

Comments from May 15, 2018:

"As we discussed, I would like to see the NextGrid groups be more inclusive in their treatment of the vehicle of the future. It seems that EV's have been assumed to be the only option, but standard carbon-based fueled vehicles and hydrogen-powered vehicles are not being considered as a part of the future US vehicle fleet.

I have heard presenters say that it is no longer a matter of "if" EV's will be the only vehicle of the future, but "when" – a constant reference to "de-carbonization" that goes unchallenged. I hope that future discussions will contain an "all of the above" option for future energy. Below are a couple of articles on hydrogen-powered vehicle initiatives that could be entered into the record.

I think we should also look to New York and California, as they struggle with economic decline due to their energy mandates – it would probably be of value for us to bring in an expert who can speak to this. Certainly Illinois does not want to imitate the decisions these states have made, experiencing declining migration year by year since the last census (<http://www.governing.com/gov-data/census/state-migration-rates-annual-net-migration-by-state.html>). I've seen very little by way of presentations that address the global/national marketplace and what happens when a state chooses winners and losers relative to incentives. In fact, a representative from CUB said in one meeting that "competition for the sake of competition is a bad idea." More and more residents are moving out of Illinois due to the skyrocketing cost of living – can we perhaps hear from someone with expertise in this area?"