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# SAG Facilitator Introduction: May SAG Meetings

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# Agenda

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# 2024 SAG Portfolio Planning Process

## ▶ In 2024, SAG will focus on the Portfolio Planning Process

- ❖ A consensus-seeking process to discuss foundational issues to EE Portfolio Plan development with IL utilities
  - Utilities are responsible for planning, developing and implementing EE portfolios
  - Utilities are working on EE Plans for the next 4-year cycle -> 2026-2029
  - Each utility is required by statute to file a 2026-2029 EE Plan with the ICC for approval by March 1, 2025
- ❖ SAG Planning Process occurs once every 4 years
  - SAG has an advisory role, including an opportunity for participants to share feedback and ideas with IL utilities
  - Majority of Large Group SAG meetings will focus on Planning Process
- ❖ **Dedicated page on SAG website:**  
<https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/portfolio-planning-process/>

# Energy Efficiency Ideas Process

- ▶ **EE Ideas Deadline - Friday, March 22, 2024**
- ▶ **Opportunity for interested SAG participants to submit:**
  1. Feedback on current EE portfolios, suggesting changes for the 2026-2029 EE Plans; and / or
  2. Energy efficiency ideas for utility consideration, such as program approaches or new measures that have been successfully implemented in another jurisdiction
- ▶ **SAG participants were encouraged to:**
  1. Focus on the highest priority EE ideas
  2. Work together to submit joint EE ideas, when possible
  3. Review the latest [utility EE reports](#) and [Feb. 13](#), [Feb. 14](#), and [Feb. 21](#) SAG meeting materials to avoid proposing an EE idea already offered by a utility
- ▶ Compromise and understanding will be needed to reach consensus - it is likely that not all EE Ideas can be incorporated into the utilities' 2026-2029 EE Plans

# EE Ideas Received

- ▶ SAG received 48 EE Ideas, submitted by 17+ organizations
  - ❖ EE Ideas are posted the SAG website: <https://www.ilsag.info/2024-energy-efficiency-ideas/>
  - ❖ **April SAG Meetings:** EE Idea Presentations
    - *Tues. April 9:* Business, cross-cutting, and market transformation ideas
    - *Wed. April 10:* Residential income qualified ideas
    - *Tues. April 16:* Residential and business ideas
    - *Wed. April 17:* Residential income qualified ideas

# Utility Responses to EE Ideas

- ▶ Utilities are responding to EE Ideas at the May 14-15 SAG meetings
  - ❖ A tracker is posted that summarizes all utility responses: [EE Idea Spreadsheet Tracker: Utility Responses to Ideas](#)
  - ❖ Utility responses use the following color coding:

Color Codes for Utility Responses	
<b>Green</b>	Utility is interested in exploring further; will follow-up with idea submitter with any questions
<b>Light Green</b>	Utility is already offering EE idea proposed + plans to include in next EE Plans
<b>Yellow</b>	Utility thinks further analysis is needed; may require follow-up discussion or input from additional parties
<b>Red</b>	Utility has concerns about the idea proposal + not interested in pursuing
<b>Blue</b>	Idea should be submitted now through current utility Research & Development (R&D) process (if applicable), or utility thinks further analysis is needed - idea could be considered within Breakthrough Equipment & Device (BED) program; or the idea could be considered as a pilot program
<b>Gray</b>	Not applicable to utility
<b>Purple</b>	Outside scope of EE

# Upcoming Deadline

- ▶ Negotiations on 2026-2029 EE Plans will take place at the end of the process - October 2024 to January 2025
  - ❖ Negotiations will be held between individual utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders, organized by the SAG Facilitator
  - ❖ A utility may require negotiating stakeholders to sign a Non-Disclosure / Confidentiality Agreement
  - ❖ Significant time commitment to participate in negotiations
  - ❖ Goal is to finalize a stipulated agreement with each utility, summarizing agreement on the utility's EE Plan
  - ❖ Compromise and understanding by all parties will be needed to reach consensus
- ▶ **Friday, May 31 (extended) deadline:** Eligible non-financially interested stakeholders who want to participate in EE Plan negotiations to notify SAG Facilitator
  - ❖ [SAG Financial Conflict of Interest Policy - 2024 Update \(clean final\)](#)

# Next Steps for 2026-2029 EE Plans

- ▶ **Large Group SAG will meet monthly from June - August**
  - ❖ To discuss a variety of topics related to the Planning Process
- ▶ **Negotiating Stakeholder Deadline**
  - ❖ 2024 SAG schedule includes a mid-August deadline for negotiating stakeholders to share “initial requests” with IL utilities before they present draft EE Plans to SAG
  - ❖ Utilities requested this deadline be moved earlier, to mid-June, if possible
  - ❖ I will be coordinating feedback from negotiating stakeholders



# Next Steps for 2026-2029 EE Plans

## ▶ Tuesday, September 10:

- ❖ SAG will meet in-person (with a teleconference available) for **Ameren IL and Nicor Gas** to present draft 2026-2029 EE Plans
  - 1 week following the meeting, any participant who wants to present feedback will notify SAG Facilitator
  - SAG will meet virtually on Oct. 1-2 for any interested participant to present feedback to Ameren IL and Nicor Gas
  - Individual utility negotiations with non-financially interested parties will begin soon after

## ▶ Tuesday, October 8:

- ❖ SAG will meet in-person (with a teleconference available) for **ComEd and Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas** to present draft 2026-2029 EE Plans
  - ❖ 1 week following the meeting, any participant who wants to present feedback will notify SAG Facilitator
  - ❖ SAG will meet virtually on Oct. 29-30 for any interested participant to present feedback to ComEd and Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
  - ❖ Individual utility negotiations with non-financially interested parties will begin soon after

# Contact Information

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