

**Illinois EE Stakeholder Advisory Group
Fuel Conversion Working Group
2021 Plan (Final, 3/23/2021)**

I. Purpose

The purpose of the SAG Fuel Conversion Working Group is:

1. To provide a forum to discuss fuel conversion policy questions that were raised during the 2020 Illinois Technical Reference Manual (IL-TRM) update process, for IL-TRM Version 9.0; and
2. To reach consensus on fuel conversion policy questions, if possible.

The Fuel Conversion Working Group will coordinate with the IL-TRM Administrator and IL-TRM Technical Advisory Committee, and will report back to the large group SAG, as needed.

II. Background

Fuel conversion policy questions were raised during the 2020 IL-TRM update process (IL-TRM Version 9.0), related to Heat Pump Measures, the Combined Heat and Power Measure, and the proposed Electric Vehicle Measure, including 1) site vs. source savings and 2) whether the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) requires the current IL-TRM methodology to be changed. The fuel conversion IL-TRM methodology was developed and approved during the IL-TRM Version 4.0 update. The IL-TRM Administrator requested SAG address open fuel conversion policy questions.

The 2021 IL-TRM update process (IL-TRM Version 10.0) may also address proposed changes to fuel conversion measure(s), pending the outcome of SAG policy discussions.

III. Policy Question

Does statutory language in FEJA require a change in the current IL-TRM methodology for using Source Energy as opposed to Site Energy conversions when comparing the relative electric and fossil fuel impacts? Specific policy questions were identified during Working Group Meeting #1.

IV. Working Group Website

The SAG website includes a page dedicated to the Fuel Conversion Working Group:
<https://www.ilsag.info/fuel-conversion-working-group/>

V. Participation

Fuel Conversion Working Group participation is open to all interested SAG participants, unless a topic may present a financial conflict of interest. Final policy consensus will be addressed by non-financially interested parties. SAG participants are invited to self-select into the Working Group.

VI. Schedule

Meetings of the Fuel Conversion Working Group in 2021 are outlined below. Working Group meetings will be held on an as-needed basis. The schedule is subject to change pending feedback from Working Group participants.

Table 1: SAG Fuel Conversion Working Group 2021 Schedule		
Date / Time	Agenda	Next Steps
<p>Meeting #1: Tuesday, March 9 10:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Overview of 2021 Fuel Conversion Working Group Plan (SAG Facilitator)</p> <p>Introduce and discuss open policy questions; overview of current IL-TRM methodology (presentation by Sam Dent, VEIC, IL-TRM Administrator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine if there are additional fuel conversion questions that need to be addressed <p>Additional policy questions (or sub questions) due by Monday, March 22</p> <p>SAG Facilitator will circulate Policy Questions for review; interested parties are requested to respond to questions by Monday, April 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAG Facilitator will organize responses to questions + circulate in advance of Meeting #2 <p>Utilities to complete Fuel Conversion Measure Table by Monday, April 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAG Facilitator will combine into one table + circulate for Meeting #2 	<p>Final comments on 2021 Fuel Conversion Working Group Plan due by Monday, March 22</p>
<p>Meeting #2: Monday, April 26 9:00 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Utilities present brief overview of total “gas to electric” or “electric to gas” measures incentivized in 2019 and 2020, and such measures offered in 2021</p> <p>Follow-up discussion on open policy questions: Discuss responses from interested parties to open policy questions identified during Meeting #1</p>	<p>Follow-up items will be determined during the meeting</p>
<p>Meeting #3: Monday, May 10 10:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Follow-up discussion on open policy questions</p>	<p>Follow-up items will be determined during the meeting</p>

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Meeting #4: Monday, May 24 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Follow-up discussion on open policy questions, if needed Discuss draft policy resolution options	Draft policy resolution to be prepared and circulated for review; comments on draft policy resolution due by Tues., June 8
Meeting #5: Monday, June 21 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Discuss comments on draft policy resolution; determine next steps (consensus resolution or comparison exhibit)	Establish final comment deadline for policy resolution (if needed)

VII. Resolution Options

As described in the Working Group Purpose section above, the goal of establishing the Fuel Conversion Working Group is to reach consensus on fuel conversion policy question(s). The SAG Facilitator proposes the following resolution options:

1. If consensus is reached:
 - a. Document consensus resolution on fuel conversion policy question(s), following the SAG Process for Resolving Policy Issues¹, described in the SAG Process Guidance document and on the [Policy page](#) of the SAG website; and
 - b. Resolution will be shared with IL-TRM Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). IL-TRM TAC will discuss whether fuel conversion measures in the IL-TRM require any updates during the IL-TRM Version 10.0 update process.
2. If consensus is not reached:
 - a. The SAG Facilitator will prepare a Comparison Exhibit of Non-Consensus Issues;
 - b. IL-TRM Administrator will prepare a summary of what IL-TRM fuel conversion measures would look like under the alternative positions, to be included in the Comparison Exhibit;
 - c. Interested parties will have an opportunity to review and propose edits to the Comparison Exhibit before it is finalized;
 - d. The final Comparison Exhibit will be shared with the IL-TRM TAC; and

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- ¹ While the Policy Manual Subcommittee is inactive, open policy issues will be resolved in the following manner:
 1. The SAG Facilitator will review policy requests and schedule for SAG discussion as needed.
 2. Background on the policy request will be presented to interested SAG participants.
 3. Proposed policy resolution will be circulated to SAG for review, including a request for edits or questions, with a minimum of ten (10) Business Days provided for review.
 4. If the SAG Facilitator receives substantive edits, questions or concerns regarding proposed resolution of an open policy issue, a follow-up SAG discussion will be held with interested SAG participants.
 5. Final resolution will be documented on this Policy page.
 6. The SAG Facilitator will maintain a “Policy Tracker” describing any policies to be considered in a future update to the Policy Manual or IL-TRM Policy Document.
 - Policy resolution may require a [Stipulated Agreement](#). Whether or not a stipulated agreement is required will be determined by utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders.

- e. IL-TRM Administrator will follow the IL-TRM Policy Document Version 3.0 regarding SAG Consensus on TRM Development and Updates.²

² See Section 2.4 of the IL-TRM Policy Document – Excerpted Language: *To the extent a consensus among Program Administrators and non-financially interested stakeholders cannot be reached regarding issues related to specific TRM updates, the TRM Administrator shall have the authority to use its best judgment to propose a resolution of the issue and include such in the updated TRM that gets submitted to the ICC for approval. For transparency and informational purposes, the ICC Staff will document such dispute and include a link to a “Comparison Exhibit of Non-Consensus TRM Update Issues” developed by the TRM Administrator in the Staff Report submitted to the Commission. The “Comparison Exhibit of Non-Consensus TRM Update Issues” will document, with input from the parties, the various parties’ positions concerning a non-consensus TRM update as well as the TRM Administrator’s rationale for its decision to resolve the issue.*