

IL-TRM Methods Document

During the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meeting on 1/27/15, the evaluators presented a draft document on Net-to-Gross (NTG) methods. SAG members requested that additional language be added to clarify:

- whether the current methods are binding (i.e., the evaluators must follow that method) and
- under what conditions may the evaluator diverge from the method as described in the NTG methods document

Due to the compressed timeline to finalize the NTG methods document and interest in the ability to diverge from said methods, SAG members requested that language be drafted by 1/29/15 and sent around for review. The language will be placed in a new sub-header within the policy section (i.e., Section I) of the NTG methods document

Suggested language:

The NTG methods outlined in this document are partially binding as evaluators may modify the current approach. However, if this choice is made, the following conditions must be met:

1. Evaluators must explicate within the annual research plan (or other document) how specific items in the proposed method will diverge from what is written in this document. Evaluators must justify why the divergence is appropriate.
2. SAG members must agree that the plan of action is reasonable.

Evaluators may test alternative methods of estimating NTG in addition to using the approach outlined in this document, without specific SAG approval. When performing alternative methods, the choice of methods may vary across the state. For example, if ComEd's evaluator chooses to test Method 1 and Method 2, Ameren's and DCEO's evaluators do not also have to perform Methods 1 and 2 for a similar program. While evaluators may use more than one NTG assessment method, in the event that an evaluator wishes to apply net savings with a method other than the one specified in this document, the evaluator must meet the two conditions described above.

Additionally, while not part of this specific language, SAG members requested that language around the review process be added that is similar to the TRM update process. Specifically, a 10-day review process to changes in the NTG methods document needs to be clear within the document. This point will be added to area I.C of the methods document.