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**Elevate Energy to Serve as Program Administrator for Groundbreaking Illinois Solar for All Program**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—The Illinois Power Agency announced last week, following approval by the Illinois Commerce Commission, that Chicago nonprofit organization Elevate Energy will serve as the Program Administrator for the Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) Program, created under the landmark 2016 Future Energy Jobs Act.

“We’re both honored and excited to take a leading role in a program that promises to expand access to clean energy for low-income customers, nonprofits, and environmental justice communities across Illinois,” said Elevate Energy CEO Anne Evens. “Elevate Energy strives to administer programs that ensure the benefits of clean and efficient energy use reach those who need them most. Illinois Solar for All sits right at the heart of our mission.”

ILSFA will provide incentives for solar development in low-income and environmental justice communities, offering low-income households and the organizations that serve them measurable savings on their energy bills. ILSFA solar programs include residential rooftop solar, community solar, and solar for nonprofits and public agencies.

The program was created to promote equitable access to the solar economy, including the jobs it creates, in both urban and rural communities across the state. Elevate Energy is well-positioned to lead this important effort after engaging these communities with innovative energy efficiency, solar, and job training programs for nearly 20 years.

The diversity of projects and the communities served by ILSFA will benefit from a rigorous stakeholder engagement process. “Elevate Energy will work with the Illinois Power Agency to plan a stakeholder engagement strategy that ensures we develop processes that meet the needs of those the program will serve, including grassroots education organizations, environmental justice communities, customers, and solar developers,” said ILSFA Program Manager Vito Greco.

ILSFA expects to begin accepting project applications in the spring of 2019.

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