

Illinois EE Stakeholder Advisory Group Large Group SAG Meeting:

Monday, June 8, 2026

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Webex Link to Join the Meeting:

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Time	Agenda Item	Discussion Leader
1:30 – 1:35 pm	<p><u>Opening and Introductions</u></p> <p>Purpose of June 8th SAG meeting: To discuss interpretation of the Net-to-Gross Ratio for Disadvantaged Areas policy (see Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual Section 7.4), regarding how Trade Allies are considered in application of the policy.</p>	Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator
1:35 – 1:50 pm	<p><u>Introduction to Policy Issue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of SAG process to address policy issues • Overview of NTG Ratio for Disadvantaged Areas Policy • Why this policy issue is being raised at SAG – ICC Staff request • Next steps following June 8 meeting 	Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator
1:50 – 3:00 pm	<p><u>Illinois Evaluators Describe NTG Ratio for Disadvantaged Areas Policy Tracking</u></p> <p>Question to Address: Should the location of a Trade Ally in a utility’s service territory be considered when applying the NTG for Disadvantaged Areas policy?</p> <p>Ameren Illinois:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how Trade Allies are considered in application of the policy • Q&A <p>ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how Trade Allies are considered in application of the policy • Savings impact of the difference in evaluator approaches • Q&A <p>Purpose: To discuss interpretation of the Net-to-Gross Ratio for Disadvantaged Areas policy (see Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual Section 7.4), regarding how Trade Allies are considered in application of the policy.</p>	<p>Zach Ross, E Source (formerly Opinion Dynamics)</p> <p>Parini Shah, Guidehouse</p>

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3:00 – 3:25 pm	<p><u>Initial SAG Feedback on Policy Issue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Opportunity for interested SAG participants to share initial feedback:</i> Should the location of a Trade Ally in a utility’s service territory be considered when applying the NTG for Disadvantaged Areas policy? 	Interested SAG Participants
3:25 – 3:30 pm	<p><u>Closing and Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written feedback is due Friday, June 26. A written comment template will be circulated to SAG. If needed, a follow-up discussion with interested parties will be scheduled. 	Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

Meeting Materials

- E Source Presentation
- Guidehouse Presentation

Excerpt from Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual

- See [Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual Version 3.1 \(effective January 1, 2026\)](#)

7.4 NTG Ratio for Disadvantaged Areas

Free ridership for certain types of Customers in economically-disadvantaged areas is highly likely to be very low. That assumption is supported by data indicating that the participation rate for smaller Customers in economically-disadvantaged areas has historically been much lower than for similar Customers in communities that are not as economically challenged. To reflect that reality, the net to gross (NTG) ratio for such customers will be set to one-hundred percent (100%). This will have the added advantage of creating greater incentives for Program Administrators to target delivery of their Energy Efficiency programs to economically disadvantaged areas.”

The economically-disadvantaged areas designated by this policy⁴⁸ are:

- Areas identified as “income-eligible households” by Illinois Solar for All (“disadvantaged neighborhood”); and
- The entire area of certain municipalities where at least fifty percent (50%) of the municipality is identified as income-eligible through Illinois Solar for All⁴⁹ (“disadvantaged municipality”).

The policy will apply to all Program activity involving the following Customer segments within disadvantaged areas:

- Residential Customers in disadvantaged neighborhoods; and
- Business Customers in disadvantaged neighborhoods with rate class designations or energy consumption levels below annual thresholds in the table below.

Program Administrator	Criteria for Eligibility (either/or)	
	Rate Class	Annual Consumption Threshold
Ameren Illinois	Electric: DS-2 (<150 kW) Gas: GDS-2 (<200 therms/day in any month)	Electric: <750,000 kWh/year Gas: <35,000 therms/year
ComEd	Small Load Delivery Class (<100 kW)	<750,000 kWh/year
Nicor Gas	N/A	<35,000 therms/year
Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas	N/A	<35,000 therms/year

For projects jointly delivered by a gas and electric utility, eligibility for either the electric or gas thresholds in the table above would trigger the application of a one-hundred percent (100%) percent NTG ratio for both fuel savings.

- iii. Any general delivery service municipal, public school and local government customers in a disadvantaged municipality

It is expected that, though Customers in disadvantaged areas are currently underrepresented in evaluation research due to lower participation levels, going forward, this policy will require that research to establish NTG ratios for Program activity explicitly sample Customers in non-disadvantaged areas. Any NTG research targeting Customers in disadvantaged areas will fall under Section 7.3 of the Policy Manual.

This policy is applicable beginning with the 2023 Program Year.

Footnote number 48:

Program Implementation Contractors and Evaluators may convert from the two (2) geographies listed (census tracts and municipal boundaries) to zip code tabulation areas for operational purposes (especially with program ally driven initiatives). The method for used for this conversion should comply with industry standards. See <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscpe/vol20num2/ch16.pdf> for more information on this type of conversion.

Footnote number 49:

See <https://www.illinoissfa.com/programs/non-profit-and-public-facilities/> for more information and an interactive map identifying these communities.