

SAG Portfolio Planning Process Kick-Off

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March 10, 2020 SAG Meeting

Administrative SAG Updates

- ▶ Please check your spam filter for SAG emails/invites
- ▶ The draft evaluation report review process has begun for the 2019 Program Year
 - ▶ Visit the [Draft Evaluation Materials](#) page to review draft reports
 - ▶ Reports are posted as they are made available by independent evaluators

SAG Goals

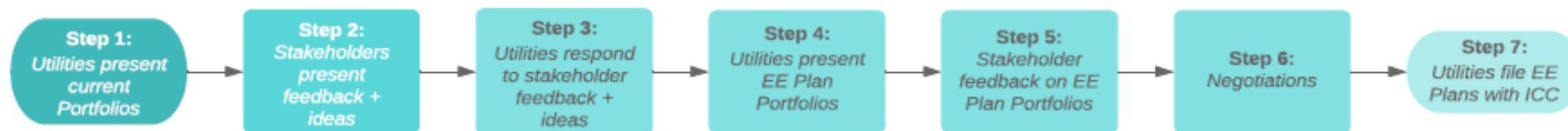
- ▶ Ensure that discussions are productive and valuable.
- ▶ Engage additional stakeholders to participate in SAG.
- ▶ Encourage presentations to SAG on innovative ideas.
- ▶ Be a source of information to policymakers and the public about Illinois energy efficiency programs.
- ▶ Use SAG as a forum to resolve issues that may reduce litigation.
- ▶ Inform the Commission of SAG plans and activities.

SAG Portfolio Planning Process

- ▶ **Objective:** To reach consensus on Illinois utility EE Plans for 2022-2025
 - ▶ Utilities are required to file EE Plans with the Commission for approval on or before March 1, 2021
 - ▶ This is a consensus-seeking process to discuss foundational issues to EE Plan development, including: budgets, Portfolio objectives, program ideas, and program design
- ▶ **Dedicated Website Page:** <https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/portfolio-planning-process/>

SAG Portfolio Planning Process

- ▶ A **forward-thinking process** that provides an opportunity for utilities and stakeholders to work collaboratively on discussing the next 4-year Energy Efficiency Portfolios
 - ▶ SAG participants have an opportunity to submit *Energy Efficiency Ideas* for utility consideration in planning the 2022-2025 Portfolios
 - ▶ Income Qualified EE Advisory Committee participants (Community Based Organizations and Community Action Agencies) also have an opportunity to submit *Energy Efficiency Ideas*



Excerpts from Policy Manual

- ▶ **Glossary Definition of “IL EE Stakeholder Advisory Group”:** SAG is a forum that allows parties to express different opinions, better understand the opinions of others, and foster collaboration and consensus, where possible and appropriate.
- ▶ **Section 3.8, SAG Review:** SAG participants will be asked to review and comment on items related to EE Plans, including but not limited to...
 - ▶ **Draft Portfolio Outlines.** Program Administrators shall work in a cooperative and iterative manner with SAG participants to develop the next multi-year Plan. Such cooperation includes discussion of foundational issues to Plan development; including budgets, Portfolio objectives, Program ideas, and Program design. Program Administrators and SAG shall seek to develop and communicate such foundational assumptions in a manner that supports efficient and timely modeling of proposals for a comprehensive Plan. A primary purpose of these cooperative and iterative discussions is to reduce the number of non-consensus issues and litigation associated with the applicable Plan dockets.

Excerpts from Policy Manual (cont.)

- ▶ **Section 3.1, Disclaimer:** Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) discussions are intended to be in the nature of settlement discussions. As a matter of general agreement, written and/or oral positions or statements made during SAG meetings shall not be used by any party to contradict or impeach another party's position, or prove a party's position, in a Commission proceeding.

Planning Process Timing

- ▶ Planning Process kick-off during March 10-11 Meetings
- ▶ Additional SAG meetings will be held in 2020 due to planning discussions
 - ▶ In-person SAG meetings will be held **through November** (excluding August and September)
 - ▶ **Final negotiations are expected to begin by mid-November**, between utilities and non-financially interested parties
- ▶ **Potential Coronavirus Disruption**
 - ▶ If needed, scheduled in-person meetings will be held as teleconferences

Participation

- ▶ Large Group SAG meetings and Working Group meetings will be open to all interested parties, unless a topic may present a financial conflict of interest
- ▶ At the conclusion of the Planning Process, **final negotiations** will be held with utilities and non-financially interested parties
- ▶ **2020 Working Groups:**
 - ▶ Market Transformation Savings Working Group
 - ▶ Midstream-Upstream Working Group
 - ▶ Non-Energy Impacts Working Group

Coordination with IQ EE Advisory Committees

- ▶ Income Qualified EE Advisory Committees (IQ Committees) are separate from SAG, with the goal of convening and receiving input from Community-Based Organizations, implementers, utilities, and other interested stakeholders on pressing energy needs facing income qualified customers
- ▶ SAG will coordinate with the IQ Committees to ensure that stakeholders that do not traditionally engage within the SAG process have an opportunity to provide feedback on programs and propose ideas for the utilities to consider in developing the 2022-2025 EE Plans
 - ▶ *IQ North Advisory Committee*: ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas service territory
 - ▶ *IQ South Advisory Committee*: Ameren Illinois service territory

Coordination with IQ EE Advisory Committees (cont.)

Coordination with IQ North Advisory Committee

SAG will hold joint meetings with the IQ North Advisory Committee during key steps to the SAG process, including:

- ▶ **May: Energy Efficiency Ideas**
 - ▶ Wed. May 13 (SAG-IQ North joint meeting, Chicago, afternoon)
- ▶ **June: Utilities Respond to Energy Efficiency Ideas**
 - ▶ Wed. June 17 (SAG-IQ North joint meeting, Chicago, afternoon)
- ▶ **October: Utilities Present Draft EE Portfolio Plans**
 - ▶ Wed. Oct. 14 (SAG-IQ North joint meeting, Chicago, afternoon)
- ▶ **November: Initial Stakeholder Feedback on Draft EE Portfolio Plans**
 - ▶ Thurs. Nov. 5 (SAG-IQ North joint meeting, Chicago, afternoon)

Coordination with IQ South Advisory Committee

The IQ Facilitation Team will coordinate with IQ South Advisory Committee participants and Ameren Illinois on proposed energy efficiency ideas and feedback from community-based organizations on the Ameren Illinois 2022-2025 EE Plan Portfolio.

Energy Efficiency Ideas

- ▶ Opportunity for stakeholders to share ideas and approaches for utilities to consider in developing their 2022-2025 EE Plans
- ▶ **Stakeholders are invited to submit:**
 1. Feedback on current portfolios, focused on suggested changes for the 2022-2025 EE Plans
 2. Stakeholder ideas/approaches for utility consideration, including program approaches or new measures that have been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions
 3. Innovative ideas that could be researched during the next EE Plan cycle by utilities, evaluators, SAG, or another advisory group (IL-TRM Technical Advisory Committee; Income Qualified EE Advisory Committees)
- ▶ **Completed “EE Ideas” Templates are due by April 1.**
 - ▶ [Click here to download the Energy Efficiency Ideas Template.](#)
 - ▶ Submit completed templates by email, with any supplemental materials: Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com

Energy Efficiency Ideas (cont.)

- ▶ A small group Review Committee will meet in mid-April to review ideas and determine if there are initial follow-up questions.
- ▶ Ideas will be presented during the May 12-13 SAG meetings
- ▶ **Note:** Community-Based Organizations and Community Action Agencies that participate in the IQ Committees will also be invited to share Energy Efficiency ideas for utility consideration, with ideas due on a separate date.
 - ▶ The focus of the **Wednesday, May 13** SAG meeting will be presentations on income qualified Energy Efficiency Ideas.

Large Group SAG Activities

▶ Q2 2020

- ▶ **March 10-11:** Planning Process kick-off; utility presentations on EE Portfolios including 2019 progress update
- ▶ **April 14-15:** TRC non-measure level inputs; evaluation topics
- ▶ **May 12-13:** Stakeholder presentations on Energy Efficiency ideas
- ▶ **June 16-17:** Utilities respond to stakeholder ideas presented in May; workforce development
- ▶ **June 23:** ComEd Potential Study results (teleconf.)
- ▶ **June 29:** Ameren IL Potential Study results (teleconf.)

▶ Q3 2020

- ▶ **July 21:** Planning Process topics TBD
- ▶ **July 28:** Peoples Gas/North Shore Gas Potential Study results (teleconf.)
- ▶ **August:** No SAG meetings - utilities preparing draft EE Plan Portfolios
- ▶ **Sept. Teleconference Meetings:** Annual process to review evaluation Net-to-Gross (NTG) recommendations and reach consensus on ratios for the 2021 program year

Large Group SAG Activities (cont.)

▶ Q4 2020

- ▶ **Oct. 13-14:** Utilities present draft EE Plan Portfolios, including budget allocation and savings goals
- ▶ **Nov. 4-5:** Stakeholder feedback on draft EE Plans; summary of IQ Committee feedback on IQ program plans; brief quarterly update from utilities
 - ▶ Note: Final negotiations anticipated to begin following the Nov. large group meeting.
- ▶ **Dec. 1-2:** Teleconferences for evaluators to present overview of draft EM&V work plans for 2021

SAG Working Group Activities

SAG Working Group: Non-Energy Impacts

- ▶ **Purpose:** To discuss draft research results from Illinois NEI studies as well as defensible methodologies to use across the state related to calculating non-energy impacts. The NEI Working Group may make recommendations to the Policy Manual Subcommittee or IL-TRM Technical Advisory Committee regarding how NEI results may be included in utilities' reporting, cost-effectiveness analyses, and/or the IL-TRM.
 - ▶ **Background:** The NEI Working Group was created to provide a forum to discuss non-energy impact and economic impact research that began in 2018.
 - ▶ **Working Group Website:** <http://www.ilsag.info/nei-working-group.html>
- ▶ **2020 Activities:**
 - ▶ Discuss options for potentially incorporating NEI research results in EE portfolio cost-effectiveness in the 2022-2025 EE Portfolio Plans
 - ▶ Review preliminary results from IQ NEI studies for Ameren Illinois and ComEd
 - ▶ Discuss how and when economic impact study results will be reported for program years 2018, 2019 and in the future

SAG Working Group: Market Transformation Savings

▶ Purpose:

- ▶ To provide a forum to discuss policy issues related to MT savings evaluation and estimation.
- ▶ To provide an opportunity to review specific MT initiatives and the data/approach proposed to be used to develop savings, including but not limited to:
 - ▶ Logic Models; Savings/unit; Total market unit data collection; Natural market baseline data and projections; Service territory accounting; and The duration of any MT savings credit.
- ▶ To reach consensus on savings protocols for MT initiatives that may be included in the IL-TRM.

▶ Working Group Website: https://www.ilsag.info/mt_savings_working_group/

▶ 2020 Activities:

- ▶ Quarterly meetings to discuss resolution of policy issues related to market transformation; Illinois-specific market transformation business plans developed by the Midwest Market Transformation Collaborative; and other market transformation topics, as needed.

SAG Working Group: Midstream-Upstream

▶ Purpose:

- ▶ To provide a forum to discuss midstream and upstream EE opportunities in preparation for utilities developing their 2022-2025 EE Plans.
- ▶ The goal of this Working Group is 1) to learn from successful initiatives in other jurisdictions and 2) to identify measure(s) that may provide an opportunity for utilities to claim higher electric and gas savings at lower cost.

▶ Working Group Website: <https://www.ilsag.info/midstream-upstream-working-group/>

▶ 2020 Activities:

- ▶ Three teleconference meetings are planned during the first half of 2020 to discuss midstream/upstream planning for the next EE Plan portfolio (2022-2025)

Reminder: SAG Process Guidance Document

- ▶ The **SAG Process Guidance Document** describes guiding principles, process rules, and roles and responsibilities of SAG participants, to foster communication and productive discussion at SAG.
 - ▶ Available for download on the SAG Planning page: [SAG Process Guidance Document - 2020 Update](#)

Questions?

