

Introduction to April Policy Manual Meeting + Policy Background

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Policy Manual Subcommittee: April Meeting

- ▶ **Monthly Subcommittee meetings** include deeper discussion of proposed policies, and edits to draft policy language
 - ▶ Presenters asked to share the following:
 - Why the proposal is needed / background
 - Proposed policy language
 - Proposed effective date
 - ▶ Follow-up may be scheduled at a future meeting
 - ▶ Policy Manual Small Groups will be established on an as-needed basis

Process Reminder

- ▶ **Final Draft Policies:** As policies reach “final draft” form, they are posted on the [Policy Manual Subcommittee webpage](#) - policies highlighted in yellow in the Policy Tracker are considered “final draft”
- ▶ **Policy Tracker:** Updated and circulated after each Subcommittee meeting
- ▶ **Planning Summary:** Updated and circulated as needed, to summarize upcoming meetings
- ▶ **Effective Date:** Throughout the Policy Manual update process, participants have proposed a variety of effective dates for policies
 - ❖ In the Policy Manual Version 2 process, there were two effective dates: January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2022 (the start of the next EE Plan)
 - ❖ Effective Date Options for the Version 3 process ->
 - January 1, 2024
 - January 1, 2026 (the start of the next EE Plan)
 - Other?
 - ❖ Before the Policy Manual is submitted to the ICC for approval, the final effective date for each new policy needs to be confirmed - a negotiation meeting likely needed

Coordination with IQ EE Committee

Wed. May 10 SAG Equity Subcommittee Meeting (Joint with IQ North and IQ South EE Committees)

- ▶ Meeting purpose:
 - ❖ To introduce IQ-related policies, provide background and take clarifying questions
 - ❖ The Policy Manual participant who originally proposed the IQ-related policy will present
 - ❖ Written feedback will be due 2 weeks following the meeting (by Wednesday, May 24)
- ▶ Next steps following May 10 meeting:
 - ❖ The Policy Manual Subcommittee will discuss written feedback at the May 31 meeting
 - ❖ A summary of how feedback was incorporated will be shared with the IQ Committees (target date - by end of June); SAG Facilitator will create summary
- ▶ **Note:** There are four SAG Equity Subcommittee meetings planned in 2023 (May, July, October and December). All Equity Subcommittee meetings will be held jointly with the IQ North and IQ South EE Committees. The purpose of holding joint meetings is to provide an opportunity for SAG and IQ EE Committee participants to coordinate on discussion of energy efficiency efforts related to equity.

Coordination with IQ EE Committee (cont.)

▶ The following IQ-related policies will be presented for feedback on May 10:

▶ **IQ Reporting Policies**

1. IQ Multi-family Reporting Principles
2. IQ Health & Safety Reporting Principles
3. Equity and Affordability Reporting Principles
4. Diverse Contracting Reporting Principles

▶ **IQ Policies**

1. Net-to-Gross for Disadvantaged Area
2. Single Family IQ Eligibility Verification Guidelines
3. LIEEAC Facilitator Independence
4. One-Stop-Shop Program Design Definition for IQ Multifamily Retrofit

▶ **Process-Related IQ Policies**

1. Local CBOs / CAAs considered “non-financially interested parties”
2. Create single section in Policy Manual for IQ policies
3. All IQ items discussed through SAG grouped together

Background on IQ Reporting Proposals

- ▶ The **diverse contracting reporting principles** and **equity and affordability reporting principles** were last discussed at the March meeting, with additional edits suggested
- ▶ Today's Meeting:
 - ❖ Discuss additional edits shared by the utilities
 - ❖ Determine whether additional discussion is needed
- ▶ Next Steps:
 - ❖ Metrics will be further developed through the SAG Reporting Working Group in 2023, in coordination with the IQ North and IQ South Committees (joint Working Group?)

Background on IQ Policy Principles

- ▶ IQ Committee Facilitator proposed “IQ policy principles” be developed for the Policy Manual, at the Feb. meeting
- ▶ Today’s Meeting:
 - ❖ Discuss IQ policy principles, presented by Ameren Illinois
 - ❖ Determine whether additional discussion is needed

Background on Single Family IQ Eligibility Verification Guidelines

- ▶ This is an Ameren Illinois policy proposal on single family IQ eligibility verification guidelines
 - ❖ The Policy Manual already includes eligibility verification guidelines for multi-family
 - ❖ In Sept., Ameren requested interim resolution of this policy, to help address customer eligibility verification challenges in their single family IQ EE programs
 - ❖ A Policy Manual Small Group meeting was held in October to discuss edits
 - ❖ At the October Policy Manual meeting, participants reached consensus on an interim policy resolution, with the understanding there would be further refinement of policy language, including identifying additional single family IQ eligibility pathways
 - ❖ The [interim policy resolution](#) is posted on the [Policy page](#) of the SAG website
- ▶ At the December Policy Manual meeting, ComEd and IL AG/NCLC proposed edits to the “interim resolution” version of the policy
- ▶ Today’s Meeting:
 - ❖ Review additional proposed edits from stakeholders
 - ❖ Determine whether additional discussion is needed

Background on SAG Financial Conflict of Interest

- ▶ SAG has a “Process Guidance” document describing various processes related to how the SAG operates and SAG participation
 - ❖ This document is updated annually, as needed
 - ❖ It includes a “SAG Financial Conflict of Interest policy” that describes several situations where participation is limited to utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders
- ▶ At the Feb. meeting, the IQ Committee Facilitator introduced a proposed change to non-financially interested party participation that was requested by the IQ North Committee Leadership Team in 2022, to include participation by community-based organizations
- ▶ Edits were discussed at the March meeting, with a few additional suggestions
- ▶ Today’s Meeting:
 - ❖ Discuss additional edits prepared by SAG Facilitator
 - ❖ Discuss whether this policy should be added to the Policy Manual, or remain in the SAG Process Guidance document
 - ❖ Determine whether additional discussion is needed

LIEEAC Facilitator Independence Proposal

- ▶ ComEd presented a policy proposal regarding LIEEAC (IQ EE Committee) facilitator independence at the March meeting; a few edits were suggested
- ▶ LIEEAC facilitator independence is currently referenced in Ameren and ComEd 2022-2025 EE Plan stipulated agreements
- ▶ Today's Meeting:
 - ❖ Discuss additional edits
 - ❖ Determine whether additional discussion is needed

Organizing IQ Policies in Policy Manual

- ▶ IQ Committee Facilitator submitted a proposal there should be a new section in the Policy Manual referencing or summarizing IQ policies, using accessible language
- ▶ Stakeholders submitted a [joint proposal](#) that there should be a new section in the Policy Manual related to processes of the IQ Committee
- ▶ SAG Facilitator organized a new section of the Policy Manual to reference IQ policies
- ▶ Today's Meeting:
 - ❖ Introduce new section
 - ❖ Determine next steps for review - small group meeting?
 - ❖ Discuss next steps for [stakeholder proposal](#) - outside the Policy Manual process? Discuss at May 3 meeting.
 - ❖ Note: This new proposed section is editorial, and will not be separately presented to the IQ Committee for feedback on May 10, except to explain IQ policies will be separately summarized in a section of the Policy Manual

Closing & Next Steps

- ▶ **Next Policy Manual Subcommittee Meeting:** Wed. May 3 (9:30 - 12:30), teleconference