SAG Facilitator Introduction: November 6 SAG Meeting

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November 6, 2024 Large Group SAG Meeting

2024 SAG Portfolio Planning Process

- In 2024, SAG focused on the Portfolio Planning Process
 - A consensus-seeking process to discuss foundational issues to EE Portfolio Plan development with IL utilities
 - This SAG process occurs once every 4 years
 - Majority of Large Group SAG meetings in 2024 focus on Planning Process
 - Utilities are responsible for planning, developing and implementing EE portfolios
 - SAG has an advisory role, including an opportunity for participants to share feedback and ideas with IL utilities
 - Each utility (Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas) is required by statute to file a 2026-2029 EE Plan with the ICC for approval by March 1, 2025

2024 SAG Portfolio Planning Process

- Each utility presented a draft 2026-2029 EE Plan to SAG this fall
 - Following draft EE Plan presentations, an opportunity was provided for any SAG participant to present feedback on draft utility EE Plans
 - Process concludes with individual utility negotiations with non-financially interested stakeholders, anticipated through early 2025
- Today is the <u>final Large Group SAG meeting</u> of the 2024 Portfolio Planning Process
 - The Planning Process kicked off in January 2024
 - Large Group SAG held 22 meetings this year related to EE portfolio planning
 - All Planning Process meetings are linked on a <u>dedicated SAG webpage</u>
 - Typically, the SAG does not meet during EE Plan negotiations or when EE Plan approval dockets are open at the ICC unless there is a topic that requires discussion

Purpose of November 6 SAG Meeting

- For interested stakeholders to share feedback on the Nicor Gas draft 2026-2029 EE Plan
 - Nicor Gas presented the preliminary draft 2026-2029 EE Plan to SAG on October 24
 - Stakeholders interested in presenting feedback to Nicor Gas were asked to send notice by Thursday, October 31
 - Feedback will be presented by:
 - Non-Financially Interested Negotiating Parties

Next Steps

Negotiation meetings between Nicor Gas and non-financially interested stakeholders begin on Wednesday, November 13

Upcoming Large Group SAG Meetings

Tuesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 4

- Independent evaluators for Illinois utilities present draft evaluation plans for the 2025 program year
- Draft evaluation plans will be circulated to SAG for review/comment by December 15
- This is an annual process required by the Illinois EE Policy Manual

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