

Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group Policy Manual Subcommittee Version 3.0: Proposed Policy Template

Proposed Policy: Independence Policy Clarifications Submitted By: ICC Staff

Question 1: Proposed Policy and Rationale

Briefly describe the policy proposed to be included in Policy Manual Version 3.0, including rationale for why this policy is necessary in Illinois.

Questions to consider:

1. Why does this policy require inclusion in Policy Manual Version 3.0?
2. What unresolved policy issue(s) will be resolved by inclusion in the Policy Manual Version 3.0?

Please be as specific as you can. If you have specific policy language to propose at this time, please include in this template. It is not a requirement to draft policy language in the proposal template. If draft policy language is not included here, you may be assigned to draft proposed policy language for review by the Subcommittee at a future meeting.

A minor edit is needed to the current independence policy provisions. There are three independence provisions in Policy Manual Version 2.1 – Section 3.5, SAG Facilitator Independence; Section 7.1 (ii), IL-TRM Administrator Independence; and Section 7.5, Evaluator Independence. There is language in each independence provision regarding “acting independently.” For the SAG Facilitator and IL-TRM Administrator provisions, “is not acting independent” should be changed to “was not acting independently”, to be consistent with the evaluator independence provision.

- **Excerpt from SAG Facilitator Independence Provision:** Program Administrators will include language in the independent SAG Facilitator contract that provides that the Commission has the right to direct Program Administrators to terminate the SAG Facilitator contract if the Commission determines the SAG Facilitator **was is not acting independently**, or is unable or unwilling to independently facilitate the SAG.
- **Excerpt from IL-TRM Administrator Independence Provision:** Program Administrators will include language in the independent IL-TRM Administrator contract that provides that the Commission has the right to direct Program Administrators to terminate the IL-TRM Administrator contract if the Commission determines the IL-TRM Administrator **is was not acting independently**, or is unable or unwilling to independently administer the Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual for Energy Efficiency.
- **Excerpt from Evaluator Independence Provision:** The Commission has the right to direct the Program Administrator to terminate the contract if the Commission determines the Evaluators **were not acting independently**.

Question 2: Utility Impact

Describe whether the proposed policy impacts Illinois gas utilities, electric utilities, or both.

Both electric and gas utilities

Question 3: Background Research

Provide any background research completed in preparing this template, including source references and links, as applicable.

Questions to consider:

- 1. Are you aware of other jurisdictions or utilities that address this policy issue?*
- 2. Have any national or regional energy efficiency organizations addressed this policy topic? If so, please provide reports and any other relevant sources.*

N/A

Optional Question 4: Commission Decision

Has the Illinois Commerce Commission previously addressed this policy or issue? If so, please provide language and specific citations, including the ICC docket number.

Optional Question 5: Statutory Consistency

Have you reviewed your proposed policy against applicable Illinois law? Are there any possible conflicts? If so, please explain and provide statutory citation(s).

Optional Question 6: Additional Information

Provide additional information, as needed, to assist with understanding the proposed policy issue and your request to include it in the Policy Manual Version 3.0. For example, have any memos been drafted to the SAG related to this policy proposal?