



Energy Efficiency A Good Investment for Illinois

Illinois has been a leader in the Midwest and the country on energy efficiency since the enactment of the state's Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS) in 2007. Improving the energy efficiency of homes, businesses, manufacturing plants and communities in Illinois is a cornerstone of the state's comprehensive and affordable energy policy. Investments in energy efficiency in Illinois create jobs and ensure a healthy environment for future generations while moving the state towards energy independence and increased economic stability and resiliency.

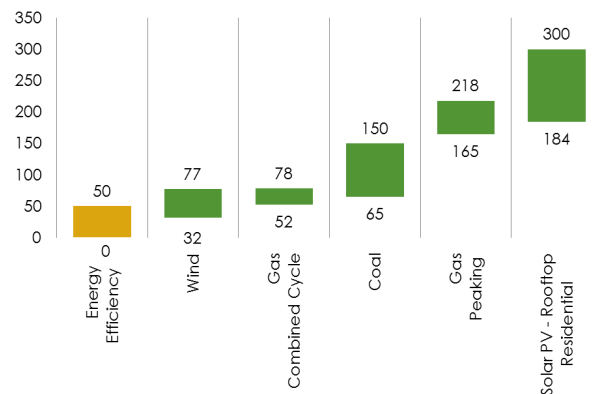
Energy Efficiency Saves Money

Energy efficiency is the cheapest energy resource in Illinois at just \$19 per megawatt hour— that's two to three times less expensive than new natural gas or coal-fired power plants and wind energy.

Energy Efficiency is cost-effective. In 2014, ComEd returned \$1.80 in benefits for every \$1 invested in energy efficiency programs. That same year, Ameren Illinois achieved \$1.88 in benefits for every dollar invested in its gas and electric energy efficiency portfolio.

Cost Ranges of Electricity Resources

\$ per megawatt-hour, 2015



Energy Efficiency Creates Jobs

The Illinois clean energy industry employs more than 100,000 people, and 2/3 of all clean energy firms in the state are in energy efficiency. This represents 14% growth in the industry over one year.

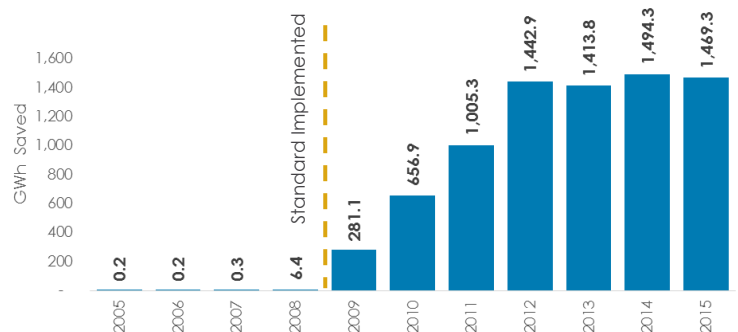
The number of clean energy workers was projected to grow 9% in 2015.

Energy Efficiency is Driven by Policy

The state's EEPS resulted in a 423% increase in annual electricity savings since 2009, the first year that efficiency programs were implemented under the Illinois Power Agency Act. From 2009-2014, **the standard helped save 6,318 gigawatt hours of electricity.**

An additional 159,000 therms of natural gas were saved between 2012 and 2014, as a result of the enactment of a natural gas EEPS in 2009.

Electricity Savings from Energy Efficiency in Illinois



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