**ICC Staff Policy Proposal: Prohibited Expenses**

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**Section 5.4 Prohibited Expenses**

Energy Efficiency cost recovery is controlled by the Public Utilities Act, Commission rules and the Program Administrators’ tariffs on file with the ICC. Subject to the Act, the applicable rules and tariffs, Program Administrators shall explicitly incorporate expenses prohibitions in all vendor contracts executed after the effective date of January 1, 2024 (including contracts for vendor subcontractors) that involve costs to be recovered through the Energy Efficiency cost recovery tariff mechanisms. Such expense prohibitions are applicable to utilities and their subcontractors. Prohibited expenses shall not be recoverable from Illinois ratepayers through the Energy Efficiency cost recovery tariff mechanisms. The following list of prohibited expenses is meant to serve as a reference, not an all-inclusive record of prohibited expenses. Prohibited expenses shall include, but shall not be limited to:

* Direct payment for alcoholic beverages;
* Tickets to Sports Events ~~not including sponsorships utilized to market Energy Efficiency Programs, products or services~~
* Marketing of the utility name which fails to relate to or reference either in writing, orally or visually, Energy Efficiency Programs, products or services; and
* Entertainment Event Tickets to concerts, festivals, exclusive events, and social activities that are not associated with energy efficiency program(s), products, or services. ~~Event Tickets for Entertainment not including sponsorships utilized to market Energy Efficiency Programs, products or services.~~