

# Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group Reporting Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021  
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

## Attendees and Meeting Notes

### Attendees

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator  
Greg Ehrendreich, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) – Meeting Support  
Matt Armstrong, Ameren Illinois  
Lamisa Chowdhury, NRDC  
Erin Daughton, ComEd  
Katie Elmore, Community Investment Corp.  
Scott Fotre, CMC Energy  
Keith Goerss, Ameren Illinois  
Laura Goldberg, NRDC  
Dena Jefferson, Franklin Energy  
Jim Jerozal, Nicor Gas  
Haley Keegan, Resource Innovations  
Matt Ludwig, ComEd  
Molly Lunn, ComEd  
Karen Lusson, National Consumer Law Center (NCLC)  
Rohith Mannam, Nicor Gas  
Abby Miner, IL Attorney General's Office  
Jennifer Morris, ICC Staff  
Denise Munoz, ComEd  
Randy Opdyke, Nicor Gas  
Bryan Overman, Indoor Climate Research & Training, U of I  
Christina Pagnusat, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas  
Cynthia Segura, Citizens Utility Board  
Mark Szczygiel, Nicor Gas  
Cheryl Watson, Blacks in Green  
Chris Vaughn, Nicor Gas

### **Opening & Introductions**

*Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator*

**Purpose of Meeting:** For Nicor Gas to present questions on Q1 2022 metrics for stakeholder feedback.

### **Introduction to Reporting Working Group**

*Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator*

- 2021 purpose: To clarify Nicor metrics
- 2022 purpose: To discuss additional reporting topics, as needed

- Background: Utilities prepare quarterly and annual reports to provide progress reports. Posted to SAG and filed with ICC. Requirements from the Policy Manual section 6.
- Working group is open to all; SAG participants can include themselves by self-selection
- One potential additional topic for 2021 – Nicor is interested in whether this group should discuss quarterly updates for “low income accountability committee” report-outs referenced in CEJA. Suggest that this Working Group could create a template for the reporting and then get feedback and update if needed after Q1 & Q2 2022.

*[Laura Goldberg, NRDC] Curious why it's just Nicor today, not the ComEd pieces?*

*[Celia Johnson] The ComEd metrics were mentioned in the Q3 SAG meeting before CEJA passed – ComEd is focusing on the CEJA changes and will discuss metrics at a later time.*

*[Molly Lunn] Hoping we can talk about ComEd metrics in 2022 because we are focusing on the plan right now.*

*[Molly Lunn] I can see the process making sense as a placeholder. Seems like the low income committee should be creating the template – maybe SAG isn't the right group to create it.*

*[Laura Goldberg] Agree with Molly – also stakeholders are interested in the reporting templates in general that we could take back to the policy manual update process. That broader range of topics would be important to include for 2022.*

*[Celia Johnson] Those are good points. When we decide to launch the policy manual update, this group could work in parallel to prepare those for the update process.*

*[Laura Goldberg] Want to make sure templates are reviewed for clarification, common language between utilities*

*[Molly Lunn] If low income committee hasn't convened yet, not sure what they will want us to report on.*

*[Karen Lusson] I can't imagine the Committee would be bothered by us creating a reporting requirement to track things for them. If question of what the template looks like in the future should be decided by the Committee, yes that makes sense. But there is a statutory requirement and I'd hate to lose discussion simply because members of IQ aren't here today.*

*[Chris Vaughn] We have to have systems in place to track certain components – IT department and other parties associated with gathering data have the capability and ability to capture this content. We use the IL statewide quarterly report template for our quantitative components. For qualitative things we don't have a statewide template for that. We just try to follow what is required in the policy manual to report on the components.*

*[Karen Lusson] Could there just be a box added to the existing template?*

*[Chris Vaughn] Yes, this could be its own tab.*

*[Karen Lusson] This template could later be fine-tuned by the low income committee.*

*[Laura Goldberg] Thanks for raising this and the importance of it. If the committee hasn't met yet there isn't much to report on but getting the structures in place is important. A space to respond with qualitative feedback in the existing template or other recommendations is good – there should be some kind of follow up in the reporting.*

**Next steps: SAG Facilitator to follow-up with Chris Vaughn to propose a quarterly report template edit.**

## **Nicor Gas Q1 2022 Reporting Metrics**

*Chris Vaughn, Nicor Gas*

- Already teed up what we are trying to achieve today. Didn't capture every metric highlighted in the stipulation for today's call, focused on ones that were loosely defined without much direction in the stipulated agreement.
- **Metric: Separate IQ residential SF and MF**
  - We have line items in the IL statewide template for IQ programs and could separate out that. We will do the same breakdown as the SF and MF programs with incentive and non-incentive spend, and savings.
  - Other utility tracking:
    - Ameren IL: We break out IQ programs on an initiative level basis separately from the market rate. We have separate line items.
    - ComEd: Same as Ameren; this is also our intention for Plan 6.
    - PG/NSG: Same; we also break out by savings and spend.
- **Metric: Participation by ZIP code and apartment units**
  - Stipulation doesn't really define this. Is it number of units, number of offerings, etc. – what is the actual finite measurement tool for capturing this participation number?
  - Agreement in stipulation = in addition to spending and savings breakdown, also include number of buildings and units served (such as number of buildings and apartments)
  - Ameren IL suggested looking at their stipulation, which defines participation as the number of buildings and apartments in treated buildings.
- **Metric: Status report on joint delivery of whole building retrofits with Ameren**
  - What we intend is to do a similar qualitative box set aside for a narrative. We can also do number of units, participation, etc. as a quantitative report out.
  - Ameren IL has been addressing this in the narrative quarterly report, with some qualitative information in that writeup as to the number completed (applications, accepted jobs and completed jobs).

- NRDC also suggested if measure level data can be broken out between MF and SF as well, that would be helpful.
- **Metric: Annual reporting requirement, program participation by zip code**
  - Confirmation on reporting total number of units by zip code.
- Future Reporting Working Group discussions in 2022 may include:
  - Health & Safety metrics
  - Additional equity and affordability metrics
  - What should be a quantitative report out, vs. qualitative
  - Quarterly and annual report templates

## **Closing & Next Steps**

*Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator*

- Comments on the updated Quarterly Report Template due by Monday, November 22.
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