

Future Stakeholder Feedback Requests, Application Processing Updates, Ongoing Operations and Portal Updates

February 3, 2023

Ongoing Operations Updates

- Recent and forthcoming operational updates include:
 - **Community Solar December Quarterly Subscriber Verification** – The Program Administrator has finalized the review of nearly all December Quarterly Reports. Distribution of revised Schedule Bs via SharePoint and email requests has begun.
 - **Community Solar March Quarterly Subscriber Verification** - The Program Administrator will be conducting the March Quarterly Report via SharePoint. Workbooks will be available by Monday, February 13, 2023.
 - **REC Invoicing Opens February 1, 2023** – REC invoices and Quarterly Netting Statements were made available for download from Approved Vendor SharePoint folders the morning of February 1, 2023. Invoices must be submitted to the utility by February 10, 2023 to receive payment for the February invoice period. Any invoice amounts not submitted to the utility by February 10, 2023 will be carried forward and included in the next invoice period (May 2023).

Application Processing Updates

- The Program Administrator (PA) continues review and scoring of Traditional Community Solar (TCS) applications, Community-Driven Community Solar (CDCS) applications, and Part I and Part II Distributed Generation applications. TCS and CDCS application review and scoring will last into the first quarter of 2023, at which point processing of DG applications can resume at full capacity. Beginning last week, the PA is publishing regularly-updated application processing details to the Program website at IllinoisABP.com/project-application-reports/. The PA is continuing to add application processing staff and technology resources to accelerate application processing. Additional details about TCS and CDCS scoring and review follow the table.

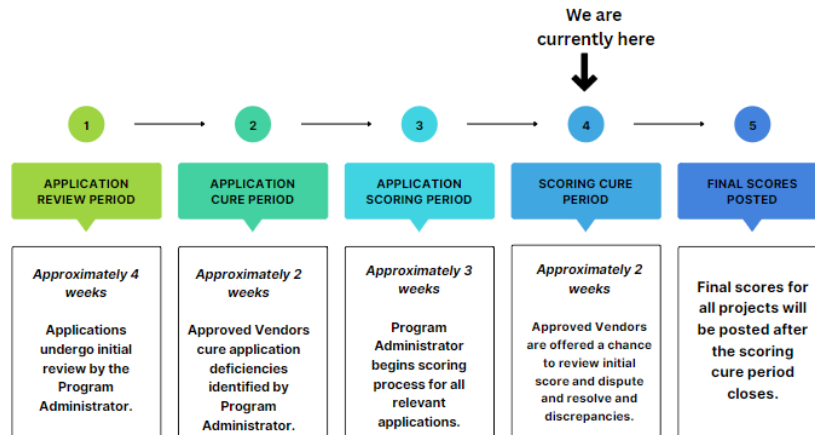
Application Processing as of Monday, January 30, 2023			
Project Category	Application Type	Reviewing Applications Submitted As Of:**	Applications in Process Queue
Small Distributed Generation	Part I	October 28, 2022	3,834
Small Distributed Generation	Part II	December 17, 2022	1,984
Large Distributed Generation	Part I	October 28, 2022	44
Large Distributed Generation	Part II	December 19, 2022	38
Traditional Community Solar – Waitlist Reallocation	Part I	January 24, 2023	3
Traditional Community Solar – Waitlist Reallocation	Part II	December 19, 2022	5
Traditional Community Solar – November 2022*	Part I	In scoring cure period	262
Traditional Community Solar – November 2022*	Part II	None submitted at this time due to Part I applications in scoring process	0
Community-Driven Community Solar	Part I	In need info cure period	67
Community-Driven Community Solar	Part II	None submitted at this time due to Part I applications in scoring process	0
Public Schools	Part I	November 1, 2022	3
Public Schools	Part II	None submitted at this time	0
Equity Eligible Contractor	Part I	Not reviewing at this time due to open ICC docket	75
Equity Eligible Contractor	Part II	Not reviewing at this time due to open ICC docket	0

*Includes only applications submitted on November 1, 2022

**As used here, "Submitted" means the application has been Batched, and the Batch has been Paid

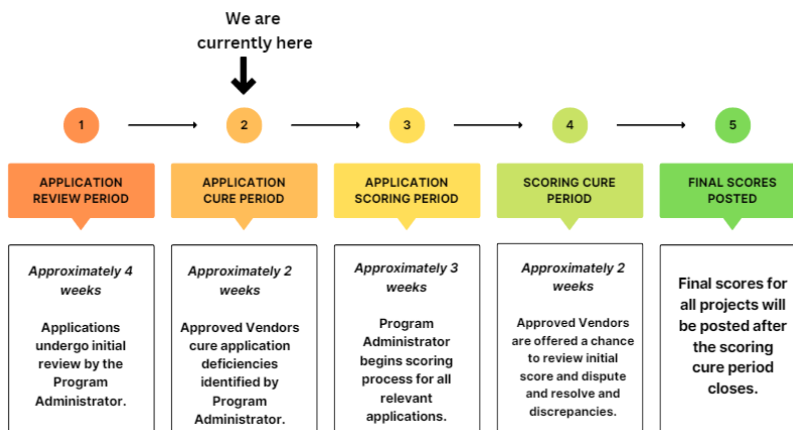
○ **Traditional Community Solar Application Review and Scoring Process**

The Program Administrator completed initial review of submitted TCS applications and concluded the Application Scoring period on January 17, 2023, and the process is now in the Scoring Cure Period. On January 17, 2023, the Program Administrator sent initial project scores to AVs, who have the opportunity to review, dispute, and resolve discrepancies. The phase was expected to last approximately two weeks pending responsiveness from AVs, the PA continues to work with Approved Vendors with further information to follow.



○ **Community-Driven Community Solar Application Review and Scoring Process**

On January 19, 2023, review and scoring for CDCS applications moved into the Application Cure Period, as the Program Administrator sent initial Need Info requests via email for CDCS applications submitted to the Program during the application window, which closed on November 29, 2022. The PA will continue to share updates as we move through the process of application review and scoring.



Ongoing Program Portal Updates

- The Program Administrator continues to update the Program portal, and provide new help guides, informational webinars, and open Office Hours. Ongoing portal updates can be found at IllinoisABP.com/portal-updates/, and a library of diverse, updated portal help guides can be found at IllinoisABP.com/portal-help/.

Updates on Portal Issues and Improvements

- **Fixes and Features** – The Program Administrator has continued progress on a number of fixes and improvements to the Program portal, including the following:
 - Continued enhancements and bug fixes to Disclosure Forms including cosmetic improvements and data field modifications, as well as fixes to DG Power Purchase Agreement Disclosure

Forms. Further DF fixes and enhancements are in progress, with information forthcoming on the impact to the DF Leniency Period that remains in effect.

- Bug fix to correct missing Program brochure on some Community Solar Disclosure forms

Future Release Information

- The Program Administrator and Agency continue development on the Program portal, and expect to soon provide further information on a variety of planned functionality and enhancements, including but not limited to:
 - Community Solar Disclosure Form API – This functionality is expected to be available in Q1 2023. The Program Administrator will soon release a draft specifications document, developed with stakeholder input, and will convene another Working Group to solicit additional market input. Further information will soon be available.
 - Distributed Generation Disclosure Form API, including an upcoming Working Group
 - Other functional and cosmetic updates to both CS and DG Disclosure Forms
 - Importing custom capacity factor calculations for Part II applications
 - Re-batching functionality (tentatively aimed for release in the portal in early 2023)

Requirements and Reminders

- **Stakeholder Feedback**

The Agency seeks feedback and public comment from stakeholders on multiple topics as outlined in the 2022 Final Long-Term Plan. This table outlines current and forthcoming proposals and feedback requests:

Proposal or Feedback Topic	Request for Comment Released	Deadline for Comment	Details of Proposal/Feedback Request Available at:
Consumer Protection Proposals #2 - 13	December 2, 2022	January 27, 2023. Comments have been shared at Program website and are under Agency review.	https://illinoisabp.com/consumer-protection/ and Proposal Packet
Minimum Equity Standards (MES) Compliance Plan Waiver Process	Expected week of February 6, 2023	TBD	TBD
Public Schools (Multiple topics, including anchor tenant requirement)	Expected release in late February 2023	TBD	TBD
Program Guidebook updates for Program Year 2023-24	Expected release in March 2023	TBD	TBD
REC Pricing for 2023-24 Program Year	Expected release in March 2023	TBD	TBD

- **Energization Deadline Extension Requests**

As a reminder, as some projects under the 2021 REC contracts are now eligible for extensions, please utilize the table below as a helpful resource when submitting extension requests. Further information can be found in the relevant sections of the REC Contracts.

Type of Extension	2019 REC Contract	2021 and 2022 REC Contracts
Based on proposed nameplate capacity of designated system, which payment shall be refunded by buy to seller concurrent with first REC payment from buyer to seller; refundable \$25/kW fee; 180 days	5(b)(i)	2.4(b)(i)
To acquire subscribers; refundable \$25/kW fee; 180 days	5(b)(ii)	2.4(b)(ii)
Documented delays associated with the processing of permit request or addressing regulatory requirements; 180 days	5(b)(iii)	N/A
Electrically complete but utility has not approved the interconnection	5(b)(iv)	N/A
Good cause extension; granted by the IPA	5(b)(v)	2.4(b)(iii)

- **Group B EEC Block Now Closed**

As [previously communicated](#), on January 12, 2023 the annual block of capacity for the Group B Equity Eligible Contractor (“EEC”) block was filled. The Group B EEC block is now closed, and a project waitlist for this category will be posted once additional applications are submitted at the Program website at <https://illinoisabp.com/block-capacity-dashboard/>. At this time, new capacity for this Group/category is planned for the 2023-24 Program year and will become available on June 1, 2023.

- **EEC Block Capacity – Long-Term Plan Reopening**

The Illinois Commerce Commission approved the request to re-open the 2022 Long-Term Plan in [Docket No. 22-0231](#), and stakeholders are invited to interact with the docket in accordance with the ICC’s rules of practice, with the following schedule in effect:

- Objections to the Agency’s proposal – Due February 2, 2023
- Responses to objections – Due February 16, 2023
- Replies to responses – Due March 2, 2023
- With the docket open, the Agency will seek to provide an update on the question of dealing with applications submitted on November 1, 2022 in EEC Group A once the above schedule has concluded; the Program Administrator may hold Group B applications for ICC approval if it appears possible that Commission action may impact Group B capacity.

- **Community Solar Projects – Requests for Data**

The IPA and Program Administrator seek updated Community Solar project information from developers to populate the [Find a Community Solar Project](#) list on the Program website. This list is valuable to potentially interested subscribers, the Agency, other developers, and other stakeholders. The PA has begun contacting AVs with Community Solar projects to confirm their interest to opt in and have projects included; those interested will be provided with a template to complete. Updates to this list will be made quarterly, and AVs are encouraged to reach out with any necessary updates between these releases. To submit a template, email communitysolar@illinoisabp.com by today **February 3, 2023**, for inclusion in the next update.

- **Nightly Portal Maintenance Plan**

In support of ongoing system maintenance, feature rollout, and with the help of portal users, **a nightly, planned Portal maintenance window from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CPT is continuing each night from February 2, 2023, through February 28, 2023.** The PA and Agency hope these maintenance windows will be minimally disruptive to Program participants. While the portal may not be in maintenance mode every evening during this period, this notice is shared so that users may plan accordingly. **Any users working in the portal should save their work prior to the 6:00 p.m. CPT start of the system maintenance window each day, as any unsaved information will be lost when the system is moved into maintenance mode.** In the event that portal restoration is unexpectedly incomplete as of 8:00 p.m. CPT on a given evening, an update notice will be sent to Approved Vendors and Designees. The Program Administrator and Agency are dedicated to continuous improvement of the Program and the support of stakeholders, and appreciate your continued flexibility as we continue development of the portal.

- **Systems Out of Compliance for Failure to Deliver RECs - 90 Days to Comply**

According to Section 6(a) of the [2019 REC Delivery Contract](#), and 4.1(a) of the [2021 REC Delivery Contract](#), all systems must be registered in either the GATS or M-RETS tracking registry. For systems larger than 5 kW, the first REC must be delivered within 90 days of the date the system is Energized/Part II verified. For systems equal to or less than 5 kW, the first REC must be delivered within 180 days of the date the system is Energized/Part II verified.

According to Section 12(e) of the [2019 REC Delivery Contract](#), and 2.3(e) of the [2021 REC Delivery Contract](#), “Seller shall upload meter readings to PJM-EIS GATS or M-RETS at least annually prior to the registry cutoff to produce RECs for generation occurring in May as well as all previous months for which generation has not been recorded.”

The Program Administrator has identified systems that are out of compliance with the REC contract for not delivering a REC and updating the tracking registry within one year of Part II verification. These systems have

been communicated with Approved Vendors over SharePoint and/or email. Projects will be removed from the Program if they do not deliver a REC within 90 days of notice from the PA for failure to comply with requirements of the REC Contract. Deadline to comply is April 4, 2023.

- **Expanded Consumer Protection Working Group Meeting on February 3, 2023**

The latest meeting of the Expanded Consumer Protection Working Group was held on Friday, February 3, 2023. The meeting's agenda topics included Community Solar Subscriber Sizing, and Program Requirement: Responsiveness to Customers and Program Administrator. The full agenda and materials from previous meetings, can be found at <https://illinoisabp.com/cp-working-group/>.

- **Program Administrator Office Hours**

AVs and Designees experiencing technical difficulties with use of the portal or in resolving other challenges are invited to utilize open Office Hours that the PA offers via Zoom, using a waiting room format to support meetings with individual AV or Designee teams for privacy. Upcoming Office Hours include the following dates and times with more dates expected to follow, using Join link: <https://energy-solution.zoom.us/j/95588710302Co>

- Wednesday, February 8 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CPT
- Wednesday, February 15 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CPT
- Wednesday, February 22 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CPT

REMINDER: All transition updates can be found on the [ABP Transition Hub webpage](#), and a new [Events & Engagement](#) page at the Program website provides a calendar of upcoming webinars, meetings, support, feedback requests, key dates, holidays, and more. Please visit [IllinoisABP.com/events-engagement/](https://illinoisabp.com/events-engagement/) for continuous updates.

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