

# Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group: 2023 SAG Plan (Final 1/31/2023)

## I. Background

The Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) is an advisory body established by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) that is open to all interest participants. SAG is a forum that allows parties to provide early and ongoing input on energy efficiency programs, express different opinions, better understand the opinions of others, and foster collaboration and consensus, where possible and appropriate.

This 2023 SAG Plan includes an overview of SAG activities from January 1 through December 31, 2023. The SAG is independently facilitated by Celia Johnson, Celia Johnson Consulting LLC. Facilitation meeting support is provided by Catalina Lamadrid, Inova Energy Group.

## II. SAG Meetings

Table 1 below describes various categories of SAG meetings, including the SAG Steering Committee, Large Group SAG, SAG Technical Advisory Committee, SAG Subcommittees, and SAG Working Groups.

<b>Table 1: SAG Meetings</b>	
<b>Meeting Category</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>SAG Steering Committee</b>	Members of the SAG Steering Committee includes senior representative of utilities, community-based organizations, and non-financially interested stakeholder participants that signed 2022-2025 Stipulated Agreements with Illinois utilities. The Steering Committee provides substantive feedback to the SAG Facilitator on: (1) annual SAG Plans; and (2) progress towards meeting annual SAG Plan goals to ensure that the time spent on SAG is as productive and valuable as possible. Meetings will be held on a bi-annual basis.
<b>Large Group SAG</b>	<p>Large Group SAG meetings will be held on a quarterly basis, at a minimum. The SAG Facilitator will prioritize topics and issues that are required by the Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual Version 2.1, or as it may be updated from time to time; directives to SAG from the ICC; and ICC-approved stipulated agreements between utilities and non-financially interested parties.</p> <p>Other topics related to EE portfolio planning, design, implementation, and evaluation will be scheduled for Large Group SAG discussion as time and resources permit.</p>

<b>Table 1: SAG Meetings</b>	
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<b>SAG Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)</b>	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings address updates to the IL-TRM, EM&V issues, and other issues of a technical nature. TAC meetings are facilitated by the independent Illinois TRM Administrator, VEIC. SAG participants will be briefed on topics covered in the TAC, as needed. The SAG Facilitator coordinates with the IL-TRM Administrator and participates in TAC meetings, as needed.
<b>SAG Subcommittees</b>	<p>SAG Subcommittees will be established for necessary issue-specific topics based on ICC directives, Policy Manual requirements, and stipulated agreements. Participation in SAG Subcommittees will be open to all SAG participants, unless there may be a financial conflict of interest.</p> <p>In 2023, there are three (3) Subcommittee that are anticipated to be convened by the SAG Facilitator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy Manual Subcommittee</li> <li>2. Equity Subcommittee</li> <li>3. Network Lighting Controls Subcommittee</li> </ol>
<b>SAG Working Groups</b>	<p>SAG Working Group meetings will be held to discuss short-term issues that need resolution. Meetings will be held by teleconference and scheduled as needed, with participation by interested SAG participants. SAG Working Groups may recommend next steps to the Policy Manual Subcommittee or IL-TRM TAC.</p> <p>In 2023, there are six (6) Working Groups that are anticipated to be convened by the SAG Facilitator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluation Working Group</li> <li>2. Greenhouse Gas Savings Working Group</li> <li>3. Market Transformation Savings Working Group</li> <li>4. Non-Energy Impacts Working Group</li> <li>5. Potential Study Working Group</li> <li>6. Reporting Working Group</li> </ol>

### **A. Recurring SAG Activities**

There are a number of topics that require recurring discussion in the SAG, as referenced in the Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual Version 2.1.<sup>1</sup> The SAG Facilitator will organize the following SAG activities related to recurring topics in 2023:

1. **Quarterly Reports:** Schedule quarterly utility-report-outs to SAG twice per year. Quarterly reports will be posted to the SAG website. For quarters where utilities are not presenting to SAG, utility reports will be circulated to SAG participants by email.

<sup>1</sup> See IL EE Policy Manual Subcommittee: <http://www.ilsag.info/illinois-ee-policy-manual.html>

2. Annual Reports: Schedule annual utility report-outs following the end of each program year (combined with a quarterly report-out). Annual reports will be posted to the SAG website.
3. IL-TRM Update Process: Send notice of IL-TRM meetings to the appropriate SAG participants; circulate IL-TRM materials, as requested by the IL-TRM Administrator; update the SAG website with IL-TRM materials; and participate in a discussion of IL-TRM priorities prior to the launch of the annual IL-TRM process, organized by the IL-TRM Administrator.
4. Evaluation Work Plans: Schedule SAG meeting(s) on an annual basis for evaluators to present an overview of draft EM&V work plans for the upcoming year. Draft EM&V work plans will be posted to the SAG website for review and comment. Notice will be circulated to SAG directing that comments on draft EM&V work plans shall be submitted to utilities, ICC Staff, and evaluators within fifteen (15) business days, or such other timeline mutually agreed to by the Parties. Final EM&V work plans will be posted on the SAG website.
5. Evaluation Reports: Draft and final evaluation reports will be posted on the SAG website, as they are made available by independent evaluators.
6. Net-to-Gross Updates: Organize and facilitate meeting(s) to discuss annual updates to Net-to-Gross (NTG) values in September 2023, for the 2024 program year. Independent evaluators share initial NTG recommendations by September 1, 2023 with final values determined by October 1, 2023. Draft and final NTG documents and other NTG meeting communications will be posted to the SAG website and circulated to SAG.
7. Adjustable Savings Goals: Organize and facilitate discussions regarding gas utility Adjustable Savings Goals for the 2023 program year, if needed. At a minimum, draft Adjustable Savings Goal spreadsheets for gas utilities will be circulated to interested stakeholders for review. The 2023 update to gas utility Adjustable Savings Goals will also be posted on the SAG website.<sup>2</sup>
8. Updates to the Policy Manual: Organize and facilitate Policy Manual Subcommittee meetings on an as-needed basis. The Policy Manual Version 3.0 update process began in June 2022, and is anticipated to be finalized in June 2023.

## **B. SAG Participation**

Participation in large group SAG meetings, SAG Subcommittee, and SAG Working Group meetings is open to all interested parties, unless a topic may present a financial conflict of interest or when an issue requires consensus resolution. Topics that present a conflict will be identified in advance by the SAG Facilitator.

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<sup>2</sup> See Adjustable Savings Goals policy for gas utilities: [http://www.ilsag.info/adjustable\\_savings\\_goals.html](http://www.ilsag.info/adjustable_savings_goals.html)

SAG participants include Illinois utilities administering energy efficiency programs (Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, and Peoples Gas – North Shore Gas); stakeholders representing environmental advocacy, consumer advocacy, and ratepayer advocacy; Illinois Commerce Commission Staff; program implementation contractors; independent evaluators; the Illinois TRM Administrator; community-based organizations and other interested companies and organizations.

### **Financial Conflict of Interest Policy**<sup>3</sup>

*Excerpted from SAG Process Guidance*

**Definitions:** A non-financially interested stakeholder participant does not have a financial interest in Illinois utility energy efficiency portfolios, or a financial interest with Illinois utilities. A “financially interested party” means any person or entity, or employee of an entity, that engages in the purchase, sale, marketing or implementation of energy efficiency products, services, programs, pilots or research. A “financially interested party” may also engage in other work with utilities outside of energy efficiency.

**Policy:** A financial conflict of interest may be present when a SAG participant, in the judgment of the SAG Facilitator, may have a financial stake in a SAG discussion topic and participation by the financially interested party could have adverse consequences, such as hindering complete and frank discussions, or the participant may gain undue advantage or benefit by participating. SAG participants that may have a financial conflict of interest in specific meetings topics must recuse themselves from participating in those meetings or portions of those meetings for relevant topics. Notwithstanding this restriction, the designated agent(s) of a participating utility shall not be considered to have a financial conflict of interest for purposes of participating in SAG discussions. Conflicts may change from time to time.

Topics that may present a financial conflict of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Discussion of proprietary and/or confidential information (e.g., current and prospective program implementers, contractors, and product representatives);
2. Current and past program performance (e.g., current program implementers and contractors);
3. Future bids (e.g., current and prospective program implementers, potential bidders, and contractors);
4. Evaluation performance and proposed changes (e.g., current and prospective independent evaluation contractors);
5. Final consensus to resolve policy issues, including but not limited to final negotiations in the Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual update process; and
6. Final negotiations on portfolio planning for utility Energy Efficiency Plans. Prior to the discussion of confidential topic(s), SAG participants may be asked by a utility or utilities to sign a non-disclosure, or confidentiality agreement.

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<sup>3</sup> This “process rule” has been raised for discussion in the Policy Manual Version 3.0 update process, and is anticipated to be resolved in spring 2023. If a change to the existing language is needed, the SAG Plan will be updated.

## C. SAG Coordination with Other Processes

As described in the SAG Process Guidance document, Section VI, Coordination with Other Processes, the SAG Facilitator will coordinate with two other Illinois energy efficiency advisory processes, including 1) Annual update process for the Illinois Technical Reference Manual (IL-TRM) through the SAG TAC, facilitated by Vermont Energy Investment Corp. (VEIC), the IL-TRM Administrator<sup>4</sup>; and 2) Income Qualified EE Advisory Committees, or Low Income Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (LIEEAC).

## D. SAG Subcommittees

As described in Table 1 above, SAG Subcommittees are established for necessary issue-specific topics based on ICC directives, Policy Manual requirements, and stipulated agreements. Participation in SAG Subcommittees will be open to all SAG participants, except for topics that may involve a financial conflict of interest. SAG participants are invited to self-select into Subcommittees of interest. The SAG Facilitator maintains a separate distribution list for each Subcommittee.

Three SAG Subcommittees will be active in 2023, including the Equity Subcommittee, Network Lighting Controls Subcommittee, and Policy Manual Subcommittee. A summary of each Subcommittee can be found below.

### Equity Subcommittee

Website: <https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/subcommittees/equity-subcommittee/>

- **Purpose:** To discuss topics related to equity in Illinois utility energy efficiency portfolios, as referenced in 2022-2025 EE Plan Stipulated Agreements. Equity Subcommittee meetings will be held jointly with the IQ EE Committee. Meetings will include an opportunity for SAG and IQ EE Committee participants to coordinate on discussion of energy efficiency efforts related to equity.
- **Background:** The 2022-2025 EE Plan Stipulated Agreements between individual utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders referenced discussing a variety of topics related to workforce equity, diverse contractor hiring, and utility Market Development Initiatives in a SAG Subcommittee. The Equity Subcommittee held two meetings in 2022. Meetings will be held quarterly in 2023. Additional meetings will be scheduled, if needed.
- **Meeting Topics:**
  - Q1 (April):
    - Market Development Initiative (MDI) research results for ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas + action plan of recommendations
    - Ameren Illinois report-out on MDI progress + Market Development Action Plan (MDAP) introduction and reporting
  - Q2 (July):

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<sup>4</sup> See IL-TRM page of the SAG website for additional information: <https://www.ilsag.info/technical-reference-manual/>

- Workshop #1 on the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission tool used for Ameren Illinois' energy efficiency programs, including an opportunity to discuss stakeholder questions and feedback.
  - Ameren Illinois MDI Assessment Report
  - Equitable Energy Upgrade Program (Ameren Illinois and ComEd discussion with stakeholders – if needed)
- Q3 (October):
  - Market Development Initiative implementation plans updates from Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas, which may include:
    - Update from all utilities on efforts to review technical and performance requirements and lessons learned, for Requests for Proposals and Invitations to bid, to encourage and enable non-traditional bidders, new companies, non-profits, and Community-Based Organizations to participate in EE contracting opportunities
    - Update from Ameren Illinois on its efforts to identify any data or information gaps related to identifying diverse potential bidders and achieving the goal of increasing diverse bidders
    - Update on MDI utility efforts to recruit customers who are payment troubled (barriers, solutions and best practices)
- Q4 (December):
  - Workshop #2 on the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission tool used for Ameren Illinois' energy efficiency programs, including an opportunity to discuss stakeholder questions and feedback.

### **Network Lighting Controls Subcommittee**

*Website:* <https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/subcommittees/network-lighting-controls-subcommittee/>

- **Purpose:** To discuss measures associated with network lighting controls (NLC) with Ameren Illinois, ComEd and interested stakeholders, including strategies for accelerating adoption of networked lighting controls, luminaire level lighting controls, and other related measures.
- **Background:** The 2022-2025 EE Plan Stipulated Agreements between Ameren Illinois, ComEd and non-financially interested stakeholders referenced creating a new Technical Advisory Committee Subcommittee to address the measures associated with network lighting controls.
- **Meeting Topics:**
  - Q1 (March): Ameren Illinois and ComEd present progress updates on NLC measure update in 2022.
  - Q3 (September): Mid-year check-in on NLC measure updates from Ameren Illinois and ComEd. If needed, discuss any major updates from utilities across the country on NLC measure offerings.

## **Policy Manual Subcommittee**

*Website:* <https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/subcommittees/policy-manual-version-3-0-subcommittee/>

- **Purpose:** To discuss proposed Illinois energy efficiency policies and reach agreement on Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual Version 3.0. If there are proposed policies that may belong in the Illinois TRM Policy Document, it will also be updated.
- **Background:** Policy Manual Version 1.0 was developed in 2014 by the SAG Policy Manual Subcommittee at the direction of the Commission, and approved by the Commission in 2015. Since the first Policy Manual was developed, the Policy Manual has been updated on an as-needed basis, including Version 1.1, Version 2.0 and Version 2.1. The Policy Manual Version 3.0 update process began in summer 2022. Participants had an opportunity in June 2022 to propose new policies for consideration in the updated manual. The goal is to submit Policy Manual Version 3.0 to the Commission for approval by June 30, 2023.
- **Meeting Topics:** The Policy Manual Subcommittee plans to meet monthly through April 2023 to discuss proposed policies. Small group meetings are scheduled as needed on specific policy topics.

## **E. SAG Working Groups**

SAG Working Groups are small groups of interested SAG participants that are convened to discuss short-term issues that need resolution. SAG Working Groups will report-back to the large group SAG following discussions, as needed. Working Groups are open to all interested SAG participants, unless a topic may present a financial conflict of interest. SAG Working Groups are established as time and resources permit, with meetings scheduled on an as-needed basis. SAG participants are invited to self-select into Working Groups of interest. The SAG Facilitator maintains a separate distribution list for each Working Group.

Six SAG Working Groups will be active in 2023, including the Evaluation Working Group, Greenhouse Gas Savings Working Group, Market Transformation Savings Working Group, Non-Energy Impacts Working Group, Potential Study Working Group, and Reporting Working Group.

## **Evaluation Working Group**

*Website:* <https://www.ilsag.info/evaluation-working-group/>

- **Purpose:** To discuss evaluation questions that are more technical in nature and may not be of interest to all large group SAG participants.
- **Background:** A number of specific evaluation questions were raised in 2020 that required discussion by a small group of interested SAG participants. For transparency and ease of participation, a new Working Group focused on evaluation topics was established in 2021. There were no meetings of the Evaluation Working Group in 2022.
- **Meeting Topics:** Meetings will be scheduled as-needed.

## **Greenhouse Gas Savings Working Group**

*Website:* To be created

- **Purpose:** To discuss greenhouse gas (GHG) savings, including 1) defining approaches for calculating GHG savings from energy efficiency measures and programs and 2) addressing how electric and gas utilities in Illinois will communicate GHG impacts to the ICC.
- **Background:** Nicor Gas submitted a [“Greenhouse Gas Savings Calculations” policy proposal](#) in June 2022 as part of the Policy Manual Version 3.0 update process. The SAG Facilitator requested feedback from Policy Manual Subcommittee participants on all policies submitted, including whether policy proposals were necessary, or appropriate for the Policy Manual, or may belong in another forum. Nicor Gas withdrew their GHG policy proposal from the Policy Manual Subcommittee, requesting that SAG discuss and attempt to resolve GHG questions in a Working Group before the next EE portfolio planning process. GHG questions should be resolved by mid-2024, if possible. This Working Group will meet in the second half of 2023, after Policy Manual Version 3.0 is submitted to the ICC for approval.
- **Meeting Topics:**
  - Q3 (August): Introduce GHG questions for discussion by the Working Group; discuss initial feedback
  - Q3 (September): Discuss follow-up from the August meeting; identify volunteer(s) to draft proposed resolution
  - Q4 (October): Discuss proposed resolution; provide an opportunity for written feedback; determine whether any non-consensus issues exist and the forum to resolve, if needed

## **Market Transformation Savings Working Group**

*Website:* [Market Transformation Savings Working Group](#)

- **Purpose:** The purpose of the Market Transformation Savings Working Group (MT Savings Working Group) is:
  1. To provide a forum to discuss policy issues related to MT savings evaluation and estimation;
  2. To provide an opportunity to review specific MT initiatives and the data/approach proposed to be used to develop savings, including but not limited to:
    - a. Logic Models
    - b. Savings/unit
    - c. Total market unit data collection
    - d. Natural market baseline data and projections
    - e. Service territory accounting
    - f. Market progress indicators
    - g. The duration of any MT savings credit.
  3. To discuss evaluation questions related to MT initiatives; and
  4. To reach consensus on savings protocols for MT initiatives that may be included in the IL-TRM.
- **Background:** The MT Savings Working Group was created in 2019, to reach agreement on a framework for market transformation savings, was included in IL-TRM Version 8.0. *The Attachment C, Framework for Market Transformation Savings in Illinois*, was



finalized in August 2019. Since 2019, the Working Group has met on a regular basis to discuss open policy issues and review progress updates on MT initiatives.

- **Meeting Topics:**
  - Q1 (March):
    - MT Small Group to report-out on final draft resolution of open MT issues from 2022
    - Illinois utilities to provide a status update on current Illinois market transformation (MT) initiatives in progress in 2023
    - Initiative Updates
      - Building Performance Standards Update (Slipstream and MEEA)
      - Retail Products Platform (ComEd)
      - Luminaire Level Lighting Controls (Ameren Illinois)
  - Q2 (May): Timing Tentative
    - MT initiatives progress update – topics TBD
  - Q3 (July): Timing Tentative
    - MT initiatives progress update – topics TBD
  - 4 (October): Timing Tentative
    - MT initiatives progress update – topics TBD
- **Consensus Process:** If consensus is needed on any MT initiative savings protocols, it will be addressed with utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders.

### **Non-Energy Impacts Working Group**

*Website:* [Non-Energy Impacts Working Group](#)

- **Purpose:** To discuss research plans and results from Illinois non-energy impact (NEI) studies as well as defensible methodologies to use across the state related to calculating non-energy impacts.
- **Background:** The Non-Energy Impacts Working Group was established in 2018 to discuss NEI research plans and draft research results from Illinois NEI studies, as well as defensible methodologies to use across the state related to calculating non-energy impacts. Guidehouse, ComEd’s evaluator, and Opinion Dynamics, Ameren Illinois’ evaluator, developed detailed research plans in 2018 to address NEIs as well as economic impacts of EE programs. Draft research results and methodologies were reviewed by the Working Group throughout 2019 and 2020. NEI research results for the gas utilities Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas were also reviewed in 2020. There were no NEI Working Group meetings held in 2021. One Working Group meeting was held in 2022, for Ameren Illinois’ evaluator and ComEd’s evaluator to present updates on non-energy impact research.
- **Meeting Topics:**
  - Q4 (October):
    - Ameren Illinois’ evaluator Opinion Dynamics to present updates on non-energy impact income qualified participant research results
    - Utility evaluators report-out on economic and employment impacts of Illinois EE programs; discuss model and methodology used for this reporting
  - Q4 (December): ComEd’s evaluator Guidehouse to present updates on non-energy impact income qualified participant research results

## **Potential Study Working Group**

Website: [Potential Study Working Group](#)

- **Purpose:** To discuss development of, and stakeholder input on, an energy efficiency baseline and potential study to inform future utility Energy Efficiency Portfolio Plans.
- **Background:** The Potential Study Working Group was established in late 2022. Participation in this Working Group is limited to utilities funding the energy efficiency potential study and non-financially interested stakeholders. The reason participation is limited at this time is because the Working Group is discussing development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the study. As the study progresses, the Working Group may also discuss modeling and assumptions that are confidential. Once draft study results are available (anticipated Q1 2024), results will be presented to the large group SAG.
- **Meeting Topics:**
  - Meetings will be held on a regular basis with utilities funding the study and non-financially interested stakeholders.

## **Reporting Working Group**

Website: [www.ilsag.info/reporting-working-group](http://www.ilsag.info/reporting-working-group)

- **Purpose:** To discuss utility reporting, as needed.
- **Background:** Utilities prepare Quarterly Reports and Annual Reports to provide progress updates on EE programs. Reports are filed with the Commission and posted on the [Utility Reports page](#) of SAG website. Reports are also circulated to SAG following each quarter. Utility reporting requirements are referenced in the Policy Manual (see Section 6, Program Administration and Reporting). The Reporting Working Group was established in 2021, to discuss several reporting topics referenced in the individual utility 2022-2025 EE Plan Stipulated Agreements. Prior to 2021, reporting was discussed by the Policy Manual Subcommittee.
- **Meeting Topics:**
  - Q1 (March): Ameren Illinois Multifamily Metrics Workshop
    - A follow-up discussion to the September 2022 Ameren Illinois multifamily data metrics workshop, as referenced in the utility's 2022-2025 EE Plan Stipulated Agreement.
  - Q2 (June): Ameren Illinois IQ SF and MF Retrofit Materials
    - An informed discussion with SAG and LIEEAC on any options for using healthier materials, as referenced in the utility's 2022-2025 EE Plan Stipulated Agreement.
  - Develop Reporting Metrics (Timing for meetings will be coordinated with the Reporting Working Group)
    - Q1 2023: The Policy Manual Subcommittee is currently finalizing reporting principles in several topic areas. The goal is for the Policy Manual Subcommittee to finalize reporting principles by end of Q1, in order for the Reporting Working Group to develop metrics in 2023.
    - Q2 – Q4 2023: Develop and finalize reporting metrics, as requested by the Policy Manual Subcommittee. A process and schedule will be reviewed with interested participants.

- *Income Qualified (IQ) Multifamily Reporting:* The Policy Manual Subcommittee is currently finalizing “IQ Multifamily Reporting Principles,” for Policy Manual Version 3.0. The Reporting Working Group will discuss the development of metrics with interested stakeholders and Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas. The goal is to finalize metrics by Q4 2023.
- *Income Qualified (IQ) Health and Safety Reporting:* The Policy Manual Subcommittee is currently finalizing “IQ Health and Safety Reporting Principles,” for Policy Manual Version 3.0. The Reporting Working Group will discuss the development of metrics with interested stakeholders and Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas. The goal is to finalize metrics by Q4 2023. A process and schedule will be reviewed with interested participants.
- Additional reporting policies currently under review by the Policy Manual Subcommittee may also be discussed by the Reporting Working Group in 2023, including equity and affordability reporting and diverse contracting reporting.

### **III. Proposed Large Group SAG Topics for 2023**

This section of the SAG Plan includes large group SAG topics anticipated to be scheduled in 2023. Section III is not an exhaustive list of meeting topics. Additional SAG topics for 2023 are in development. Meeting agendas will be finalized with presenters in advance of each meeting. Topics are scheduled at SAG meetings based on priority, and as time and resources permit.

#### **A. Energy Efficiency Portfolio Topics**

1. Utilities report-out on the progress of energy efficiency portfolios twice per year
2. Introduction to Equity Metrics
  - a. ACEEE presentation on “Leading with Equity Initiative”
  - b. University of Michigan presentation on Equity Metrics
3. Leveraging / Integrating Other Energy Efficiency Opportunities with Utility EE Programs
  - a. Federal energy efficiency opportunities, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
  - b. City of Chicago coordination
4. Potential Research Initiative Presentations
  - a. Income eligible bill impacts report-out (joint research with ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas)
  - b. Opinion Dynamics (Ameren Illinois’ evaluator) research updates:
    - i. Market Effects research
    - ii. Research on impact of Inflation Reduction Act tax credits
    - iii. Research on small business initiatives
  - c. Guidehouse (ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas/North Shore Gas evaluator) research updates

- d. Utility Research & Development initiative updates
- e. Decarbonization Studies
  - i. Low Carbon Resources Initiative (2022 Report)
  - ii. Opportunities and Challenges with Residential Space Heating (presentation on [May 2022 GTI report](#))
  - iii. Rocky Mountain Institute Studies
  - iv. Additional TBD
- 5. Energy Efficiency Opportunities (Tentative)
  - a. Are there any successful or innovative energy efficiency initiatives from other jurisdiction(s) that should be shared with SAG in 2023, to help inform future EE portfolio planning?
- 6. Others energy efficiency topics, as needed

**B. Evaluation Topics**

- 1. Annual process to reach agreement on Net-to-Gross (NTG) values for the 2024 program year, with initial NTG value recommendations provided by independent evaluators; and
- 2. Annual meeting for evaluators to present draft evaluation plans for 2024 utility EE programs

**IV. Schedule**

Table 3 below includes the proposed 2023 schedule for Large Group SAG meetings. Meetings of the SAG Steering Committee, SAG Subcommittees, and SAG Working Groups are not listed in the table below. Instead, those meetings will be scheduled by the SAG Facilitator with feedback from the participants of each group.

Final Large Group SAG meeting agendas will be circulated to participants approximately five (5) Business Days before each meeting. Meeting dates and the agenda topics listed in Table 3 are subject to change.

<b>Table 3: Large Group SAG 2023 Schedule</b>		
<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
<p><b>Thurs. Jan. 19</b>  <i>Large Group SAG Meeting</i>            10:00 – 11:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>SAG Planning Meeting</u></b>            SAG Facilitator presents final draft 2023 SAG Plan and schedule; request for comments.</p>	<p>Final comments on the 2023 SAG Plan due by Thursday, Jan. 26</p> <p>SAG Facilitator to finalize the 2023 SAG Plan and post on the website by Tuesday, January 31</p>
<p><b>Tues. March 21 (Day 1)</b>  <i>Large Group SAG Meeting</i>            9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Quarterly SAG Meeting (Quarter 1)</u></b></p> <p><b>Day 1: Joint Meeting with IQ EE Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income eligible bill impacts (joint research with ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas &amp; North Shore Gas)</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up items will be circulated after the meeting</p>

<b>Table 3: Large Group SAG 2023 Schedule</b>		
<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
<p><b>Wed. March 22</b> <b>(Day 2)</b> <i>Large Group SAG Meeting</i> 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional topics TBD</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2: Joint Meeting with IQ EE Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to SAG Reporting Working Group IQ metrics process in 2023</li> <li>• ACEEE presentation on “Leading with Equity Initiative”</li> <li>• University of Michigan presentation on Equity Metrics</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Tues. April 25</b> <b>(Day 1)</b> <i>Large Group SAG Meeting</i> 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p><b>Wed. April 26</b> <b>(Day 2)</b> <i>Large Group SAG Meeting</i> 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Quarterly SAG Meeting (Quarter 2)</u></b></p> <p><b>Day 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EE Portfolio Report-Out:</b> Ameren Illinois and ComEd present Calendar Year 2022 results, and Q1 2023</li> <li>• Additional topics TBD</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EE Portfolio Report-Out:</b> Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas &amp; North Shore Gas present Calendar Year 2022 results, and Q1 2023</li> <li>• Additional topics TBD</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up items will be circulated after the meeting</p>
<p><b>Tues. July 18</b> <b>(Day 1)</b> 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p><b>Wed. July 19</b> <b>(Day 2)</b> 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Quarterly SAG Meeting (Quarter 3)</u></b></p> <p><b>Day 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opinion Dynamics Market Effects Research</li> <li>• Update on federal EE opportunities</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful / innovative EE presentations from other jurisdiction(s) – tentative</li> <li>• Research report-out(s) – tentative</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up items will be circulated after the meeting</p>

<b>Table 3: Large Group SAG 2023 Schedule</b>		
<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
<p><b>September 2023 Large Group SAG Meetings</b></p>	<p><b>NTG Recommendations:</b> Four Large Group SAG teleconference meetings will be held to discuss evaluator Net-to-Gross (NTG) recommendations for programs beginning January 1, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meeting 1 – Tuesday, Sept. 5:</b> Evaluators present initial recommended NTG values for Illinois utilities. Discuss questions and follow-up.</li> <li>• <b>Meeting 2 – Tuesday, Sept. 12:</b> Follow-up discussion on recommended NTG values. Discuss consensus on recommended values.</li> <li>• <b>Meeting 3 – Tuesday, Sept. 19:</b> Follow-up discussion on recommended NTG values. Discuss consensus on recommended values.</li> <li>• <b>Meeting 4 – Tuesday, Sept. 26:</b> Final meeting to discuss follow-up and consensus on recommended values.</li> </ul>	<p>NTG values for the program year beginning Jan. 1, 2024 must be finalized by independent evaluators by Oct. 1, 2023</p>
<p><b>Tues. Nov. 14 (Day 1) 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Wed. Nov. 15 (Day 2) 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Quarterly SAG Meeting (Quarter 4)</u></b></p> <p><b>Day 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EE Portfolio Report-Out:</b> Ameren Illinois and ComEd present 2023 EE portfolio results to date</li> <li>• Successful / innovative EE presentations from other jurisdiction(s) – tentative</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EE Portfolio Report-Out:</b> Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas &amp; North Shore Gas present 2023 EE portfolio results to date</li> <li>• Health and safety and multi-family metrics report-out (timing tentative; once metrics are finalized by Reporting Working Group)</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up items will be circulated after the meeting</p>
<p><b>Tues. Dec. 5 (Day 1) 9:30 am – 12:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Wed. Dec. 6 (Day 2) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Draft EM&amp;V Work Plans:</b> The purpose of December meetings is to discuss draft evaluation plans for 2024, with additional information provided on multi-year evaluation activities.</p> <p><b>Day 1:</b> Evaluators present an overview of high-level draft multi-year evaluation plans for Ameren Illinois and ComEd EE programs</p> <p><b>Day 2:</b> Evaluators present an overview of high-level draft multi-year evaluation plans for Nicor Gas and Peoples Gas &amp; North Shore Gas EE programs</p>	<p>Draft evaluation plans / EM&amp;V work plans will be available for review and comment on or before December 15</p> <p>SAG Facilitator to post on the SAG website and circulate notice to SAG</p>