*Proposed IQ SF Eligibility Policy Resolution (Ameren Illinois)*

The majority of customers participating in state or federal income eligible assistance programs or energy assistance programs should be expected to have incomes at or below 80% of Area Median Income or at or below 300% Federal Poverty Level in order to provide energy efficiency measures and services to the customer under program administrator income qualified energy efficiency programs in Illinois. Because income verification for income qualified single-family homes can be challenging, expensive and time-consuming, and in order to ensure that such challenges, costs and or impositions on customers do not adversely affect a program administrators ability to serve income qualified single-family customers, there should be multiple pathways to establishing income eligibility for purposes of program participation and spend tracking.

This policy establishes pathways to identifying customers by their participation in other income eligible programs. Program administrators may verify eligibility using documentation submitted showing participation in an income eligible program. For example, the following pathways would be acceptable ways to demonstrate income eligibility for single family customer participation in program administrator income qualified single-family programs:

* Participation in a weatherization assistance program with like eligibility
* Participation in a ratepayer-funded, utility shareholder-funded, federal, state, or local funded energy assistance programs with like income eligibility (e.g. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP))
* Participation in state federal, or local income eligible programs with like income eligibility (e.g. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid)
* Participation in federal or local government disaster relief programs where the Program Administrator can demonstrate that the majority of households are expected to have incomes at or below 80% AMI or at or below 300% Federal Poverty Level
* Participation in programs administered by local governments or community organizations where the Program Administrator can demonstrate that the majority of households are expected to have incomes at or below 80% AMI or at or below 300% Federal Poverty Level

In addition to the options above, Program Administrators may use other approaches that can demonstrably identify single family homes occupied by customers whose incomes are expected to be at or below 80% AMI or at or below 300% Federal Poverty Level in a manner less burdensome than by requiring income information. Program Administrators will inform stakeholders of any new qualification approaches and confirm no objections. Program Administrators will employ the qualification methodologies that are the least burdensome and time-consuming for home owners first and maximize the potential for and ease of participation in their Income Qualified single family Programs.

Customers identified as eligible to participate in Income Qualified programs using a pathway established above should receive program benefits that align with the income eligibility requirements for the program pathway used to determine eligibility.