

Introduction to Meeting

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August 28, 2023 SAG Policy Manual Subcommittee Meeting

Process Reminder

- ▶ The SAG Policy Manual update process kicked off in June 2022, when policy proposals were due
 - ❖ This is an opportunity to collaborate on EE policy development
 - ❖ One of SAG's "Guiding Principles" is to participate in consensus discussions in good faith
 - ❖ Compromise will be needed from all participants

Process Reminder

▶ Today is meeting #18 of the Policy Manual Subcommittee

- ❖ In addition, there have been 16 Policy Small Group meetings to follow-up on various policies
- ❖ Goal is to finish policy discussions **TODAY**
- ❖ **Next Steps:**
 1. The Writing Committee will meet for a small group of attorneys and ICC Staff to review final language (non-substantive editing, if needed)
 - Ameren Illinois - Anthony Brown
 - ComEd - Matt Ludwig
 - ICC Staff - Elizabeth Horne
 - National Consumer Law Center - Karen Lusson
 - Nicor Gas - Chris Vaughn
 - Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas - Koby Bailey
 2. The Policy Manual and IL-TRM Policy Document will be filed with the ICC for approval **by end of September**

Purpose of August 28 Meeting

▶ Meeting Goals:

1. To finalize the remaining open policies; and
2. To finalize the effective dates for policies

▶ During Today's Meeting:

- ❖ Listen to feedback with an open mind
- ❖ Provide space for all participants to speak up
- ❖ Be ready to compromise - now is the time to finalize the Policy Manual

▶ Reminder:

- ❖ No new edits are being accepted on policies, unless an edit relates to the remaining open items

Caucus Meeting Break

- ▶ If needed, we will take a caucus break during today's meeting
- ▶ What is a caucus?
 - ❖ A caucus is a separate meeting of a subgroup to address specific issues in an effort to reach agreement
 - ❖ Two caucus groups have been set up if they are needed in today's meeting
 - one for stakeholders and one for utilities
- ▶ The Webex will remain open for anyone who is not interested in joining the caucus break

Remaining Open Items

- ▶ See [Remaining Open Items for August 28 Meeting](#)

Effective Dates

- ▶ **Proposed Effective Date for Policy Manual Version 3.0:** January 1, 2024
 - ❖ Any effective dates that differ from January 1, 2024 will be noted within the Policy Manual, under the policy with a different effective date
- ▶ **Proposed Effective Date for IL-TRM Policy Document Version 3.0:** January 1, 2024
- ▶ **Written feedback was requested on proposed effective dates after the 7/27 meeting**
 - ❖ **Feedback received from:** IL Attorney General's Office, National Consumer Law Center, Nicor Gas, NRDC, and Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
 - ❖ See [Spreadsheet with Comments on Policy Manual Effective Dates \(8/23/23\)](#)
- ▶ **Goals for August 28 Meeting:**
 1. Discuss comments on effective dates where there are differences of opinion
 2. Finalize all effective dates

Discuss Effective Dates

- ▶ **Policies Impacting Evaluation:** Where a policy relates to evaluation, does a January 1, 2024 effective date mean any policy impacting EM&V will apply to all evaluations of 2023 programs since that evaluation will occur after January 1, 2024?
- ▶ **Reporting Policies:** There are four policies on reporting principles. Stakeholders (NRDC, NCLC, CIC and IC Staff) accepted the utilities' suggestion that the effective date be 90 days after completion of the work of the SAG Reporting / Metrics Working Group, with two conditions:
 1. The effective date should say “but no later than 4/1/24.” Stakeholders don't want this dragging out. Even if there is not full consensus coming out of Working Group discussions, the utilities can still report consistent with their best take of the principles.
 2. Stakeholders prefer language that makes clear this doesn't change any stipulation requirements, with language along the lines of the following: “Utilities remain bound by provisions of settlement agreements regarding reporting metrics - including for 2022 and 2023. Any new metrics approved through the working groups will be supplemental to specific metrics that were agreed-upon and referenced in a utility's stipulation.”
- ▶ Discuss additional comments received on effective dates: [Spreadsheet with Comments on Policy Manual Effective Dates \(8/23/23\)](#)

Next Steps

- ▶ Writing Committee / Attorney Review will meet the first half of September for non-substantive editorial review
- ▶ Following Writing Committee meetings, final Policy Manual circulated to Subcommittee for “errors only” review
- ▶ Goal is to file Policy Manual and IL-TRM Policy Document with ICC for approval by the end of September - the attorneys participating in the Writing Committee will discuss specifics on the filing