

SAG Evaluation Consultant Discussion: Overview of Evaluation Framework; Evaluation Consultant Scope of Work, and Proposed Next Steps July 7 SAG

Objective

Discuss work plan, deliverables, timeline, next steps for Evaluation Consultant and role of SAG in evaluation process

Statutory Framework

Section 12-103(f)(7) of the Public Utility Act (“PUA”) requires:

“an annual independent evaluation of the performance of the cost-effectiveness of the utility’s portfolio of measures and the Department’s portfolio of measures, as well as a full review of the 3-year results of the broader net program impacts and, to the extent practical, for adjustments of the measures on a going-forward basis as a result of the evaluations. The resources dedicated to evaluation shall not exceed 3% of the portfolio resources in any given year.”

Regulatory Framework

ICC orders provided the following guidance on evaluation:

- Lighting values deemed;
- NTG ratios not deemed;
- Approved process for engaging independent evaluator involving compliance filing of RFP and contract with independent evaluator and gives ICC right to approve/reject contract; direct utilities to terminate contractor if evaluation not independent; approve action that would result in termination of the contractor.

Evaluation Consultant Scope of Work

The RFP for the evaluation consultant identified the following tasks:

- Work with SAG, program administrators to develop evaluation framework;
- Assist SAG, program administrators with finalizing RFPs;
- Assist with selection of evaluation contractors;
- Review
 - draft evaluation plans and resource allocations proposed by the evaluation contractors;
 - identify gaps in the plans and,
 - identify areas of inconsistency in methodology/approach between plans.
- Review interim and final work products

- Get the evaluation contractor RFPs out quickly instead of waiting until evaluation framework is decided.

Proposed Next Steps

- July 8 (or before) ComEd and Ameren circulate draft RFPs to evaluation consultants and SAG with proposed Bidder's list;
- July 21 SAG meeting focused on providing comments on RFPs; bidder's list; and start discussion re: evaluation framework. Peach/Prahl participate
- Week of July 21 – Ameren/ComEd release evaluation contractor RFPs and file at ICC

Discussion Questions

- How shall SAG get good evaluation contractors to submit proposals?
- Proposed SAG involvement in evaluation work:
 - Review/comment on draft RFPs and bidder's list
 - Review/comment on energy savings assumptions/NTG ratios/C-E calculation methodology and tool;
 - Review/comment on draft evaluation plans
 - Review/comment on evaluation plan report formats
 - Review/comment on all evaluation contractor deliverables
 - Anything else?