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Introduction to March 31 Meeting

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March 31, 2026 Large Group SAG Meeting

Administrative Reminders

Meeting Materials

- Posted on the [March 31 meeting page](#) of the SAG website

Meeting Notes

- SAG meetings are not recorded - discussion will be captured in written notes
- Meeting notes will identify follow-up items

Meeting Discussion

- There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion
- If you have a question or comment, please raise your hand or add a question to the chat

Webex Name

- Update your name in the Webex participant list to include your first + last name, and company or organization



Meeting Best Practices

Listen and speak with an open mind

- Seek first to understand, then to be understood
- Collaboration and inclusive participation are goals of the SAG
- Keep your phone or computer audio muted if you are not engaging in the discussion
- Be patient when listening to others speak; do not interrupt
- Avoid using acronyms or phrases that may be misunderstood
- Use professional and respectful language when participating

Purpose of March 31 Meeting

For interested SAG participants to present feedback on the draft Nicor Gas 2027-2029 EE Plan presented to SAG on March 24

- Nicor Gas presented an updated draft EE Plan due to the new Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability (CRGA) Act
- All SAG participants had an opportunity to request time on the agenda to present feedback
- The following SAG participants are presenting initial feedback:
 - ICC Staff and the ICC Office of General Counsel
 - Illinois Office of the Attorney General
 - National Consumer Law Center (NCLC)
 - Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Next Steps: Confidential negotiations between non-financially interested stakeholders and Nicor Gas begin in April

Next Steps for SAG

Due to the impacts of CRGA, the 2026 SAG Plan will not be developed under after the June 1, 2026 statutory filing deadline for utilities filing updated EE Plans with the ICC for approval

- The SAG Steering Committee will meet in June to discuss the draft SAG Plan for the second half of 2026
- The draft 2026 SAG Plan will be presented to the Large Group SAG on [Wednesday, July 15](#), with an opportunity for feedback - a meeting invite is coming soon
- Regular SAG meetings will resume in September with the annual Net-to-Gross (NTG) update process

Next Steps for SAG

Typically, the SAG does not meet during EE Plan negotiations or when EE Plan approval dockets are open at the ICC, unless there is a topic that requires discussion

- There are two topics that need discussion:
 1. ICC Staff requested a policy interpretation issue be discussed by SAG, regarding how utility evaluators are interpreting the NTG Ratio for Disadvantaged Areas policy (see Section 7.4 of [IL EE Policy Manual Version 3.1](#))
 - SAG meeting anticipated in May - date TBD
 2. The IL EE Policy Manual needs to be updated and re-filed with the Commission for approval, to make corrections due to CRGA Act changes
 - A SAG Policy Manual Subcommittee sign-up form will be circulated in early June
 - A redline Policy Manual will be circulated to the SAG Policy Manual Subcommittee by the end of June
 - If needed, a meeting will be held in July to discuss policy edits

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