

**Illinois EE Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)
Evaluation Plan Meeting (Day 2)**

Wednesday, December 3, 2025
10:00am – 12:00pm
Teleconference

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- [Guidehouse Presentation: Evaluation Plan for Nicor Gas Program Year 2026](#)
- [Guidehouse Presentation: Evaluation Plan for Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas Program Year 2026](#)

Attendees

Name	Company or Organization
Celia Johnson	Facilitator (Celia Johnson Consulting)
Zoe Knaus	SAG Facilitation Support (Inova Energy Group)
Andrey Gribovich	DNV
Brendan Kellam	CLEAResult
Channel Turbides	ComEd
Charles Ampong	Guidehouse
Daniel Luna-Fuller	Luna Lighting
Danish Murtaza	Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
David Salmonson	CLEAResult
Deb Dynako	Slipstream
Dena Jefferson	Franklin Energy
Denise Munoz	DMT Consulting
Elizabeth Horne	ICC Staff
Erin Kempster	Power TakeOff
Ian VanArsdall	Nicor Gas
James Gin	Guidehouse
Jean Gibson	Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
Jeff Erickson	Guidehouse
Jeff Mitchell	Resource Innovations

Name	Company or Organization
Jeffrey Carroll	DNV
Joe Mays	Cascade Energy
Joshua Asiyambi	Nicor Gas
Joshua Ramos	Nicor Gas
June Fang	Guidehouse
Karen Lusson	National Consumer Law Center (NCLC)
Kari Ross	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
Kit White	Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)
Laura Agapay-Read	Guidehouse
Matt Armstrong	Ameren Illinois
Michelle Norgard	CLEARresult
Misty Gibbons	Walker-Miller Energy Services
Natalia Jaffee	Guidehouse
Nate Baer	i3 Energy
Nazeer Smith	Walker-Miller Energy Services
Neil Curtis	Guidehouse
Nick Burstein	CMC Energy Services
Nick Warnecke	Ameren Illinois
Omayra Garcia	Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
Randy Opdyke	Nicor Gas
Rashaan Keeton	Center for Energy & Environment
Rose Williamson	Opinion Dynamics
Sam Dent	VEIC (IL-TRM Administrator)
Sara Castleberry	Resource Innovations
Sarah Evans	DNV
Seth Craigo-Snell	SCS Analytics
Stu Slote	Skytop Consulting
Sue Hanson	EMC Insights
Ted Weaver	Dunsky Climate + Energy Advisors
Thomas Ketchum	South Suburban Action Conference
Thomas Manjarres	Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
Tori Woolbright	Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Zach Ross	Opinion Dynamics
Zachary Froio	ICF

Meeting Notes

See **red text** for follow-up items.

Introduction to Large Group SAG Evaluation Plan Meeting

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

Annual SAG Evaluation Plan Meetings

- SAG holds annual meetings each December for independent evaluators to present an overview of draft EM&V work plans (evaluation plans) for the upcoming program year, for each utility* (*See IL EE Policy Manual Section 3.9, Draft EM&V Work Plans)
 - Wednesday, December 3: Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas Evaluation Plan presentations
 - On Tuesday, December 2, evaluators presented an overview of Ameren Illinois and ComEd draft evaluation plans
- SAG participants encouraged to ask questions and share input on draft evaluation plans
- Written draft evaluation plans will be shared with SAG (posted on the website + circulated) by December 15th

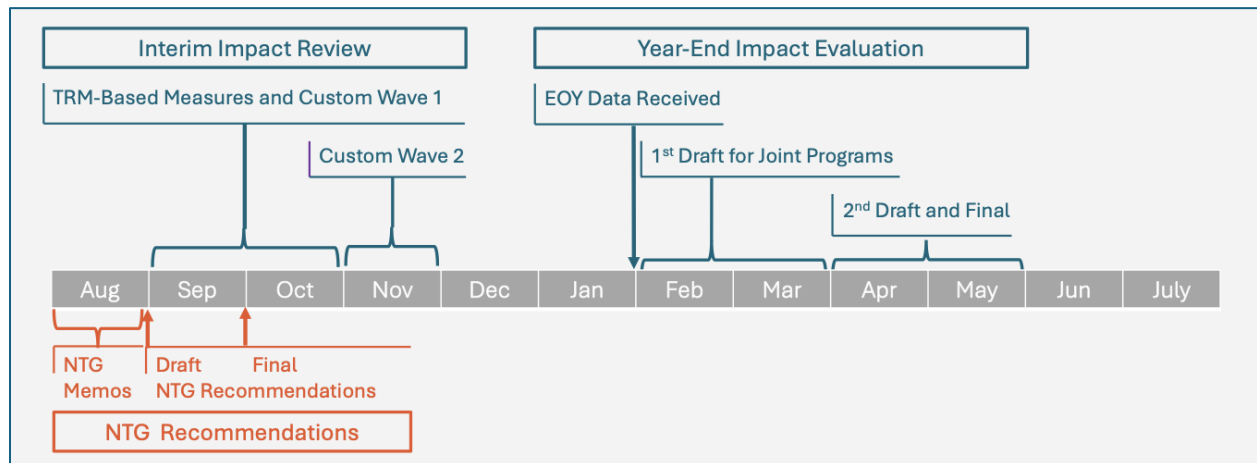
Evaluation Plan for Nicor Gas Program Year 2026

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The Nicor Gas 2026 Portfolio

Sector / Category	2026	
	Program Budget	Net Therms
Income Eligible	\$17,250,000	1,650,000
Residential	\$15,629,000	5,322,000
Business	\$12,953,000	7,664,000
Portfolio Functions	\$11,968,000	-
Portfolio Total	\$57,800,000	14,635,000

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NTG Evaluation Timeline:

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Initial NTG recommendations to SAG									◆							
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NTG Evaluation Draft Timeline:

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Home Energy Efficiency Rebates	All Measures	FR, PSO, TA																	EFF	
Smart Neighborhood Builder	All Measures	FR, PSO																	EFF	
Multi-Family	All Measures	FR, PSO, TA											EFF							
Business Energy Efficiency Rebates	All Measures	FR, PSO, TA																	EFF	
Business Energy Efficiency Rebates	Commercial Food Service	FR, PSO, TA																	EFF	
C&I New Construction	All C&I and Public Sector	FR, PSO																		EFF
Business Custom	All Measures	FR, PSO											EFF							
Coordinated RCx	All C&I and Public Sector	FR, PSO, TA																	EFF	
Small Business	All Measures	FR, PSO, TA																	EFF	

Market Transformation Initiatives

- Nicor Gas is engaged in
 - High Performance Windows
 - Residential Gas Heat Pumps
 - Efficient Rooftop Units
 - Commercial Gas Heat Pumps
- MTIs are coordinated with other Illinois utilities, third-parties, SAG
 - Other initiatives are being developed, led by other parties
 - Coordination is within Illinois and nationally

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 - Opportunities to conduct joint research with ComEd, Ameren, Peoples & North Shore Gas
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- Coordination on NTG, Process, and TRM Research
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 - 2026 collaborative research planned
 - Statewide Midstream Food Service NTG Research
- Coordination beyond specific programs occurs as follows
 - SAG meetings, Illinois-wide issues
 - Illinois NTG Framework and Protocol Working Group
 - Illinois TRM Technical Advisory Committee
 - Evaluator coordination calls (monthly)

Nicor Gas 2026 Joint Program Contracting:

Sector	Program	Program Offering(s)	Joint/Coordinated	Implementation Contractor (IC)	Key Updates or Changes
Income Eligible	IE HEA	Home Energy Assessment (IE HEA/IE SAP)	Joint	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes
Income Eligible	IE Wx (SF)	IHWAP SF, Retrofits SF	Joint	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes for IHWAP. Continuation of Elgin Pilot 2026 Start of Rockford Pilot for Retrofits
Income Eligible	IE Wx (MF)	IHWAP MF, Retrofits MF	Joint	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes for IHWAP. Offering GHP's for Retrofits
Income Eligible	IE PHA	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Joint	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes
Income Eligible	IE AHNC	Affordable Housing New Construction (AHNC)	Coordinated	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes
Income Eligible	IE ESK	Income Eligible Energy Saving Kits (IE ESK & EEE)	Joint (ComEd) & Gas Only	Walker-Miller (W-M)	No Changes
Residential	Outreach	Elementary Education Kits (EEK)	Joint (ComEd)	Walker-Miller (W-M)	Joint Delivery continues into 2026. Removal of temperature setback card measure
Residential	HEER (MR SF)	Smart Thermostats	Coordinated	CLEAResult	Gas only and ComEd Retail
Residential	HES	HES Self Assessment Portal (SAP)	Gas Only (Peoples/Nicor)	Resource Innovations (RI)	No longer joint with ComEd
Residential	MF MR	Assessment and Direct Install (MFDI)	Gas Only (Peoples/Nicor)	Resource Innovations (RI)	No longer joint with ComEd
Business	CINC	(Private & Public)	2026 Coordinated	Residential Science Resources (RSR)	Coordinated with ComEd in 2026
Business	BOC	Training and Certification Program	Coordinated	MEEA	No Changes
Business	SB	Prescriptive Assessment/Direct Installation SB Custom (Private & Public)	New Coordinate	CLEAResult (CR)	New
Business	BEER	Commercial Food Service (CFS) (Private & Public)	Joint Statewide	CLEAResult (CR)	No Changes
Business	RCx	(Private & Public)	Coordinated	Resource Innovations (RI) CLEAResult (CR) MOU to RI/Nexant	No Changes

Elizabeth Horne: Do any of these programs include IRA funding? Can you add that indication to the chart if it is not already there?

- *Charles Ampong: On slide 11, we indicate IRA funding for some measures. I think this is best answered by Nicor Gas.*
- *Randy Opdyke: Our approved 2026 EE Plan aims to identify opportunities for IRA, IE, and market-rate coordination. We will work with the state (IL EPA and DCEO).*
- *Celia Johnson: There is a SAG meeting on January 13th where feedback will be presented on ComEd's draft EE Plan. DCEO will update on their IRA attribution as well.*

Karen Lusson: Can you explain the Rockford and Elgin pilots? Is it the state's decision to offer gas heat pumps for retrofits?

- *Randy Opdyke: As part of Nicor's income eligible weatherization, we have pilots in LI areas to gather lessons learned and inform future pilots. The pilots are retrofitting full weatherization of a home. Nicor Gas is fully funding it.*
- *Karen Lusson: What are these pilots?*
- *Randy Opdyke: They include whole-home weatherization and single-family retrofitting.*
- *Karen Lusson: So, it is not fully braided with IHWAP?*
- *Randy Opdyke: That is correct.*
- *Karen Lusson: Is this a gas only pilot, or is it a joint, braided, single-family home energy assistance program with ComEd?*
- *Randy Opdyke: The pilot is gas only, to understand lessons learned related to individual communities. We still offer jointly funded weatherization with ComEd. We maximized funding with ComEd for 2026; ComEd's funding is limited.*
- *Karen Lusson: I do not recall conversations about gas only pilots in our stipulation discussions. We were trying to stretch the gas and electric dollars for the joint weatherization program as much as possible. This is news to me that there are gas-only pilots.*
- *Kari Ross: I agree with Karen. Is this a neighborhood, targeted approach that is solely done by Nicor, but also done under the IE weatherization program that is delivered jointly?*
- *Randy Opdyke: Yes.*
- *Kari Ross: Are gas heat pumps being offered for multifamily units, but not single-family?*
- *Randy Opdyke: Anywhere there is a gas heat pump, there are different criteria. Most of those are offered through joint programs with ComEd.*

- *Karen Lusson: What are the criteria for a gas heat pump?*
- *Randy Opdyke: That is what is currently being discussed with ComEd. Those discussions were previously at SAG.*
- *Karen Lusson: You are referring to retrofit prioritization criteria, correct?*
- *Randy Opdyke: Yes.*
- *Karen Lusson: Is it criteria on whether the current system is a health and safety issue?*
- *Randy Opdyke: Correct.*
- *Karen Lusson: Let's take this conversation offline. What drives the decision to install a gas heat pump over an electric heat pump?*
- *Randy Opdyke: The pilot is focused on weatherization and not gas heat pumps or air source heat pumps.*
- *Karen Lusson and Kari Ross will follow-up with Nicor Gas to better understand the weatherization pilots in Rockford and Elgin.*

Kari Ross: What is the difference between joint and coordinated? What does joint (ComEd) and gas only mean?

- *Randy Opdyke: Joint means it is delivered with ComEd and Nicor Gas. Most of those are weatherization programs. Some are elementary education or IE savings kits to ultimately build customer trust. Coordinated means the program is mostly delivered by the electric utility. We coordinate and work with them to offer incentives and coordinate projects in our territory with IE funds. Gas only is new this year, which is used in our home energy saving assessment.*
- *Kari Ross: The kits are two different programs, one gas only and one joint with ComEd, correct?*
- *Randy Opdyke: Yes.*

Karen Lusson (via chat): Is the smart thermostat program still coordinated, rather than joint (which makes more sense), because of electric/gas budget differentials?

- *Randy Opdyke: Electric utilities run and manage this program through the retail platform. We coordinate and share rebates to the customers.*

Karen Lusson: Why did ComEd drop out of the joint direct install program?

- *Randy Opdyke: Through conversations prior to filing. I will have to defer to ComEd.*

Karen Lusson: Can the utilities confirm that they are having conversations about how to work together with new CRGA budgets? Are there plans to have this happen? During previous negotiations, there was sometimes hesitancy or inability to discuss other utility plans.

- *Celia Johnson: This is something that needs to be addressed within SAG planning. It is likely too early for specific updates. As a reminder, there is a deadline on Thursday, December 4 for stakeholders to submit questions for ComEd regarding their updated EE Plan due to CRGA. ComEd will present the draft updated EE Plan to SAG on Thursday, December 18.*

Evaluation Budget

- Evaluation Budget – 4 Year: \$6,536,000
 - Avg Per Program Year: \$1,634,000
- Overall Budget is split between
 - Impact Evaluation
 - NTG and Process Research
 - TRM Research and Updates

- Economic Analyses (TRC, NEIs, Jobs)
- Planning, and other crosscutting activities
- Prioritizing Resources
 - Meet requirements for savings verification and reporting
 - ICC Orders and SAG Input
 - Program contribution to portfolio net savings
 - Program / Implementer needs and effectiveness
 - Opportunities to leverage joint research with other utilities
- Evaluation Activity Budget Percentage
 - Impact Evaluation: 38%
 - NTG Process: 24%
 - TRM Research: 17%
 - Crosscutting: 13%
 - TRC, NEIs, Jobs: 5%
 - Planning: 3%

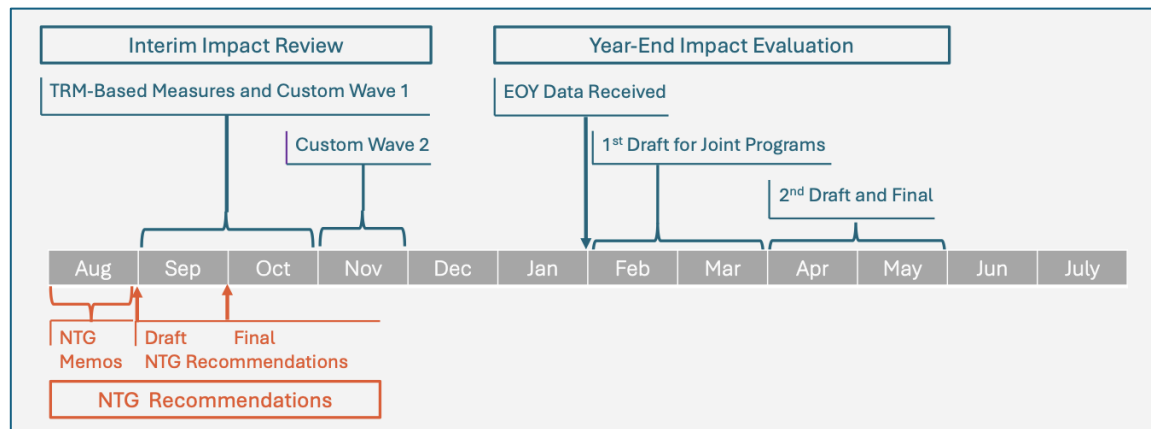
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	Program Budget	Net Therms	Program Budget	Net Therms
Income Eligible	41%	26%	14%	7%
Residential	12%	15%	28%	18%
Business	24%	58%	32%	75%
MDI	2%	-	2%	-
Portfolio Costs	20%	-	24%	-
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Income Eligible	Home Energy Savings (SF IE)	IHWAP SF, Retrofits SF, HEA	Joint	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes
Income Eligible	MF Energy Savings (MF IE)	IHWAP MF, Retrofits MF	Joint	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes
Income Eligible	IE PHA	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Joint	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes
Residential	Market Rate SF	Smart Thermostats	Coordinated	CLEARResult	Gas only and ComEd Retail
Residential	MF MR	Assessment and Direct Install (MFDI)	Gas Only (Peoples/Nicor)	Resource Innovations (RI)	No longer joint with ComEd
Business	Commercial Food Service	Commercial Food Service (CFS) (Private & Public)	Joint Statewide	CLEARResult (CR)	No Changes
Business	RCx	(Private & Public)	Coordinated	Resource Innovations (RI)	No Changes

Evaluation Budget

- Evaluation Budget – 4 Year: \$4,064,400
 - Avg Per Program Year: \$1,016,100
- Overall Budget is split between
 - Impact Evaluation
 - NTG and Process Research
 - TRM Research and Updates
 - Economic Analyses (TRC, NEIs, Jobs)
 - Planning, and other crosscutting activities
- Prioritizing Resources
 - Meet requirements for savings verification and reporting
 - ICC Orders and SAG Input
 - Program contribution to portfolio net savings
 - Program / Implementer needs and effectiveness
 - Opportunities to leverage joint research with other utilities
- Evaluation Activity Budget Percentage
 - Impact Evaluation: 38%
 - NTG Process: 24%
 - TRM Research: 17%
 - Crosscutting: 13%
 - TRC, NEIs, Jobs: 5%
 - Planning: 3%

Closing and Next Steps

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Next Steps:

- The written draft Nicor Gas evaluation plan will be provided December 9th and circulated to SAG.
- The written draft Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas evaluation plan will be provided December 15th and circulated to SAG.

Follow-up items from December 3 Meeting:

1. Nicor Gas Evaluation Plan Presentation
 - a. Karen Lusson and Kari Ross will follow-up with Nicor Gas to better understand the weatherization pilots in Rockford and Elgin.
 - b. Why did ComEd drop out of the joint direct install program with Nicor Gas?
2. Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas Evaluation Plan Presentation
 - a. No follow-up items.