

Process-Related IQ Policies

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Presentation Agenda

- ▶ **Process Policy 1: SAG Financial Conflict of Interest Policy**
- ▶ **Process Policy 2: Grouping Income Qualified Topics**
- ▶ **Process Policy 3: Creating an IQ Reference Section**
- ▶ **Q&A**

SAG Financial Conflict of Interest Policy

- ▶ SAG has a “Process Guidance” document describing various processes related to how the SAG operates and SAG participation
 - ❖ This document is updated annually, as needed
 - [Current Version: SAG Process Guidance Document - 2023 Update \(Final 1/30/2023\)](#)
 - ❖ Participation in the majority of SAG meetings is open to all interested participants, to encourage discussion by stakeholders representing a variety of interests
 - ❖ There is a “SAG Financial Conflict of Interest Policy” that describes several situations where participation is limited to utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders, where participation by an organization with a financial interest could hinder discussion
 - ❖ Examples:
 - Discussing proprietary or confidential information
 - Discussing the performance of an EE program implementer, contractor, or evaluator
 - Discussing a draft Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - Final negotiations on utility EE Plans before filing with the ICC
 - Final consensus to resolve EE policy issues

SAG Financial Conflict of Interest Policy (cont.)

- ▶ Policy Manual Subcommittee edited the “SAG Financial Conflict of Interest Policy” to include participation by community-based organizations receiving limited utility funding
 - ❖ Updated policy allows participation in “non-financially interested party” meetings by **community-based organizations receiving less than \$75,000 in annual funding** through contracts with Illinois utilities
 - ❖ Purpose of this policy change is to **provide an opportunity for organizations to meaningfully engage with Illinois utilities at SAG and equally contribute to collaborative EE discussions**
 - ❖ Policy Manual Subcommittee prefers to **keep this policy in the “SAG Process Guidance Document”** and not add it to the Policy Manual

Grouping Income Qualified Topics

- ▶ A policy was suggested that all IQ items discuss through SAG and/or SAG Subcommittees should be grouped so that interested IQ participants can participate in targeted way in SAG meetings
 - ❖ SAG Facilitator will specify IQ topics on SAG agendas
 - ❖ If there is more than one IQ topic on a SAG agenda, agenda will group the IQ topics together

Creating an IQ Reference Section

- ▶ Current Policy Manual includes a variety of IQ policies
 - ❖ In addition to the new IQ policies presented June 26th, the Policy Manual includes a variety of policies that have been developed in previous Policy Manual updates related to IQ EE programs, or references to statutory requirements
 - ❖ Examples of Current IQ Policies:
 - Planning objectives for utility EE portfolios
 - Cost-effectiveness for low income programs
 - Net-to-Gross policy for low income programs
 - Multi-family income eligibility verification guidelines
- ▶ IQ South Committee Facilitator suggested creating a simple cross-reference section in the Policy Manual, to list all IQ-related policies in one place
 - ❖ The updated Policy Manual will include this new cross-reference section
 - ❖ If it would be helpful to summarize or explain IQ-related policies in more detail the Policy Manual, that can be added in a future Policy Manual update, in coordination with the IQ North and IQ South Committees

Q&A

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