Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Equity Subcommittee 2023 Meeting Planning Summary (Final Draft)

A. Purpose of SAG Equity Subcommittee

The purpose of the SAG Equity Subcommittee is to support equity in energy efficiency portfolios, as referenced in 2022-2025 EE Plan Stipulated Agreements. SAG Equity Subcommittee meetings will be held jointly with the Income Qualified (IQ) EE North and South Committees. Meetings will include an opportunity for SAG and IQ EE Committee participants to coordinate on discussion of energy efficiency efforts related to equity.

B. Website

The SAG website includes a dedicated page for the Equity Subcommittee, including links to all meetings: <u>https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/subcommittees/equity-subcommittee/</u>.

C. Background

Several of the 2022-2025 EE Plan Stipulated Agreements between individual utilities and nonfinancially interested stakeholders reference discussing a variety of topics related to equity, diverse contractor hiring, and progress on the utilities' Market Development Initiatives in a new SAG Subcommittee. Two Subcommittee meetings were held in 2022. In 2023, four meetings are planned.

D. Participation

Open to all interested participants of the SAG, IQ North and IQ South EE Committees, unless a topic may involve a financial conflict of interest (such as discussing a draft Request for Proposals).

E. 2023 Meetings

Monday, June 26, 2023 Meeting

- Meeting page: <u>https://www.ilsag.info/event/monday-june-26-equity-subcommittee-</u> meeting-joint-with-iq-north-and-iq-south-ee-committees/
- Agenda: The SAG Policy Manual Subcommittee has been working since June 2022 to update the Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual, Version 3.0. The purpose of the June 26 meeting is for the SAG Policy Manual Subcommittee to introduce income qualified-related policies. Written feedback is due by Thursday, July 13.
- **Next Steps:** The Policy Manual Subcommittee will discuss any feedback received on Wednesday, July 19. The SAG Facilitator will provide a summary of incorporated feedback by end of July. The updated Policy Manual will be submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission for approval in August.

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 Meeting

Meeting Page: <u>https://www.ilsag.info/event/wednesday-july-12-equity-subcommittee-meeting/</u>

- **Agenda:** For Illinois utilities to share progress updates on their Market Development Initiatives (MDI), including results and recommendations from research completed for northern Illinois utilities in developing their initiatives.
 - Ameren Illinois Presentation: Background/history of MDI; progress update on MDI; Market Development Action Plan (MDAP) introduction and reporting
 - ComEd Presentation: Overview of new MDI, launched in 2023
 - Nicor Gas Presentation: Overview of new MDI, launched in 2023
 - Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas Presentation: Overview of new MDI, launched in 2023
- Next Steps: Any follow-up items or next steps will be identified during the meeting.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 Meeting

- Meeting page: <u>https://www.ilsag.info/event/wednesday-october-18-equity-subcommittee-meeting/</u>
- Agenda:
 - Update on Champaign County Regional Planning Commission tool, used for Ameren Illinois EE programs
 - Additional topics TBD
- Next Steps: Any follow-up items or next steps will be identified during the meeting.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Meeting

- Meeting page: <u>https://www.ilsag.info/event/december-13-2023-equity-subcommittee-meeting/</u>
- Agenda:
 - ENCOLOR Presentation on Lessons Learned from Diverse Procurement MDI Initiative with Ameren Illinois
 - MDI progress updates from Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas, if needed, 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
 - Overview of any new MDI efforts planned in 2024
 - o SAG Facilitator Presentation: 2024 Equity Subcommittee Planning
- Next Steps: Any follow-up items or next steps will be identified during the meeting.