

Illinois EE Stakeholder Advisory Group Large Group Meeting

Friday, January 17, 2020

10:00am to 11:00am

Teleconference

Attendees and Meeting Notes

Attendees (by webinar)

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

Nick Hromalik, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)

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Jennifer Morris, ICC Staff

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Theo Okiro, Future Energy Enterprises

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Patricia Plympton, Guidehouse
Christina Pagnusat, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas
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Joe Reilly, Applied Energy Group
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Mark Szczygiel, Nicor Gas
Bryan Tillman, 360 Energy Group
Taso Tsiganos, IL Attorney General's Office
Andy Vaughn, Ameren Illinois
Chris Vaughn, Nicor Gas
Ted Weaver, First Tracks Consulting, on behalf of Nicor Gas
Shelita Wellmaker, Ameren Illinois
Cate York, Citizens Utility Board
Sara Wist, Cadmus
David Baker, Energy Resources Center, UIC
Will Baker, Google
Rob Neumann, Navigant
Rachel Scheu, Elevate Energy

Meeting Notes

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

Opening and Introductions

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

- The purpose of today's call is to discuss the plan and schedule for SAG activities in 2020, including Working Groups and an overview of the SAG Portfolio Planning Process.
- **All comments, questions and/or proposed edits to the 2020 SAG Plan and updated SAG Process Guidance document are due by COB on Monday, January 27.**

Overview of 2020 SAG Plan

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

Reminder on SAG Goals:

- Ensure discussions are productive and valuable.
- Encourage many different groups to participate.
- SAG is a forum to reach consensus and to minimize litigation, which will be a focus of the SAG in 2020.

2020 SAG Groups:

- Large Group SAG: focus on portfolio planning
- SAG Working Groups: three Working Groups are anticipated in 2020:
 - Non-Energy Impacts Working Group
 - Market Transformation Savings Working Group

- Midstream-Upstream Working Group
- SAG IL-TRM Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): Facilitated by the IL-TRM Administrator, VEIC, to update the TRM (Version 9.0).
- SAG Subcommittees: no active Subcommittees are planned for 2020
- SAG Steering Committee: purpose is to provide substantive feedback to SAG facilitator on reaching plan goals.

SAG Portfolio Planning Process:

- There are 7 key steps to discuss utility EE Plans for 2022-2025:
 - 1: Utilities present current portfolios
 - 2: Stakeholders present feedback and their ideas
 - 3: Utilities respond to stakeholder ideas
 - 4: Utilities present draft portfolio plans
 - 5: Stakeholders provide feedback on draft portfolio plans
 - 6: Negotiations with utilities and non-financially interested parties
 - 7: Utilities file their plans with the Commission
- Official kickoff will be a two-day meeting in March. Large group SAG planning will continue until October.
- By mid-October negotiations are expected to begin between utilities and non-financially interested parties.
- Please see SAG website for information on the portfolio and process timeline and meetings: <https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/portfolio-planning-process/>
- SAG will be coordinating closely with the two Income-Qualified (IQ) Advisory Committees, IQ North and IQ South.

Stakeholder Feedback Process:

- During the SAG Portfolio Planning Process there will be an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on current portfolios, and to propose ideas for utilities to consider in planning for the 2022-2025 EE Plan Portfolios, including any suggested changes, and measures or approaches for utilities to consider implementing.
- Stakeholders will be invited to submit:
 - Feedback on current portfolios, including suggested changes for the 2022-2025 EE Plans
 - Stakeholder ideas/approaches for utility consideration, including program approaches or new measures that have been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions
 - Innovative ideas that could be researched during the next EE Plan cycle by utilities, evaluators, and/or SAG
- Stakeholder Feedback: Stakeholders submitting feedback will be required to complete a Stakeholder Feedback Template, due by April 1. Feedback will be presented at the April SAG meetings.
- Stakeholder Ideas: Stakeholders submitting ideas/approaches/innovative ideas will be required to complete a Stakeholder Ideas Template, due by April 1.
- The SAG Facilitator will organize a small group Review Committee to determine 1) if additional follow-up is needed on submittals and 2) if utilities' have already implemented the idea submitted.

SAG Working Groups:

- Non-Energy Impacts Working Group

- This Working Group continues work from 2018-2019. Three meetings are scheduled in 2020.
- The Working Group will review preliminary results from income qualified non-energy impact (NEI) studies and review 2019 results from economic impact studies.
- Market Transformation Savings Working Group
 - Working Group launched in 2019. The 2019 goal was to reach consensus on a white paper framework for MT. The final / consensus whitepaper was included as an attachment to IL-TRM Version 8.0.
 - This group will discuss savings protocols for specific market transformation initiatives, with a goal of reaching consensus.
- Midstream-Upstream Working Group:
 - The goal is to learn from successful initiatives in other jurisdictions and identify potential measures for utilities to claim higher savings at lower costs.
 - Three meetings are planned for 2020, to tie in with utility planning for the 2022 EE portfolios.

Evaluation Topics:

- Have decided to discuss any evaluation topics in large group meetings rather than a subcommittee due to the many other priorities and meeting commitments scheduled for SAG in 2020.

SAG Process Guidance Document:

- Edits were made to the Process Guidance document for 2020 to update references to Policy Manual Version 2.0, add a section on participation, and add a section on coordinating with other efforts.

Closing and Next Steps

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

The following SAG planning materials are available for final review:

- [SAG Portfolio Planning Process Project Plan – final draft \(Jan. 16, 2020\)](#)
- [SAG Portfolio Planning Process Schedule Flowchart – final draft \(Jan. 16, 2020\)](#)
- [SAG Process Guidance Document – final draft \(Jan. 16, 2020\)](#)
- All questions, comments, and/or proposed edits on 2020 planning materials are due **by COB on Monday, January 27**. Please send comments directly to the SAG Facilitator, Celia Johnson: Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com

If you are interested in participating in any SAG Working Groups in 2020, reach out to the SAG Facilitator. Separate distribution lists are maintained for each Working Group:

- Non-Energy Impacts Working Group: <https://www.ilsaq.info/nei-working-group/>
- Market Transformation Savings Working Group: https://www.ilsaq.info/mt_savings_working_group/
- Midstream-Upstream Working Group: <https://www.ilsaq.info/midstream-upstream-working-group/>