

Illinois EE Stakeholder Advisory Group Large Group Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
9:00 – 10:00 am
Teleconference

Attendees and Meeting Notes

Meeting Materials

- Posted on the [February 16 meeting page](#):
 - [February 16, 2021 SAG Agenda](#)
 - [2021 SAG Plan Presentation \(SAG Facilitator\)](#)
 - Planning documents for review:
 - [2021 SAG Plan \(Clean Final Draft for Review\)](#)
 - [SAG Process Guidance – 2021 Update \(Redline Draft for Review\)](#)

Attendees (by webinar)

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator
Greg Ehrendreich, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) – Meeting Support
Erick Aguilera, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Sam Anawalt, ICF
Matt Armstrong, Ameren Illinois
Briana Ashiotes, Budderfly
Bob Baumgartner, Leidos
Shonda Biddle, Walker-Miller Energy Services
David Brightwell, ICC Staff
Madeline Caldwell, CLEAResult
Ben Campbell, Energy Resources Center, UIC
Salina Colon, CEDA
Andrew Cottrell, Applied Energy Group
Erin Daughton, ComEd
Naomi Davis, Blacks in Green
Atticus Doman, Resource Innovations
K. C. Doyle, ComEd
Nick Dreher, MEEA
Gabriel Duarte, CLEAResult
Allen Dusault, Franklin Energy
Deb Dynako, Slipstream
Wael El-Sharif, 360 Energy Group
Katherine Elmore, Community Investment Corp.
Jim Fay, ComEd
Jason Fegley, Leidos
Julia Friedman, Oracle
Omayra Garcia, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
LaJuana Garrett, Nicor Gas
Jenny George, Leidos
Noelle Gilbreath, Community Investment Corp.
Jon Gordon, Enervee

Kevin Grabner, Guidehouse
Andrey Gribovich, DNV-GL
Mary Ellen Guest, Chicago Bungalow Association
Vince Gutierrez, ComEd
Amir Haghghat, CLEARResult
Travis Hinck, GDS Associates
Hannah Howard, Opinion Dynamics
Cheryl Johnson, People for Community Recovery
Kathy Johnston, Green Homes Illinois
Lalita Kalita, ComEd
Larry Kotewa, Elevate Energy
Ryan Kroll, Driftless Energy
John Lavallee, Leidos
Sharon Lewis, Meadows Eastside
Bruce Liu, Nicor Gas
Karen Lusson, National Consumer Law Center
Thomas Manjarres, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
Marlon McClinton, Utilivate
Brady McNall, DNV-GL
Kate Merson, Resource Innovations
Abigail Miner, IL Attorney General's Office
Jennifer Moore, Ameren Illinois
Angel Moreno, Frontier Energy
Victoria Nielsen, Applied Energy Group
Gregory Norris, Aces 4 Youth
Lorelei Obermeyer, CLEARResult
Maria Onesto Moran, Green Home Experts
Randy Opdyke, Nicor Gas
Antonia Ornelas, Elevate Energy
Stacey Paradis, MEEA
Deb Perry, Ameren Illinois
Michael Pittman, Ameren Illinois
Zach Ross, Opinion Dynamics
Tyler Sellner, Opinion Dynamics
Pauravi Shah, Bidgely
Kristol Simms, Ameren Illinois
Arvind Singh, DNV-GL
Ramandeep Singh, ICF
Grant Snyder, IL Attorney General's Office
Jacob Stoll, ComEd
Chris Vaughn, Nicor Gas
Andy Vaughn, Leidos
Paul Wasmund, Opinion Dynamics
Shelita Wellmaker, Ameren Illinois
Jessica Williams, Green Home Experts
Fred Wu, Aiqueous
Cate York, Citizens Utility Board
Angela Ziech-Malek, CLEARResult
Jim Dillon, Ameren Illinois
Joel McManus, TRC Companies

Meeting Notes

Action items are indicated in **red font**.

Opening and Introductions

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

- The purpose of the meeting is for the SAG Facilitator to present an overview of the draft 2021 SAG Plan and request final comments.

Overview of 2021 SAG Plan

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

Introductory Comments

- Comments, questions and proposed edits to 2021 SAG planning documents are due by Wed., February 24.
- After the comment period, 2021 SAG Plan will be Final Draft. A few changes may be needed to SAG activities in the second half of 2021 following approval of 2022-2025 utility EE Plans by ICC.
- The updated 2021 SAG Plan with any changes will be presented at Q3 SAG meeting.
- All SAG meetings in 2021 are expected to still be virtual due to COVID.
- Plan to schedule shorter meetings over two days instead of single day long quarterly SAG meetings.
- There will be a break from regular SAG activities while the 2022-2025 EE Plans dockets are open at the ICC – filing date for utilities is March 1; EE Plans are expected to be approved by the ICC this summer. Break is anticipated until August, however there are a handful of activities that will continue during this timeframe.

SAG Background

- Created in 2008 at direction of the ICC when first electric EE plans were approved
- Advisory body, education on programs and policy and technical issues; narrow differences and build consensus; reduce or avoid future litigation
- Participation by all interested parties unless there is a financial conflict of interest (policy on this is in the SAG Process Guidance document and excerpted in the 2021 SAG Plan).
- Over 340 people on the distribution list currently & increasing regularly
- SAG website (www.ilsag.info) information on 12+ years of SAG meetings, inactive and active Subcommittees and Working Group, evaluation materials, utility quarterly and annual reports, TRM, and other resources

Coordination with Income Qualified (IQ) EE Advisory Committees

- IQ North & IQ South EE Advisory Committees are separate from SAG; statutory creation by Future Energy Jobs Act in 2017 (both Committees launched in spring 2018)
- IQ North and IQ South Committees are facilitated by separate facilitators from SAG. There is regular coordination with SAG, and joint meetings are scheduled as needed.

SAG in 2021

- SAG Plan Flexibility
 - SAG Plan for 2021 will be considered 'final draft' at end of February
 - 2020 SAG Portfolio Planning Process started last March; negotiations are in final stage between utilities and non-financially interested parties
- Requesting Feedback
 - SAG Facilitator is requesting feedback on 2020 Portfolio Planning Process – will report out on feedback and lessons learned at Q3 2021 meeting
 - A survey will be circulated to SAG in March. SAG Facilitator is also interested in meeting individually with anyone who is interested in sharing feedback
- SAG Break
 - No meetings while plan dockets are open at ICC
 - Break timing March through August
 - Fuel conversion working group, plan budget flexibility group, market transformation savings working group will still meet, among other possible working groups

SAG Groups

- Large group SAG – variety of topics related to utility EE portfolios; Q3 and Q4 meetings planned
- Subcommittees – no Subcommittees planned at this time
- Working Groups
 - Evaluation Working Group (new)
 - Fuel Conversion Working Group (new)
 - Market Transformation Savings Working Group (est. in 2019)
 - Non-Energy Impacts Working Group (est. in 2018)
- SAG IL-TRM Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- SAG Steering Committee: two meetings per year

Proposed 2021 SAG Topics

- Utility Topics
 - Report out on 2020 results and 2021 mid-year progress (two report-outs anticipated in 2021)
 - Discuss R&D investments in next EE plans
 - Early findings from ComEd Efficient Choice website
- Equity in EE Topics
 - Workforce development, diversity & equity: follow up from October 2020 SAG-IQ joint meeting
 - ICC Affordability Notice of Inquiry – no final report from Commission yet; anticipated in 2021
- Evaluation Topics
 - Market effects- update from Ameren evaluator (Opinion Dynamics)

- Report out on economic and employment impacts of 2020 portfolios (Guidehouse, Opinion Dynamics)
- Annual process to reach agreement on Net to Gross (NTG) values – September
- Annual process for evaluators to present draft evaluation plans for 2022 – December

SAG Working Groups

- Active Working Groups in 2021:
 - Evaluation Working Group (new)
 - Fuel Conversion Working Group (new)
 - Market Transformation Savings Working Group (est. in 2019)
 - Non-Energy Impacts Working Group (est. in 2018)
- Please reach out to SAG Facilitator to join any Working Group
- Evaluation Working Group
 - Purpose is to address evaluation topics that are more technical in nature; may not be of interest to the large group SAG
 - Meeting scheduled for next Monday 2/22 on two evaluation questions
 - Not meant to exclude or create a new group with lots of meetings, but will be useful to have a dedicated website and place to discuss technical evaluation topics; meetings held as needed
 - Will not include annual evaluation process, or annual NTG process – those are large group topics
- Fuel Conversion Working Group
 - Forum to discuss fuel conversion policy questions - raised during IL-TRM update process in 2020 (IL-TRM Version 9)
 - Related to heat pump measures, CHP, EVs in the TRM updates; VEIC would like to have open questions resolved by June if possible
 - Goal of resolving by the time of the first TRM deliverable
 - Email Celia to add to list for this
- Market Transformation Savings Working Group
 - Established in 2019 to reach agreement on the Framework for Market Transformation Savings, that was added as an attachment to IL-TRM Version 8
 - 2021 goals:
 - Provide forum for utilities to update stakeholders
 - Forum for stakeholder to raise ideas for consideration by utilities
 - Finalize open MT policy questions
 - Reach agreement on how utilities can claim savings from MT initiatives
 - Quarterly meetings planned (Q1 meeting on March 17, Q2-Q4 meeting plans in development)
- Non-Energy Impacts Working Group
 - 2021 goal:
 - Provide forum for discussing methodology and results for NEI studies
 - Planned Meetings:
 - Q3 – August

- Participant NEIs research results
- Business / C&I NEI update
- Q4 – December
 - Business / C&I NEI research results

2021 Updates to SAG Process Guidance

- SAG Process Guidance Document – created in 2018 to provide guiding principles, process rules, and roles & responsibilities for SAG, to help foster communication & productive discussion at SAG
- Edits sent out in redline – two minor edits in 2021:
 - Update references to SAG coordination with other processes
 - Change reference to 2020 in Policy Manual section

Questions or Comments?

- Initial comments and feedback:
 - Kristol Simms: Interested in coordination with IQ South; once topics are prioritized for 2021. Suggest combining 'equity in EE' topics underneath utility topics; these are also important areas for Ameren.
 - Karen Lusson:
 - Interested in an update from the utilities this year on progress related to the delivery of joint programs.
 - Would like to ensure topics are not 'locked in'; there may be other topics stakeholders are interested in this year. The section with topics should be worded more generally.
 - Cate York: Is there a plan for a SAG Plan update once stipulations with utilities are final?
- Celia Johnson: Next Steps Following ICC Approval of 2022-2025 EE Plans
 - Since stipulations between utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders are not yet finalized / are still confidential / have not been filed with the ICC, topics that may need to be addressed in 2021 are not included in the SAG Plan yet. I will review final stipulations and request feedback on updating the SAG Plan following ICC approval of EE Plans (anticipated this summer). At the Q3 large group SAG meeting, a SAG Plan update will be presented.

Closing & Next Steps

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

- Comments on the 2021 SAG planning documents are due no later than **COB on Wednesday, February 24**. Comments should be directed to Celia Johnson (Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com)
 - [2021 SAG Plan \(Clean Final Draft for Review\)](#)
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- The 2021 SAG Plan will be considered 'final draft' and posted by Friday, February 26.
- If you are interested in joining any of the SAG Working Groups, reach out to Celia Johnson (Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com):
 - [Evaluation Working Group](#)

- [Fuel Conversion Working Group](#)
- [Market Transformation Savings Working Group](#)
- [Non-Energy Impacts Working Group](#)