Annual SAG Net-to-Gross Update Process

September 2, 2022 SAG Meeting

NTG Update Process

- Annual SAG process required by the Policy Manual to discuss Net-to-Gross (NTG) ratios / values prepared by independent evaluators
 - Evaluators share initial recommended values by September 1
 - During the month of September, SAG participants review and discuss values in several meetings
 - Values must be finalized by October 1
 - NTG values finalized by October 1 will be effective for the program year <u>beginning</u> on <u>January 1, 2023</u>
 - All meeting materials posted on the SAG website: https://www.ilsag.info/evaluator-ntg-recommendations-for-2023/
- **Definition from Policy Manual:** Net-to-Gross (NTG) Ratio means a factor representing net savings divided by gross savings that is applied to gross impacts to convert them into net impacts. The factor itself may be made up of a variety of factors that create differences between gross and net savings, commonly including Free Riders and Spillover. The factor can be estimated and applied separately to either energy or demand savings.

Purpose of NTG Meeting #1

- Evaluators present initial NTG recommendations for Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas programs
 - Evaluators share which recommendations differ from last year and notable research findings
 - Identify NTG values that require further discussion; capture follow-up questions
 - Opportunity for any party to raise concerns or objections about recommended values

Purpose of NTG Meetings #2, #3, and #4

- To follow-up on open issues and discuss consensus on NTG ratios
 - Meeting #2: Tuesday, September 13 (10:00 12:00)
 - Meeting #3: Tuesday, September 20 (10:00 12:00)
 - Meeting #4: Tuesday, September 27 (10:00 12:00)

NTG Policy for Income Eligible Programs

- For income qualified / income eligible EE programs, the NTG value is generally not changed from 1.0
- Excerpt from Policy Manual:
 - * There has been general consensus among Illinois stakeholders that the NTG Ratio for most Income Eligible Programs is not likely to be significantly different from 1.0, particularly where the person making the participation decision is the Low Income Customer. Therefore, Evaluators will not perform NTG research for Income Eligible Programs unless the SAG and Income Qualified Advisory Committees consensus concludes that there is value in performing the NTG research. If Evaluators propose NTG research for Income Eligible Programs, discussions will be held with SAG participants on the value in and methods for performing such research and the timing of the application of such research.

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Consensus

- The goal is to reach consensus on all NTG values for the 2023 program year
- If the SAG reaches consensus regarding an appropriate NTG value, that value will be used for 2023, even if it differs from the evaluators' initial recommendation

Non-Consensus

- If consensus on a NTG value <u>cannot</u> be reached by SAG, then the evaluators' final recommended value will be deemed for the upcoming program year
- In developing the evaluators' final recommended deemed NTG ratios, evaluators review SAG feedback, take into account all comments and discussions, with the intent of making their best estimate of future actual NTG ratio values for the upcoming program year

Questions?