



SAG Planning Overview

July 31, 2018 SAG Meeting

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Draft SAG Planning Documents

- ▶ 2018 SAG Plan
- ▶ SAG Process Guidance

- ▶ Comments are due within 10 Business Days (by 5pm on Tues., Aug. 14).
- ▶ Final planning documents will be added to the SAG website.

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.

As described in the Policy Manual:

- ▶ 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.

2018 SAG Plan

- ▶ **Large Group SAG Meetings**
 - ▶ Quarterly meetings, in-person (the beginning of each quarter)
 - ▶ Since SAG is starting mid-year, the plan for 2018 is to meet in July, September, and November
- ▶ **SAG Steering Committee**
 - ▶ Two meetings per year; members include senior representatives of utilities and non-financially interested stakeholders that are regular SAG participants
 - ▶ The purpose is to provide substantive feedback to the SAG Facilitator on: (1) annual SAG Plans; and (2) progress towards meeting annual SAG Plan goals to ensure that the time spent on SAG is as productive and valuable as possible.
- ▶ **SAG Subcommittees**
 - ▶ Convene the Policy Manual Subcommittee in Sept. 2018
- ▶ **SAG Technical Advisory Committee**
 - ▶ Meetings will be held as needed, in coordination with VEIC
- ▶ **SAG Working Groups**
 - ▶ Non-Energy Impacts Working Group
 - ▶ Annual Report Template Working Group
 - ▶ Income Qualified Working Group (as needed)

Policy Manual Subcommittee

- ▶ **Purpose:** To reach agreement on Policy Manual Version 2.0.
- ▶ **Participation:** Open to all interested SAG participants, unless there is a financial conflict of interest.
- ▶ **Process:** All participants will have an opportunity to propose policies in August 2018. A Proposed Policy Template will be circulated to participants. Participants are encouraged not to propose substantive changes to policies already in the Policy Manual, unless necessary.
 - ▶ Since Version 1.1 was finalized, a number of policies have been proposed for inclusion in Version 2.0. I will share the policy tracking document and follow-up with utilities and key stakeholders to discuss in August.
- ▶ **Meetings:** Monthly in-person meetings, with short follow-up teleconferences in-between.
- ▶ **End date:** The goal is to finalize Version 2.0 no later than March 1, 2019, to be submitted to the Commission for approval. This timing will avoid overlap with the draft evaluation report review process and IL-TRM Version 8.0 process.

EM&V Subcommittee

- ▶ **Purpose:** To address topics and issues related to evaluation.
- ▶ **Participation:** Open to all interested SAG participants, unless there is a financial conflict of interest.
- ▶ **Process:** There is a list of topics for the EM&V Subcommittee in stipulated agreements. I have received feedback that it would be better to wait until early 2019 to begin this Subcommittee, due to the number of other meetings in 2018.
 - ▶ I will draft an EM&V Subcommittee Plan and meet individually with utilities and key stakeholders for feedback this fall.
- ▶ **Meetings:** Anticipated launch in early 2019. Ongoing meetings throughout EE Plan; estimating 2-4 meetings per year.

SAG Working Group: Non-Energy Impacts

- ▶ **Purpose:** To discuss and reach agreement on defensible methodologies to use across the state related to calculating non-energy impacts and how the NEI results would be included in utilities' reporting, cost-effectiveness analyses, and the IL-TRM.
- ▶ **Participation:** Open to all interested SAG participants, unless there is a financial conflict of interest.
- ▶ **Process:** Discuss draft NEI research plans; resolve open questions; discuss comments on research results.
- ▶ **Meetings:** Held by teleconference. First meeting anticipated at the end of August.
 - ▶ A process discussion is needed before reviewing results. What are the conditions under which NEIs would get included in the TRM and used in cost-effectiveness analysis?
- ▶ **End date:** TBD

SAG Working Group: Annual Report Template

- ▶ **Purpose:** To discuss and reach agreement on a statewide common reporting template for Program Administrator Annual Reports. A list of information to be included in Annual Reports is in the Policy Manual.
- ▶ **Participation:** Open to all interested SAG participants, unless there is a financial conflict of interest.
- ▶ **Process:** The statewide Annual Report Template will be an Excel document with tables that can be incorporated into each utility's Annual Report, filed with the ICC and posted to the SAG website. Annual Reports will also be presented to SAG.
- ▶ **Meetings:** Held by teleconference. First call in early October.
- ▶ **End Date:** Annual Report Template to be finalized by December 3, 2018

SAG Working Group: Income Qualified

- ▶ **Purpose:** Address open issues related to income qualified energy efficiency programs that are SAG-related (e.g. policy or technical issues) therefore should not be addressed within the Income Qualified Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee.
- ▶ **Participation:** Open to all interested SAG participants, unless there is a financial conflict of interest.
- ▶ **Process:** Meet as needed throughout the EE Plan.
 - ▶ I am not aware of any topics that require resolution at this time.
- ▶ **Meetings:** Held by teleconference.

SAG Process Guidance

- ▶ **Purpose:** To provide guiding principles and process rules for SAG. To provide an overview of roles and responsibilities of SAG participants.
- ▶ **Updates:** Updated as needed, with input from the SAG Steering Committee and interested SAG participants.
- ▶ **Guiding Principles:** To support collaborative discussion at SAG.
- ▶ **SAG Groups:** Describes the categories of SAG groups.
- ▶ **SAG Topics:** Describes key topics for large group SAG meetings and recurring activities from the Policy Manual.
- ▶ **Roles and Responsibilities:** For SAG Facilitator, utilities and stakeholder participants.

SAG Process Guidance (cont.)

▶ **Process Rules:**

- ▶ Annual SAG Planning
- ▶ Discussions in the Nature of Settlement
- ▶ Financial Conflict of Interest
- ▶ Writing Committee
- ▶ Consensus Decision-Making

▶ **Questions or comments?**

- ▶ Please send to me by Tues., August 14.

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- ▶ **SAG Facilitator Contact Information:**

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- ▶ **Current SAG Website:** www.ILSAG.info

- ▶ The SAG website will be re-designed in 2018, with the goal of a new website launching in November.