

# SAG EE Ideas Joint Stakeholder Presentations

Tuesday, April 16: Residential and Business EE Ideas

## For gas or dual fuel utilities, start (if not already in place) or significantly ramp up residential market rate weatherization program savings (row 11)

- ▶ Idea Submitters: NRDC, CIC, CUB, AG
- ▶ Relevant Utilities: All Gas
- ▶ New or Existing Program: Existing

Weatherization is needed for large portions of the existing building stock, both for bill savings, comfort and environmental reasons. This is particularly important to enabling meeting climate goals - regardless of the vision of how that will happen. The current pace of weatherization of non-IQ homes is paltry compared to what is needed.

## Strong commitments to leveraging Inflation Reduction Act funding, especially HOMES/HEERA rebates, to maximize reach of utility programs and the number of customers served (row 6)

- ▶ Idea Submitters: NRDC, CIC, PCR, CUB, ACES, NCLC, AG
- ▶ Relevant Utilities: All
- ▶ New or Existing Program: Existing

### All utilities should commit to:

- Encouraging IL EPA/the state to implement a "one-stop-shop" approach to implementation of various rebate and tax credit programs, helping customers to leverage the stacking of these offerings with other state, federal, and utility funding streams for whole-home retrofits, including at a minimum, pre-weatherization repairs, weatherization, as well as electrification.
- When rebates become available during the 2026-2029 EE Plan period, utilities will play an active role in marketing (through Company and/or trade ally outreach and marketing channels, such as e-mail, social media, or in-person events) the federal rebate programs and/or the state's one-stop shop (if created) to its customers in order to make home improvement investments easier for customers and to both increase participation and lower costs per household of participation in the utilities' EE programs
- Encouraging IL EPA to prioritize treatment of low-income households and ensuring zero cost retrofits by allocating more than the federally required 50% set-asides for such customers, as well as considering an additional set-aside for low-income multifamily buildings
- Encouraging the state to make rebates accessible by using categorical eligibility and self-attestation for income verification, if such eligibility verification is required.
- Supporting the state in developing a plan for contractor outreach and training to include as part of its state plan. Utilities will also provide education and outreach to currently approved Company contractors to ensure they are aware of all opportunities available to customers.
- Coordinating with various state agencies, non-profits, and housing providers who were/will be awarded funds

### The above includes, but is not limited to, the following funding sources:

Home Energy Rebates (Home Efficiency Rebates and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates)  
Green Housing Gas Reduction Fund  
Climate Pollution Reduction Grants  
Green and Resilient Retrofit Programs  
Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Tax Credit (25C)  
New Energy Efficiency Home Tax Credit for New Construction (45L)