Sheahan as the new Chairman of the ICC**. Sheahan most recently assisted the Governor's Transition Committee as Counsel. Before joining the campaign, Sheahan worked as the Director of Government Relations at Navistar. As an attorney, Sheahan has worked as General Counsel for the Illinois Republican Party, run his own private practice and provided legal counsel to the ICC.

**General Assembly process begins:** We are also beginning to track legislation as it is introduced in Springfield. For those of you interested, we will again be posting a regular legislative digest on our website. **Go to [IMEA.org/LegislativeWatch](http://IMEA.org/LegislativeWatch) or go to the website, click on Services then choose Legislative Watch.**

We will also be providing regular updates on issues of particular interest or concern. We anticipate this will include following the efforts undertaken by Exelon to recover additional revenue for its at-risk nuclear generating facilities and the other energy and utility related legislation that will be introduced this session.

As always, feel free to call Doc Mueller, Rodd Whelpley or Ed Cobau if you have questions.