

Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group

2022 Meetings:
Tracking Open Issues (updated 9/28/2022)

Purpose: This is a tracking document to summarize open issues and follow-up items from Large Group SAG, SAG Subcommittee, and SAG Working Group meetings in 2022. Follow-up is organized in reverse chronological order, with the most recent meetings listed first, by group.

Large Group SAG

September 2022 Q3 Large Group SAG Meeting

- [September 8, 2022 Meeting page](#) (held jointly with IQ EE Committee)

No follow-up items

September 2022 Annual Net-to-Gross (NTG) Meetings

- NTG Meeting #1: [Friday, September 2](#)
- NTG Meeting #2: [Tuesday, September 13](#)
- NTG Meeting #3 (Final): [Tuesday, September 27](#)
- All NTG materials for this year's update are posted [here](#).

May 2022 Q2 Large Group SAG Meetings

- [May 4, 2022 Meeting page](#)
- [May 5, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up Items from May 5th meeting:

- Nicor Gas
 - Air Sealing and Insulation Initiative:
 - Number of homes that received assessments in 2021
 - Conversion rate: Of the completed assessments, how many customers received a recommendation for air sealing/insulation, and how many followed through with a project?
 - Additional detail on IQ spending – does the spend total include any admin costs/overhead? Does it include incentives?
- Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
 - Income Qualified Single Family (SF) for Peoples Gas:
 - Of the 46k customers for IQ SF, how many participated in SF whole building weatherization or other whole building measures? Besides the whole buildings and kits, what other programs are included in the 46k number?
 - Home Energy Jumpstart Program (Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas):
 - Number of homes that received assessments in 2021
 - Conversion rate: Of the completed assessments, how many customers received a recommendation for air sealing/insulation, and how many followed through with a project?
 - Income Qualified Multi-Family (MF) for Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas:

- Provide additional information on the difference in spending and savings for Peoples Gas compared to North Shore Gas in 2021.
 - [Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas Response to Questions](#)
- ComEd
 - Number of units served in Dearborn Homes
 - Smart Pressure Independent Control Valve measure summary
 - Electrification research findings

April Large Group SAG Meeting

- [April 13, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Next Steps from April 13th meeting:

- SAG Facilitator received feedback for evaluation teams: There is a need to coordinate between evaluators and the Income Qualified Advisory Committees, which are expected to re-launch this spring.
- Written draft evaluation plans for ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas will be circulated for review and comment to SAG (anticipated on May 13).

February 2022 Q1 Large Group SAG Meeting

- [February 22, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items and next steps from February 22nd meeting:

- Comments on the 2022 SAG Plan and SAG Process Guidance document due by Tuesday, March 8 (send comments to Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com)
- The written draft Ameren Illinois Evaluation Plan will be provided for review by March 26
- An additional SAG meeting will be scheduled for the northern Illinois utility draft evaluation plan overview presentations (ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas)

SAG Subcommittees

Visit the SAG Subcommittees webpage for information on active Working Groups.

Equity Subcommittee

Subcommittee Website: <https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/subcommittees/equity-subcommittee/>

June 6, 2022 Equity Subcommittee Meeting

- [June 6, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items:

- Reach out to the SAG Facilitator (Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com) with any feedback on the Equity Subcommittee, or topics related to workforce equity that should be covered in 2022.
- A second workshop to discuss the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission tool is anticipated to be scheduled later this year.

Network Lighting Controls Subcommittee

Subcommittee Website: <https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/subcommittees/network-lighting-controls-subcommittee/>

April 20, 2022 NLC Subcommittee Meeting

- [April 20, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items:

- Q3 meeting (July) to discuss program design best practices
- Q4 meeting (December) for Ameren Illinois and ComEd to present updates on NLC measures

Policy Manual Subcommittee

Subcommittee Website: <https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/subcommittees/policy-manual-version-3-0-subcommittee/>

Follow-up items are posted on the Subcommittee website.

SAG Working Groups

Visit the SAG Working Groups webpage for information on active Working Groups.

Evaluation Working Group

Working Group Website: <https://www.ilsag.info/evaluation-working-group/>

- The Working Group has not held any meetings in 2022.

Market Transformation Savings Working Group

Working Group Website: https://www.ilsag.info/mt_savings_working_group/

April 21, 2022 MT Savings Working Group Meeting

- [April 21, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items:

- Code Advancement (Stretch Codes): Slipstream, MEEA and Guidehouse will share a marked-up version of the Evaluation Pathways document, including responses to comments received. Parties that submitted comments will be asked to share feedback on whether a follow-up discussion is needed to finalize this document and determine what information belongs in the IL-TRM
- Proposed Edits to IL-TRM Attachment C:
 - Any final updates to IL-TRM Attachment C, or final savings protocol attachments to be included in the IL-TRM, need to be shared by the Working Group with VEIC (IL-TRM Administrator) by August 3, 2022.
 - ComEd will share proposed edits to Attachment C in early June, for Working Group review.
 - Nicor Gas will share draft language summarizing the MT process recommendation in late May/early June, for Working Group review. The Working Group will also discuss whether this should be added to the IL-TRM.
- Next Meeting – mid-June (date TBD)
 - Topics include discussing ComEd's proposed edits to Attachment C, Nicor's proposed draft MT process language, and the proposed/draft ENERGY STAR Retail Products Platform savings protocol components for inclusion in the IL-TRM.

June 13, 2022 MT Savings Working Group Meeting

- [June 13, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items:

The Working Group is invited to submit comments or proposed edits on the following draft documents:

- **Nicor Gas Process Proposal for Attachment C:** [Nicor Gas Market Transformation Savings Protocol Process Recommendation Workpaper \(Draft for Working Group Review\)](#)
 - **Comments due by Thursday, July 14**
 - Send comments to Randy Opdyke, Nicor Gas (rwopdyke@southernco.com)

- Follow-up on comments will be discussed at the July 25th meeting
- **ComEd Proposed Edits to Attachment C:** [ComEd Proposed Edits to IL-TRM Attachment C: Draft for Working Group Review](#)
 - **Comments due by Thursday, July 14**
 - Send comments to Jim Fay, ComEd (James.Fay@exeloncorp.com)
 - Follow-up on comments will be discussed at the July 25th meeting
- **ENERGY STAR Retail Products Platform Market Transformation Evaluation Protocol:** [Market Transformation Evaluation Protocol – ENERGY STAR Retail Products Platform \(Draft\)](#)
 - **Comments due by Wednesday, June 29** (this document was previously circulated to the Working Group on June 7th)
 - Send comments to Ryan Wall, Guidehouse (rwall@guidehouse.com)
 - A follow-up discussion will be scheduled, if needed
- **Please CC the SAG Facilitator on all comments submitted:** Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com

August 16, 2022 MT Savings Working Group Meeting

- [August 16, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items:

ENERGY STAR Retail Products Platform

- [Market Transformation ENERGY STAR Retail Products Platform Evaluation Protocol \(August 18, 2022\)](#)
- Final comments due **by Monday, August 29** – send to Mike Frischmann (mike@ecometricconsulting.com) and Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com

Market Transformation Process Recommendation

- Reference to MT Protocol Process to be included in IL-TRM: [Nicor Gas Proposed Edits to IL-TRM Attachment C \(August 23, 2022\)](#)
- Final MT Protocol Process to be posted on [MT Savings Working Group page: Market Transformation Savings Protocol Process Recommendation \(August 23, 2022\)](#)
- Final comments due **by Wednesday, August 31** – send to Randy Opdyke (rwoptyke@southernco.com) and Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com

Stretch Codes Evaluation Pathways Document

- The Stretch Codes evaluation document will be pared down for inclusion in IL-TRM. The updated document will be circulated for final review soon.

ComEd Proposed Edits to IL-TRM Attachment C

- ComEd is withdrawing proposed edits to Attachment C for IL-TRM Version 11.0.
- Additional discussion needed in the “TRM off-season” by a SAG MT Savings Working Group Small Group – goal is to update IL-TRM Attachment C in 2023.

Building Performance Standards

- A follow-up discussion by the Working Group is anticipated in Q4 2022.

Non-Energy Impacts Working Group

Working Group Website: <https://www.ilsag.info/nei-working-group/>

- The Working Group has not held any meetings yet in 2022.

Reporting Working Group

Working Group Website: <https://www.ilsag.info/reporting-working-group/>

May 11, 2022 Reporting Working Group Meeting – ComEd Stipulation Item Discussion #1

- [May 11, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items:

- ComEd Financial Assistance Forum: ComEd will share stakeholder contact information from Reporting Working Group to join ComEd's Financial Assistance Forum (Celia to send stakeholder contacts to Molly). Next meeting planned in August.
- IQ Advisory Committee: There is interest in the utilities inviting financial assistance and billing representatives to participate in a future IQ Advisory Committee meeting / joint with large group SAG. Celia and Annette to coordinate.
- Follow-up ideas for future joint meeting:
 - How EE/financial assistance work together
 - Co-delivered EE/financial assistance pilot – updates and brainstorming suggestions
 - Better understanding of ComEd's Smart Assistance Manager (SAM), and sharing feedback on connecting with EE opportunities
 - If a customer qualifies for one program, do they automatically qualify for others, or do they have to resubmit paperwork? There is interest in better understanding this, and brainstorming on customer qualification solutions.
 - Community outreach needs and ideas on EE/affordability/financial assistance
- Initial Stakeholder Proposed Metrics:
 - ComEd to review and discuss internally
 - Follow-meeting Reporting Working Group meeting in June with ComEd's response to the initial stakeholder metrics
 - Deeper dive discussion or additional research may be needed – such as proposed metric #5 (analysis / data on the financial impact on customers who receive both assistance and EE services)
 - Karen Lusson will follow-up with Low Income Energy Assistance Network (LEAN) in Massachusetts for suggestions
 - Laura Goldberg will look into examples from other jurisdictions
 - Additional discussion needed on proposed metric #8 (description of how the company intends to increase outreach in top 20 communities with disconnections) – should outreach be increased in top 20 communities; what does increasing outreach mean; stakeholders interested in better understanding on uptake in top 20 communities

August 4, 2022 Reporting Working Group Meeting – ComEd Stipulation Item Discussion #2

- [August 4, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items:

Metrics #1-3: Working Group can hold a follow-up discussion on MF metrics in the future, if needed – there are unique challenges due to property qualification, and not collecting tenant information.

Metric #4: ComEd is not able to report this metric. ComEd will think further about this in the future.

4. *Number or percentage of customers that were referred to EE and followed through on EE work, including which programs/measures and if any future EE work is in progress or planned*
 - *Includes number of applicants and number enrolled*
 - *If denied, include reason for denial*

Metric #5: ComEd response – one-time evaluation / analysis at year-end, then metric to be discussed. Working Group will hold a future follow-up discussion on scope, timing of analysis (estimated 2023 analysis; follow-up at the end of 2022).

5. *Analysis/data (exact metric TBD/to be discussed) on the financial impact on customers who receive both assistance and energy efficiency services (e.g., bill reductions, arrearage reductions, fewer disconnections, etc.)*

Metric #7: Sy Lewis to share information with ComEd on CEDA agency services

Additional follow-up:

- Deeper conversation on financial assistance is needed in IQ Committee

September 15, 2022 Reporting Working Group Meeting – Ameren Illinois Multi-Family Metrics Workshop

- [September 15, 2022 Meeting page](#)

Follow-up items:

- If needed, a shorter, informal meeting can be scheduled with stakeholders in **Q4 2022** to review additional reporting from Ameren Illinois' Q3 multi-family data.
- The next Ameren Illinois Multi-Family Metrics Workshop will be scheduled in **Q1 2023 (January or February)**. Potential discussion topics:
 - Definitions of common area and direct install; what measures are included? What are the low measures, vs. what are the deeper measures?
 - Is there an opportunity to overlay with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) mapping?
 - Additional metric suggestions:
 - Breakout heat pumps from the envelope measures
 - % of buildings and units that have electric resistance heat, that choose to install heat pump (vs. not install)
 - Look at reporting on common area projects for commercial properties
 - Ameren Illinois interested in whether stakeholders have reviewed the table format (in the quarterly report) vs. the map format, and whether there is any feedback on this type of reporting