**Illinois Energy Efficiency**

**Stakeholder Advisory Group**

**2024 SAG Portfolio Planning Process**

**Energy Efficiency Ideas Template (Final 2/8/2024)**

**Due Date:** By Friday, March 15, 2024

**Background:** The [SAG Portfolio Planning Process](https://www.ilsag.info/meetings/portfolio-planning-process/) provides opportunities for SAG participants to offer feedback to Illinois utilities (Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas) as they develop their 2026-2029 Energy Efficiency Portfolio Plans (EE Plans). The objective of this Planning Process is to reach consensus on EE Plans prior to individual utilities filing for approval with the Illinois Commerce Commission on or before March 1, 2025, as required by statute.

As part of the Planning Process, interested participants are invited to submit “Energy Efficiency Ideas” – feedback or suggestions for Illinois utilities to consider as they build their 2026-2029 EE Plans.

**Interested parties are invited to submit:**

1. Feedback on current EE portfolios, suggesting changes for the 2026-2029 EE Plans; and / or
2. Energy efficiency ideas for utility consideration, such as program approaches or new measures that have been successfully implemented in other jurisdiction(s).

**Instructions:**

* Complete [the electronic template](https://inovaenergygroup.typeform.com/to/PsEFuCDv) no later than Friday, March 15, 2024. Participants may use this EE Ideas Word template to collaborate on EE Idea submittals.
* SAG participants are encouraged to:
  1. Focus on the highest priority EE ideas
  2. Work together to submit joint EE ideas, when possible
  3. Review the latest [utility EE reports](https://www.ilsag.info/reports/utility-reports/) and participate in February SAG meetings, to avoid proposing an EE Idea already offered by a utility
* Please make a good faith effort to fill out as much information as possible in the template. Any EE Ideas submitted after the March 15th deadline may not be considered due to time constraints.
* All EE Idea submittals will be posted on the [SAG website](https://www.ilsag.info/) and circulated to SAG.
* After EE Ideas are submitted, they will be reviewed by the SAG Steering Committee to identify initial question(s) or feedback, and the SAG Facilitator may follow-up with the submitter to request additional information.
* SAG participants that submit an EE Idea will be invited to present during the April 9th-10th and / or April 16th-17th SAG meetings. Agendas will be organized by EE Idea category.
* Utilities will respond to submitted EE Ideas during the May 14th-15th SAG meetings.
* Questions may be directed to the SAG Facilitator, Celia Johnson, by email: [Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com](mailto:Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com) or by phone: (312) 659-6758

**Questions**

1. **Submitter Contact Information**

Name:

Company or Organization:

Website:

Email:

Phone:

1. **Description and Rationale:** Describe the proposed EE Idea and rationale for submission. Explain why this idea is needed and what main objectives the implementation of the idea would accomplish. Describe whether this is an idea that could be implemented in an existing EE program, or whether the idea involves establishing a new program. Please indicate whether additional research may be required before implementation.

*Questions to consider:*

* *What issue will this proposed energy efficiency idea resolve?*
* *Will the proposed change increase participation and result in increased energy savings?*
* *Will this reduce costs? Will this increase customer satisfaction?*
* *Will this help achieve statutory energy savings goals?*
* *Does the idea make EE portfolios more equitable?*
* *Would this idea require shifting budgets or resources? If so, where should the budget be shifted from?*

1. **Illinois Utility Impacted:** Identify which utilities are impacted by the proposed EE Idea:

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| Check | Illinois Utility Impacted |
|  | Ameren Illinois |
|  | ComEd |
|  | Nicor Gas |
|  | Peoples Gas & North Shore Gas |
|  | All Illinois Utilities |

1. **Energy Efficiency Sector:** Identify which sector(s) the proposed EE Idea applies to:

| Check | Energy Efficiency Sector |
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|  | Residential Customers – Single Family (non-income qualified/income eligible) |
|  | Residential Customers – Multifamily (non-income qualified/income eligible) |
|  | Residential Customers – Single Family Income Qualified/Income Eligible |
|  | Residential Customers – Multifamily Income Qualified/Income Eligible |
|  | Small Business Customers (commercial & industrial sector) |
|  | Medium/Large Business Customers (commercial & industrial sector) |
|  | Research & development, emerging technologies, or market transformation |
|  | Other (market development initiatives, Trade Ally support, reporting, etc.) |

1. **Background:** Describe where the EE Idea originated from, including whether this idea has been successfully implemented in other jurisdiction(s). Provide specific background information that will help utilities and SAG participants understand the proposed idea.

*Questions to consider:*

* *If this idea has been successfully implemented outside Illinois, do you have information on eligible customers, participation achieved, and/or savings achieved?*
* *Are reports available describing the successful idea / program approach?*

1. **References:** If any additional information will be useful to Illinois utilities and SAG participants in reviewing the EE Idea, please provide a description and links or attachment(s) to the source of information.
2. **Optional Additional Information:**
   1. **Estimated Budget:** Provide the total estimated budget for each program year (2026 – 2029).
   2. **Estimated Participation:** Provide participation totals for each program year (i.e. number of measures installed, number of customer participants, etc.)
   3. **Estimated Savings:** Provide estimated savings for each program year (i.e. total numbers of therms for gas EE programs; total number of kWh for electric EE programs).
3. **Presenting to SAG:** EE Idea submittals will be presented to SAG in April. The SAG Facilitator is reviewing whether to schedule one of the April SAG meetings in-person. Are you interested in presenting this proposed EE Idea in-person?

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| Check | Are you interested in presenting to SAG in-person? |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |