

Proposed Policy for Version 3.0: IL-TRM Administrator and Independent Evaluator Contract Review
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Question 1: Proposed Policy and Rationale

Briefly describe the policy proposed to be included in Policy Manual Version 3.0, including rationale for why this policy is necessary in Illinois.

Questions to consider:

1. *Why does this policy require inclusion in Policy Manual Version 3.0?*

Current policy requires program administrators submit finalized but not yet executed contracts with IL-TRM administrators and independent evaluators to the Commission for review.

However, current policies do not contain any timeline for when the Commission should complete its review of the finalized but not yet executed contract.

2. *What unresolved policy issue(s) will be resolved by inclusion in the Policy Manual Version 3.0?*

Timely execution of contracts with the TRM administrator or independent facilitators are necessary for program administrators to continue delivering its programs to customers. Establishing a 14-day timeline for Commission review allows program administrators the ability to plan around the review timeline and then begin implementing programs immediately upon receipt of Commission approval.

Proposed Policy

IL-TRM Administrator Independence:

Program Administrators shall implement the following IL-TRM Administrator independence protocols:

Program Administrators shall submit the finalized but not yet executed contract with the independent IL-TRM Administrator to the Commission by letter to the Executive Director for each Plan. Commission Staff will use reasonable efforts to submit a Staff Report to the Commission within 5 business days of receiving the finalized but not yet executed contract from the Program Administrator containing its assessment of the contract and/or scope of work and describing its recommendations for Commission action, if any. Absent a Commissioner request for a longer review time, no later than 15 business days after the submittal of the Staff Report to the Commission, Staff will notify the Program Administrator as to whether it may move forward with contract execution. In the event a Commissioner requests a longer review time, Staff will notify the Program Administrator that the contract is still under review by the Commission and provide an estimated date the review may be complete by. In addition, a Program Administrator will submit any fully executed contract and scope of work with the independent IL-TRM Administrator as a compliance filing in the Policy Manual Version 2.0 approval docket within fourteen (14) days of execution. Such compliance filing will be treated primarily as public with only minimal redaction of information that is confidential (e.g., wage rates).

Program Administrators shall implement the following Independent Evaluator independence protocols:

The Program Administrator shall submit the finalized but not yet executed contract with the independent Evaluator to the Commission by letter to the Executive Director for each Energy Efficiency Plan. Commission Staff will use reasonable efforts to submit a Staff Report to the Commission within 5 business days of receiving the finalized but not yet

executed contract from the Program Administrator containing its assessment of the contract and/or scope of work and describing its recommendations for Commission action, if any. Absent a Commissioner request for a longer review time, no later than 15 business days after the submittal of the Staff Report to the Commission, Staff will notify the Program Administrator as to whether it may move forward with contract execution. In the event a Commissioner requests a longer review time, Staff will notify the Program Administrator that the contract is still under review by the Commission and provide an estimated date the review may be complete by. In addition, the Program Administrator will submit any fully executed contract and scope of work with the independent Evaluator as a compliance filing in the Policy Manual Version 2.0 approval docket within fourteen (14) days of execution. Such compliance filing will be treated primarily as public with only minimal redaction of information that is confidential (e.g., wage rates).

Question 2: Utility Impact

Describe whether the proposed policy impacts Illinois gas utilities, electric utilities, or both.

This policy affects both electric and gas utilities.

Question 3: Background Research

Provide any background research completed in preparing this template, including source references and links, as applicable.

Questions to consider:

- 1. Are you aware of other jurisdictions or utilities that address this policy issue?*
- 2. Have any national or regional energy efficiency organizations addressed this policy topic? If so, please provide reports and any other relevant sources.*

N/A

Optional Question 4: Commission Decision

Has the Illinois Commerce Commission previously addressed this policy or issue? If so, please provide language and specific citations, including the ICC docket number.

No

Optional Question 5: Statutory Consistency

Have you reviewed your proposed policy against applicable Illinois law? Are there any possible conflicts? If so, please explain and provide statutory citation(s).

No

Optional Question 6: Additional Information

Provide additional information, as needed, to assist with understanding the proposed policy issue and your request to include it in the Policy Manual Version 3.0. For example, have any memos been drafted to the SAG related to this policy proposal?

None