

**Illinois Full (IQ-N and IQ-S) Income Qualified (IQ)
Energy Efficiency (EE) Committee Meeting
("LIEEAC")**

On "Related Issues – Meeting #4"

Monday, December 12, 2022

2:00-4:00

Attendee List and Meeting Notes

Attendee List:

Abigail Ramirez, Illinois Power Agency (ISFA)

AJ Young, Greenlink Energy Solutions

Allen Dusault, Franklin Energy

Alvyn Walker, Windsor Park Lutheran Church

Amir Haghghat, CLEAResult

Anastasia Hanonick, Future Energy Enterprises (IQ Committee Facilitator)

Andrey Gribovich, DNV GL

Andy Pohren, QstN, LLC

Annette Beitel, Future Energy Enterprises (IQ Committee Facilitator)

Antonia Ornelas, Elevate Energy

Arlinda Bajrami, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

Becky Wilson, BCMW Community Services

Billy Davis, Bronzeville Community Development Partnership

Briana Moore, Will County Green

Carla Walker-Miller, Walker-Miller Energy Services

Carlotta Ruiz-Smith, Ameren Illinois

Carrie Malfeo, Village of Park Forest

Cassidy Kraimer , The Preservation Compact

Cathy Feltner, Embarras River Basin Agency

Celia Colón, Giving others Dreams

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

Cheryl Johnson, People for Community Recovery

Cheryl Scott, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

Chet Kolodziej, Energy Efficiency and Solar System Advisor

Dan Moring, Slipstream

Dave MacDonna , Sangamon County Department of Community Resources

David A Kilgore, Ameren Illinois

David Brightwell, ICC Staff

Debra Perry, Ameren Illinois

Dena Jefferson, Franklin Energy

Denise Moore, MBDC Peoria

Edith Makra, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

Elena Savona, Elevate Energy

Elizabeth Corrado, Elevate Energy

Elizabeth Horne, ICC Staff

Erika Dominick, Walker Miller Energy

Eve Pytel, Franklin Energy

Gregory Norris, Aces4Youth

Jan Gudell, Elevate Energy

Jarred Nordhus, Peoples Gas

Jennifer M. Schmidt, Illinois Power Agency (ISFA)

Jill Calkins, Tri-County Opportunities Council

John Carroll, Ameren Illinois

Jon Vrandenburg, Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials

Julia Friedman Opower , Oracle Utilities

Kara L Jonas, ComEd

Karen Lusson, National Consumer Law Center

Kendrick, People for Community Recovery

Kristol WSimms, Ameren Illinois

LaShelle Newland, Resource Innovations

Laura Oakleaf, Elevate Energy; Illinois Solar for All Administrator

Lawrence Kotewa, Elevate Energy

Lisa Miranda, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago

Lorelei Obermeyer, CLEAResult

Marina Minic, Citizens Utility Board

Mary Johnson, Resource Innovations

Matthew G Armstrong, Ameren Illinois

Melissa Fasig, Heartland Illinois

Mia Berrios, People for Community Recovery

Mindy Browning, Embarras River Basin Agency

Nelson May, Future Energy Enterprises (IQ Committee Facilitation Team)

Nicole Popejoy, Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies

Odette Watson, East Central Illinois Community Action Agency

Olivia Perez, Chicago Housing Authority

Omayra Garcia, Peoples Gas Delivery

Oueida Mills, Jackson County Housing Authority

Pace Goodman, ILLUME

Patrice Suggs, Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics (SEEL)

Peter D. Pasholk, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)

Philip Halliburton, ComEd

Robert Rusteberg, Leidos

Roberta Tolson, ComEd

Rodd Whelpley, IMEA

Ron Siddle, CMC Energy

Ronna Abshure, ICC Staff

Sandra Henry, Slipstream

Scott Eckel, ICC Staff

Sean Reed, Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics (SEEL)

Sharon "Sy" Lewis, Meadows Eastside Community Resource Organization

Stacey Paradis, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)

Stephanie L Robinson, Ameren Illinois

Stephen Robinson, Northwest Austin Council

Tamaira L Jackson, Ameren Illinois

Tamika Cole, Walker-Miller Energy Services

Tammy Saenz, Tri-County Opportunities Council

Tisha Burnside, Resource Innovations

Victoria Nielsen, Applied Energy Group

Introduction: Annette Beitel

- Introduced Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Introduced Illinois Solar for All Team

Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator

- SAG Creation
 - The Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) was created in 2008 by direction of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) when the first electric utility EE Plans were approved by the ICC.
 - SAG is an advisory body that focuses on:
 - Educating the IL stakeholder community on EE programs and a variety of EE issues
 - Building trust among parties with various interests
 - Providing a forum for narrowing differences among parties
 - Engaging in discussion of open issues; inviting parties to offer constructive approaches and solutions
 - Building consensus agreement on policy and technical issues, in an effort to reduce or avoid future litigation
- SAG Process Guidance Document
 - Describes guiding principles, process rules and roles and responsibilities of SAG participants to foster communication and dialogue. This is updated as needed.
 - SAG Participation
 - SAG is broken up into several different groups:
 - Large Group SAG
 - SAG Subcommittees
 - SAG Working Groups
 - A “financially interested party” means “any person or entity, or employee of an entity, that engages in the purchase, sale, marketing or implementation of energy efficiency products, services, programs, pilots or research. A

“financially interested party” may also engage in other work with utilities outside of energy efficiency.”

- SAG Website
 - Visit www.ilsag.info
 - SAG website includes:
 - Agendas, meeting materials and notes for 14 years’ worth of SAG meetings
 - Individual Subcommittee and Working Group pages
 - Evaluation materials such as reports and research results
 - Utility reports
 - Other resources such as participating organizations
- SAG Coordination with IL-TRM Process
 - Illinois Technical Reference Manual (TRM) Administrator VEIC leads the IL-TRM update process.
 - IL-TRM is a technical document that includes savings assumptions for EE measures that may be offered by Illinois utilities. Updated on an annual basis.
 - SAG Facilitator coordinates with IL-TRM process
 - Addresses policy issues during IL-TRM update process
 - Circulated IL-TRM deliverables to SAG
 - Updates SAG website with deliverables
 - Participates in IL-TRM Technical Advisory Committee as needed
 - Participates in IL-TRM Income Qualified Working Group ss needed
- SAG Coordination with IQ Committee
 - *IQ Committee is separate from SAG*
 - IQ energy efficiency topics are also of interest to SAG participants
 - SAG Facilitator regularly coordinates with the IQ Committee Facilitator in income qualified topics that may be of interest to both SAG and IQ Committee participants
 - 2023 SAG plan is in development
 - 2023 SAG Plan will be presented to SAG on **January 19**
 - Includes a request for final comment

- SAG plan will be finalized by **January 31**
- SAG Activities in 2022
 - Large Group SAG
 - Quarterly meetings, utilities reports and net-to-gross update processes.
 - SAG Subcommittees
 - Established for necessary, issue-specific topics.
 - Generally longer-term discussions
 - SAG Steering Committee
 - Generally holds two yearly meetings
 - Members include utility representatives and non-financially interested stakeholders that signed 2022-2025 stipulated agreements with individual utilities.
 - The purpose is to provide substantive feedback to SAG facilitator for future SAG plans and process towards ensuring time was spent as productively as possible.
 - Equity Subcommittee
 - Purpose: To discuss topics related to equity in EE portfolios
 - This is a new Subcommittee for 2022, referenced in several of the EE Plan Stipulated Agreements.
 - The subcommittee is expected to focus on workforce equity topics, including updates on progress of the utilities' Market Development Initiatives
 - In 2022, two workshops were held to understand and provide an opportunity for feedback.
 - Network Lighting Controls Subcommittee
 - Purpose: discusses the progress of measures associated with network lighting controls with Ameren Illinois, ComEd and interested stakeholders.
 - Network lighting controls are controls for commercial properties that combine LEDs, controls, connectivities.
 - Policy Manual Subcommittee
 - What is a “policy”

- Policies can help ensure compliance, give guidance for decision-making, define objectives and streamline processes and procedures.
- Why does Illinois have a Policy Manual?
 - The Policy Manual provides guiding principles for procurement, oversight, evaluation and operation of the electric and gas Energy Efficiency Programs authorized under Sections 8-103B and 8-104 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act. The principles and policies articulated in the Policy Manual were derived from Commission orders, policies and procedures developed by the SAG, as well as best practices from state Energy Efficiency Programs delivered throughout the nation.
- What are goals of the Policy Manual?
 - Achieve consistency
 - Reduce litigation before the Commission
 - Reduce Program Administrator for Program
 - Current Policy Manual Examples:
 - EE Portfolio objectives
 - Budget allocations
 - Flexibility and budgetary shift rules
 - Defines cost
 - Defines responsibilities
 - Independence protocols for evaluators
 - Process for providing draft work plans and reports
- Market Transformation Savings Working Group
 - Purpose: To provide a forum for utilities and stakeholders to discuss Illinois market transformation (MT) initiatives and the data/approach used to initiative specific savings protocols
 - Working Group established in 2019 to reach agreement on a framework for MT savings, which was added to IL TRM Version 8.0
 - What is market transformation for EE programs?

- Illinois definition: “market transformation is the strategic process of intervening in a market to create lasting change that results in the accelerated adoption of energy efficient products, services and practices”.
 - Intervention activities that seek to impact the long-term EE market, such as working directly with manufacturers, engaging with government agencies on test procedures
 - Working Group Webpage:
 - www.ilsag.info/evaluation-working-group
- Non-Energy Impacts Working Group
 - Purpose: To discuss results from Illinois non-energy impact (NEI) studies
 - Working Group established in 2018 to discuss NEI research plans and draft research results from Illinois NEI studies, as well as defensible methodologies to use across the state related to calculating non-energy impacts.
 - Working group website: www.ilsag.info/nei-working-group
 - 2022 Activities: Met in October for evaluators Ameren IL and ComEd to present an update on NEI research
 - One meeting expected in 2023 to provide an opportunity for evaluators to present research results
- Reporting Working group
 - Purpose
 - To discuss utility reporting on EE portfolios.
 - Quarterly and Annual reporting requirements come from the Policy Manual
 - Utilities file reports with the ICC and share with SAG for posting on the Utilities Reports page: links to reports are circulated to SAG following each quarter.
 - Utilities use statewide reporting templates—available on the SAG Templates page
 - Several proposed “reporting principles” are being discussed through the SAG Policy Manual
 - Website: www.ilsag.info/reporting-working-group
- Q&A

- SAG Facilitator-Celia Johnson
 - Email: celia@celiajohnsonconsulting.com
 - Phone: 312-659-6758
 - SAG Website: www.ilsag.info
- *Question:* Which policies being discussed and considered can be helpful to IQ committees and policy issues? Can you provide examples?
 - *Answer:* There is a separate page on our website dedicated to proposed policies. They are organized by topic areas and can be found under Policy Manuals.
- *Question:* Is there still time to engage in policy proposals?
 - *Answer:* Yes, there is. Some policies have been reviewed but nothing is finalized.
- *Question:* Is there a time the policies will be out in draft for people to comment on, specifically for those who may not have the time to attend the development of the policies?
 - *Answer:* Policies are developed and edited over time, so the earlier someone gets involved, the better.
- *Question:* Are there any other subcommittees likely talk about IQ issues in. a non-passings sense other than the Equity and Non-Energy Impacts?
 - *Answer:* The Reporting Working Group

Illinois Solar for All, Jan Gudell and Elizabeth Hittman

- What is Illinois Solar for All?
 - Illinois Solar for All is a state program that brings the benefits of solar energy to income-eligible households, nonprofit organizations and public sectors.
- Grassroots Education Organizations
 - Community based organizations who help residents, non-profits and public facilities understand their options and navigate Illinois Solar for All
 - Contact information for each organization is on the Illinois Solar for All is found on <https://www.illinoissfa.com/grassroots-education/>
- How To Get Started: Renters
 - New community solar projects for residents who live in ComEd's service territory are coming online soon

- Reach out to a grassroots educator who can alert you when there is a community solar opportunity
 - 1. Solar Panels are installed somewhere in your utility territory
 - 2. If you pay an electricity bill, you can subscribe to this community solar project.
 - 3. You will receive credits on your electricity bill for your portion of the project
- How to Get Started: Owners
 - Reach out to a Grassroots Educator who can help you navigate the program
 - Directory includes all approved vendors (use filters).
 - Reach out directly to a participating solar company
 - **GRNE:** 312 -859 -3417// srecteam@GRNESolar.com
 - **Sunrun:** 312-919-4427 // Ashley.Yehuda@Sunrun.com
- How to get started: Non-Profit and Public Facilities
 - Determine Non-Profit or Public Facility (NP/PF) entity eligibility. NP/PF entity must be a Critical Service Provider. Project location must be an Income-Eligible or Environmental Justice Community (IEC or EJC). See maps on ILSFA website, NP/PF page.
 - In most cases a NP/PF entity will not self-install. They will use an AV to manage the solar installation and program requirements. Contact an Approved Vendor (AV). See sortable directory at: <https://www.illinoisfa.com/vendor-directory/>
- Small Businesses
 - ILSFA provides support to small and emerging (SME) businesses interested in IL Solar for All and ongoing guidance to Approved Vendors in the Program.
 - As customers, (aka “participants”) there’s not much role/opportunity for small businesses in ILSFA. There’s no REC incentive to reduce the cost of the solar in ILSFA for small for-profit businesses.
 - Further, as contractors interested in helping develop solar projects, small businesses can reach out directly to Jan Gudell to understand possible points of entry into the IL solar market, including ILSFA.

- Contact Info:
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 - Jan Gudell, jan.gudell@elevatenp.org 773-328-7010
- Why does Illinois offer ILSFA?
 - Illinois offers ILSFA to meet its renewable energy goals while expanding solar energy access to income-eligible communities.
 - Created by the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) in 2016
 - Program funding expanded by Climate and Equitable Jobs Act in 2021
 - Households that do not qualify for ILSFA can participate in Illinois Shines which is another state solar incentive program
- Illinois Solar for All basics
 - Illinois Solar for All is for:
 - Critical service providers (non-profits or public facilities) located in environmental justice or low-income communities)
 - Residents (owners AND renters) who are income eligible (below 80% of Area Median Income)
 - For example, at or below \$90,050 for a 5-person household in Cook County.
 - Participants must see savings/benefits
 - Upfront costs are not allowed in most cases •
 - Opportunities for:
 - Residential installations (on-site)
 - Community solar subscriptions (off-site) •
 - Non-profit and Public Facility installations (on-site)
 - Is it free to participate?
 - Participants will pay less than they are paying now.
 - Some offers are free, and some include payments to an approved solar company.
 - If there is a cost, it will be lower than the amount of money participants save on their electricity bill. Example of monthly costs:
 - Old electricity bill: \$100

- New electricity bill: \$25
- New bill from Approved Vendor: \$25
- Through ILSFA, participant is saving \$50 per month
- Q&A:
 - *Question:* What efforts are being made to ensure that workers are from the communities being served? Is there an emphasis on employing those from disadvantaged communities?
 - *Answer:* There are job training requirements in Illinois Solar for All. Employees need to commit to abiding by Illinois Solar for All standards.