

Illinois EE Stakeholder Advisory Group

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

1:00 – 1:30 pm

Attendees and Meeting Notes

Attendees (by webinar)

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator
Nick Hromalik, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) – Meeting Support
Brian Bowen, Uplight
James Carlton, People for Community Recovery
Ian Champ, CLEAResult
Jane Colby, Cadmus Group
Andrew Cottrell, Applied Energy Group
Tim Cycyota, CLEAResult
Kegan Daugherty, Resource Innovations
Erin Daughton, ComEd
Leanne DeMar, Nicor Gas
Allen Dusault, Franklin Energy
Wael El-Sharif, 360 Energy Group
Jim Fay, ComEd
Julia Friedman, Oracle
Omy Garcia, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
Noelle Gilbreath, Community Investment Corp.
Andrey Gribovich, DNV-GL
Walid Guerfali, ICF
Mary Ellen Guest, Chicago Bungalow Association
Randy Gunn, Navigant
Vince Gutierrez, ComEd
Amir Haghghat, CLEAResult
Amy Jewel, City of Chicago Mayor's Office / Institute for Market Transformation
Elizabeth Judson, Elevate Energy
Steven Keates, ADM Energy
Larry Kotewa, Elevate Energy
Ryan Kroll, Michaels Energy
Mandy La Brier, City of Chicago Mayor's Office
Molly Lunn, ComEd
Karen Lusson, National Consumer Law Center
Brady McNall, DNV-GL
Cheryl Miller, Ameren Illinois
Abigail Miner, IL Attorney General's Office
Zenia Montero, ICF
Fernando Morales, Ameren Illinois
Jennifer Morris, ICC Staff
Chris Neme, Energy Futures Group, on behalf of NRDC
Rob Neumann, Navigant
Victoria Nielsen, Applied Energy Group
Randy Opdyke, Nicor Gas
Antonia Ornelas, Elevate Energy

Megan Petraitis, Energy Resources Center, UIC
Marcella Pibiri, Energy Resources Center, UIC
Jared Policicchio, City of Chicago Mayor's Office
Zach Ross, Opinion Dynamics
Marci Sanders, Resource Innovations
Anthony Santarelli, Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC)
Elena Savona, Elevate Energy
Edward Schmidt, MCR Group
Clayton Schroeder, Nexant
Leah Scull, CLEAResult
Emily Startz, Power Takeoff
Mark Szczygiel, Nicor Gas
Taso Tsiganos, IL Attorney General's Office
Cate York, Citizens Utility Board (CUB)
Angie Ziech-Malek, CLEAResult
Michael Marks, Applied Energy Group
Rick Tonielli, ComEd
Will Baker, Google
Christine Del Priore, Agentis Energy
Atticus Doman, Resource Innovations
Chelsea Lamar, Navigant
Wade Morehead, Leidos
Sam Mueller, Nexant
Patricia Plympton, Navigant
Hardik Shah, Gas Technology Institute (GTI)
Jacob Stoll, ComEd
Brittany Zwicker, CLEAResult
Arvind Singh, DNV-GL

Opening and Introductions

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

The purpose of today's meeting is for ComEd to present on mid-year portfolio rebalancing.

ComEd Mid-Year Portfolio Rebalancing

Molly Lunn, ComEd

Background:

- Throughout the year ComEd monitors program and program element performance to track progress toward meeting year-end budget and savings goals.
- We don't usually like to make many changes in the first half of the year, but do a middle of the year "deep dive" review.
- We identified one program that has an over 20% shift and wanted to bring it to the SAG per the Policy Manual.
 - Note: See program flexibility policy in Policy Manual Version 1.1.

Income Eligible (IE) 20% Shift:

- This IE shift resulted from third-party IE program elements now accounting for \$10.3 million versus \$6 million in the approved plan.

- Additionally, there is a strong demand for the IE Single Family and Multi-Family program elements. The change represents almost \$2 million over the Plan filing, but this is really good. We finally have broken through and getting penetration.
- Because the 2018 was a ramp-up year for the IE program, we want to accommodate these adjustments to make up for the average annual \$42 million stipulated goal, now forecasting a \$44 million program spend (20%+).
- Chris Neme: What does the \$42 million include?
 - Molly Lunn: The \$42 million includes all IE spend, but does not include overhead / administrative costs.
- Chris Neme: So this excludes spending on R&D?
 - Molly Lunn: Yes.
- Facility assessments also has high demand. We are trying to pace this, as we know it does not directly have lots of savings, but builds a needed pipeline. This change represents \$800,000 higher than the Plan.

Downward budget shifts:

- Education and Awareness Marketing program element (-\$500,000 or 10% cut).
- Research and Development (-\$1.7 million 13.3%), not cutting any projects just slowing down spend and work will be continued in 2020.
- Residential Product Rebate program element, due to strong demand, we have lowered the rebate from \$100 to \$75 and created an eligibility requirement of one smart thermostat per account. This went into effect at the beginning of July.
 - Chris Neme: I would be interested to see if this changes program participation.
 - Molly Lunn: I can see if there is anything to share at the next SAG meeting.
- To clarify, no reduction in budget for Residential Product Rebate, only changing rebate offering for smart thermostat.

Overview of Income Eligible Changes:

- Single family \$13.6 million (compared to \$11.6 million in Plan)
- Multifamily \$11.4 million (compared to \$8.3 million in Plan)
- Karen Lusson: Is IHWAP leveraging included in the amount mentioned?
 - Molly Lunn: Yes
- Karen Lusson: Has there been discussion about partnering with Nicor Gas on multifamily?
 - Molly Lunn: There has been discussion but not a partnership. Suggests reaching out to Nicor.
- Chris Neme: Interested in more detail about what budget is moving where to get a better understanding of where the uptick is.
 - ComEd will provide a table that breaks down the original plan budget for income eligible programs, and the updated budget per mid-year portfolio shifting.

Other Questions:

- Jennifer Morris: Were there any changes to the demand response program?
 - Molly Lunn: I don't believe there were any changes; we are on track to meet the budget.

Closing and Next Steps

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

- See follow-up items in red above.