

## **Anthony Star, Senior Principal**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Synapse Energy Economics, Inc.**, Cambridge, MA. Senior Principal, Apr. 2026—Present.

- Consults on procurement models for default electricity service and the development of clean energy resources.
- Supports research and analysis on resource adequacy and planning.

**Illinois Power Agency**, Chicago, IL. *Senior Advisor*, 2024–2026. *Senior Advisor and Planning and Procurement Bureau Chief*, 2022–2024. *Director*, 2013–2022.

- As Director, facilitated the transformation of the Illinois Power Agency from an organization focused primarily on electricity procurement to a more comprehensive organization with a focus on growing the Illinois clean energy economy through supporting the development of new renewable energy resources.
- As Senior Advisor and Planning and Procurement Bureau Chief, supported the Agency's continued growth through knowledge transfer, support for new staff and consultants, and conducting research and policy development.
- Specific duties included:
  - Overseeing the development of procurement plans:
    - Annual Electricity Procurement Plan for default service supply for eligible retail customers of ComEd, Ameren Illinois, and MidAmerican.
    - Biennial Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plans for the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard.
    - Zero Emissions Standard Procurement Plan and the Carbon Mitigation Credit Procurement Plan for support of at-risk nuclear plants.
  - Managing the implementation of the Illinois Shines/Adjustable Block Program to develop new distributed and community solar resources in Illinois, and the Illinois Solar for All Program to support solar for income-eligible households and communities.
  - Managing competitive procurements to incentivize the development of new utility-scale wind and solar projects.
  - Conducting quantitative and qualitative research and the drafting of reports and studies on key policy goals of the Agency.
  - Conducting stakeholder feedback processes, including meeting facilitation.
  - Providing testimony at legislative hearings.
  - Serving as spokesperson for media inquiries including background briefings and on record interviews.

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- Improving Agency operations through developing and adopting necessary policies and procedures.
  - Developing budgets and providing oversight on fiscal and audit related functions.
  - Managing solicitation, retention, and ongoing relationships with external consultants conducting primary research, developing plans and reports, and implementing programs and procurements.

**Illinois Commerce Commission**, Chicago, IL. *Policy Advisor to Chairman Scott*, 2011–2013. *Policy Advisor to Acting Chairman Flores*, 2010–2011.

- Provided detailed analysis and advice for the Chairman on matters that came before the Commission. This included utility rate cases, Illinois Power Agency procurement plans, energy efficiency portfolio standard plans and reconciliations, utility tariff filings, consumer complaint cases, and other regulatory issues.
- Represented the Commission on the Mid-Atlantic Distributed Resources Initiative, Distributed Energy Financial Group Prepay Energy Working Group, National Action Plan on Demand Response: Estimation Tools and Methods Working Group, National Institute of Standards and Technology Smart Grid Interoperability Panel Implementation Methods Committee, as well as at conferences and workshops on smart grid, utility finance, and related matters.
- Facilitated Commission’s initiative on plug-in electric vehicles; lead author of the Initiative Report.

**Center for Neighborhood Technology**, Chicago, IL. *Director of Policy and Evaluation, CNT Energy*, 2007–2010. *Assistant Manager, Community Energy Cooperative*, 2000–2006. *Research/Outreach Associate*, 1996–2000.

- Led policy analysis and advocacy activities related to real-time pricing, consumer issues regarding smart grid implementation, and development and implementation of energy efficiency programs.
- Conducted research, quantitative analysis, and risk assessments that led to the development of the nation’s first residential real-time pricing program and developed analytical tools for measuring energy use and bill impacts for real-time pricing customers.
- Managed staff and outside consultants working on energy planning, communications, and data analysis.
- Supported project development, management, and planning for start-up phase of a new organization dedicated to geographically targeted demand side management, energy efficiency, alternative generation, and community development efforts.

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## EDUCATION

**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

Master of Arts in Social Sciences, 1996

Bachelor of Arts in American History, 1992

## PUBLICATIONS

**Illinois Power Agency.** “Annual Electricity Procurement Plan.” 2014–2026.

**Illinois Power Agency.** “Biennial Long-Term Renewable Resource Procurement Plan.” 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024, 2026.

**Illinois Power Agency.** “Resource Adequacy Report.” 2025.

**Illinois Power Agency.** “Policy Study on Energy Storage, Offshore Wind, and HVDC Transmission Lines.” 2024.

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Star, A. and S. Rans. "Capturing And Managing Consumer Benefits in the Changing Energy Marketplace: The Community Energy Cooperative Model." Community Energy Cooperative prepared for the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. 2002.

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