

April – August 2023 Policy Manual Process Summary

April 2023

Mon. April 17 NTG for Disadvantaged Areas Small Group Meeting #2 (9:00 – 11:00 am)

Follow-up from 1/25 Small Group Meeting #1:

- Determine how to define “disadvantaged area” and for what customers; is it a statewide definition, or utility-specific?
 - It would be helpful for participants to understand what definitions each of the utilities is using, if any, for “disadvantaged area”, and for what purpose
 - SAG Facilitator created a summary describing current definitions used, for IL utilities, federally, and at the state level in Illinois: [Summary of Various Economically Disadvantaged Community Definitions and Tools \(Compiled by SAG Facilitator\)](#)
- NRDC interested in additional analysis 1) using the volume of sales for the Ameren Illinois small business rate class and 2) removing asthma from the analysis.
- Need to define programs that the policy would apply to
- How will this policy proposal interact with existing NTG policies, including the policy that low income NTG research is not completed unless there is consensus?

Wed. April 19 Policy Manual Subcommittee Meeting (9:30 – 12:30)

IQ Policy Discussion

- Follow-up on Equity and Affordability Reporting Principles
- Follow-up on Diverse Contracting Reporting Principles
- Discuss proposed IQ Policy Principles

- Follow-up on SF IQ Eligibility Verification Guidelines Policy from Dec. meeting
- Follow-up on SAG Financial Conflict of Interest Policy from March meeting
- Follow-up on LIEEAC Facilitator Independence Policy from March meeting
- Proposal for organizing new IQ section
- *If significant follow-up is needed after 4/19 meeting, a small group meeting will be scheduled.*
- *All IQ-related policies will be presented to the SAG Equity Subcommittee / Joint with the IQ EE Committee on May 10th for feedback.*

Thursday, April 20 CPAS Goal Setting Small Group Meeting #1 (9:00 – 10:00 am)

- Follow-up on ComEd’s CPAS goal setting policy proposal, including proposed stakeholder edits.

Open Item: Circulate Policy Manual Section 8 Edits for Additional Review

- A small group proposed a variety of redline edits to Policy Manual Section 8, to reflect “costs as costs and benefits as benefits.” Edits were circulated to the Subcommittee for review, with comments due Feb. 8th.
- Blacks in Green and Peoples Gas/North Shore Gas submitted comments. The Small Group is working to incorporate proposed edits. An updated redline will be circulated to the Subcommittee for review/comment (timing TBD).

Open Item: Schedule follow-up discussion on “Leveraging Co-Funding Policy”

- The Leveraging Co-Funding Small Group met twice in February and once in March.
- Stakeholders are working on proposed edits to the policy. Timing for a follow-up discussion is TBD.

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May 2023

Wednesday, May 3 Policy Manual Subcommittee Meeting (9:30 – 12:30)

Program Administration Policy

- Expiring Savings (Ameren Illinois proposal)
- Prohibited Expenses (ICC Staff proposal)

Evaluation Policy

- Allowing Renewable Measures Under EE Programs (Guidehouse proposal)
- Heating Penalty and Negative Savings Policies (Opinion Dynamics and Guidehouse proposal)
- Evaluating Savings from Non-Qualified Equipment (previously agreed to in SAG, 2020)
- *If significant follow-up is needed on these evaluation policies, a small group meeting will be scheduled.*

Wednesday, May 10 – Equity Subcommittee Meeting, Joint with IQ Committee (9:00 – 12:00)

- Overview of Policy Manual IQ-related policies, request for input
- **IQ Committee Participant Deadline:** Written feedback on IQ-related policy updates due within 2 weeks, by Wednesday May 24

Wednesday, May 31 Policy Manual Subcommittee Meeting (9:30 – 12:30)

IQ Policies

- Discuss comments received from IQ Committee participants, and whether edits are needed

Administrative Edits

- SAG Facilitator overview of administrative edits
- Discuss follow-up on open items from April meeting, if needed

SAG Facilitator Deliverable:

- Request participation in the Policy Manual Writing Committee / Attorney Review Process, open to non-financially interested attorney participants and ICC Staff.
- The purpose of convening a Policy Manual Writing Committee after policies are finalized, before filing the Policy Manual with the ICC, is to ensure final policy language has a consistent voice, “look and feel”, and content, avoiding substantive edits.

June 2023

Wednesday, June 21 Final Policy Manual Subcommittee Meeting (9:30 – 12:30)

- Discuss final follow-up items from previous meetings
- Discuss final effective dates (a negotiation meeting may need to be scheduled to confirm effective date for each policy)
- Discuss process next steps, including whether a non-consensus comparison exhibit will be filed

SAG Facilitator Deliverable: Wednesday, June 28

- Circulate final draft Policy Manual with redline edits to Writing Committee, incorporating any additional edits discussed June 21
- SAG Facilitator to provide summary of incorporated edits to share with IQ Committee

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July 2023

Tuesday, July 11 – Policy Manual Writing Committee / Attorney Review Meeting #1 (9:30 – 12:30)

Monday, July 17 – Policy Manual Writing Committee / Attorney Review Meeting #2 (9:30 – 12:30)

SAG Facilitator Deliverable: Monday, July 24

- Circulate final Policy Manual, redline and clean, to Subcommittee, requesting 1-week review for any editorial errors

August 2023

Policy Manual Participants Deadline: Tuesday, August 1

- Comments due on editorial errors, if any

File Policy Manual with ICC for approval by Tuesday, August 15

- TBD how the request for approval will be filed – stipulated agreements mention the Policy Manual being submitted by Commission Staff