**Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group**

**Policy Manual Subcommittee Version 3.0: Proposed Policy Template**

**Background:** Creating an Illinois energy efficiency “policy manual” was a directive from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to SAG in 2014. The Policy Manual “provides guiding principles for procurement, oversight, evaluation and operation of the electric and gas Energy Efficiency Programs authorized under Sections 8-103B and 8-104 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act. The principles and policies articulated in the Policy Manual were derived from Commission orders, policies and procedures developed by the SAG, as well as best practices from state Energy Efficiency Programs delivered throughout the nation.”[[1]](#footnote-1) Policy Manual Version 1.0 was approved by the ICC in December 2015. The Policy Manual is available for download on the [SAG website’s Policy Manual page](https://www.ilsag.info/policy/illinois-ee-policy-manual/).

* Policy Manual Version 1.1 was developed in spring 2017 and approved by the ICC in October 2017, to incorporate corrections needed due to the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA).
* Policy Manual Version 2.0 was developed in 2018-2019, to incorporate various proposed policies. Version 2.0 was approved by the ICC in December 2019.
* Policy Manual Version 2.1 was updated in fall 2021, to incorporate corrections needed due the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA). Version 2.1 was approved by the ICC in January 2022.
* Individual utility stipulated agreements for 2022-2025 Energy Efficiency Plans include commitments to discuss specific policies through the Policy Manual update process. Additional policies may also be included in the Version 3.0 update.

**Policy Manual Update Process:**

* **Participation:** The SAG Policy Manual Subcommittee is open to all interested SAG and Income Qualified EE Advisory Committee participants. Final consensus will be between utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders.
* **Proposed Policies:** All proposed policies are **due by Friday, June 17, 2022**
  + Submit completed template(s) to the SAG Facilitator, Celia Johnson: [Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com](mailto:Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com)
  + Policies submitted after the deadline will not be considered, unless there is consensus with the Subcommittee on adding a new policy proposal to the discussion list
  + All proposed policies will be posted on the SAG website, and circulated to the Policy Manual Subcommittee for review prior to the first meeting
  + The SAG Facilitator will present a schedule and Subcommittee Plan at the kick-off meeting.
* **Timeline:** The kick-off meeting is June 23, 2022. The goal is to reach conceptual agreement on Version 3.0 in mid-October 2022, in order to submit the final Version 3.0 to the Commission for approval by December 1, 2022.
* **Reminders:**
  + Participants are encouraged not to propose significant changes to policies that have already been addressed by Policy Manual Version 2.1 and approved by the ICC, unless there is a compelling need/rationale to change a current policy, which should be explained to the Subcommittee.
  + Participants are expected to make a good faith effort to provide supporting information about proposed policy issue(s), which may include background research, and a proposal to address the policy issue. Additional information may be requested by the SAG Facilitator or Policy Manual Subcommittee participants.

**Proposed Policies for Version 3.0**

**Question 1: Proposed Policy and Rationale**

*Briefly describe the policy proposed to be included in Policy Manual Version 3.0, including rationale for why this policy is necessary in Illinois.*

*Questions to consider:*

1. *Why does this policy require inclusion in Policy Manual Version 3.0?*
2. *What unresolved policy issue(s) will be resolved by inclusion in the Policy Manual Version 3.0?*

*Please be as specific as you can. If you have specific policy language to propose at this time, please include in this template. It is not a requirement to draft policy language in the proposal template. If draft policy language is not included here, you may be assigned to draft proposed policy language for review by the Subcommittee at a future meeting.*

**Question 2: Utility Impact**

*Describe whether the proposed policy impacts Illinois gas utilities, electric utilities, or both.*

**Question 3: Background Research**

*Provide any background research completed in preparing this template, including source references and links, as applicable.*

*Questions to consider:*

1. *Are you aware of other jurisdictions or utilities that address this policy issue?*
2. *Have any national or regional energy efficiency organizations addressed this policy topic? If so, please provide reports and any other relevant sources.*

**Optional Question 4: Commission Decision**

*Has the Illinois Commerce Commission previously addressed this policy or issue? If so, please provide language and specific citations, including the ICC docket number.*

**Optional Question 5: Statutory Consistency**

*Have you reviewed your proposed policy against applicable Illinois law? Are there any possible conflicts? If so, please explain and provide statutory citation(s).*

**Optional Question 6: Additional Information**

*Provide additional information, as needed, to assist with understanding the proposed policy issue and your request to include it in the Policy Manual Version 3.0. For example, have any memos been drafted to the SAG related to this policy proposal?*

1. IL EE Policy Manual Version 2.1, Section 2.1, Background. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)