# Questions & Answers from September 10, 2024 Program Year 2024-25 Traditional Community Solar Random Selection Event

# Developer Cap

*When is the Developer Cap applied to this new waitlist?*

- The 20% developer cap will be applied when projects are awarded capacity. In the Traditional Community Solar Event, no capacity was awarded to any projects they were simply put on a waitlist. If projects are taken off the waitlist, that is when the 20% developer cap would be applied.

# Traditional Community Solar Block Capacity

*Is there any plan to expand annual capacity of Community Solar so waitlisted projects don't take over 100% of capacity going forward?*

- This is controlled by the Illinois Power Agency [Long-Term Renewable Resources Plan](#) (Long-Term Plan). The capacity for Traditional Community Solar blocks, for this 2024-25 Program Year as well as the next 2025-26 Program Year, are delineated within the Plan and are approved by the ICC. We will start to take feedback next summer for the next Long-Term Plan and that Plan would be released and finalized in 2026. That would be the chance to provide feedback on the Agency's proposed block sizes for Traditional Community Solar and if those should grow.

# Waitlist

*That Group A waitlist does not appear to match the excel on the program dashboard dated August 30, 2024. When will that update be released?*

- We will have a communication with the results as well as a recording of this presentation going out in the next three days. Both the Group A and the Group B waitlists will be updated on the [Block Capacity Dashboard](#) page.

*To clarify, there may be projects on the waitlist that are skipped over when awards are made as they would cause the applicant to exceed the developer cap? So the waitlist may not be 100% reflective of which projects will receive capacity when new capacity is released next year?*

- Yes, that is correct. As projects come off the waitlist they sometimes move forward or sometimes they might be cancelled at that point depending on the time they come off the waitlist. The Program usually confirms with the project developers that they will move forward once it is time for it to come off the waitlist and then it will go ahead and move forward. Sometimes those projects are withdrawn and there is no way we can really assess or tell when an Approved Vendor is going to hit the developer cap or not. The best way to continue to track your project and when it might be time for your project to move forward is coming back to the waitlist and seeing if it has moved up in the ordinal list.

*Could you please detail the project substitution process among these waitlisted projects?*

- There is not a project substitution process at all for the waitlist. Projects can come off the waitlist if they are cancelled or no longer viable, and Approved Vendors can choose to withdraw projects. But there is no substitution for spots on the waitlist.

*Is the new capacity for next year scheduled for June 2025? And is there a chance to move off the waitlist before then?*

- The new capacity for the 2025-26 Program Year will become available in June 2025. The way the projects can move off the list before new capacity is available is if a project that precedes your project declines to move forward and there is enough capacity released, due to that withdrawal, then your project can move forward. The Program can't move projects forward in the process unless we have capacity to account for those projects. It is not a one for one, if one project declines to move forward and then you're next in line and you get to go, there needs to be a proper amount of capacity available. If the project before you is a 2 megawatt project and that project declines to move forward, but you have a 5 megawatt project we still can't let you go forward until 5 megawatts of capacity becomes available.

*For awarded projects that may fall out, do they have a certain timeline they need to move forward by before having to withdraw?*

- After projects are awarded capacity, they are verified and sent to an upcoming ICC meeting. AVs can withhold their projects for up to two ICC submissions, and then it will be submitted.

## Status of Projects Submitted Shortly after June 3

*When can we expect projects submitted shortly after June 3 and that have received final scores to be added to the waitlist?*

- For projects that were submitted shortly after June 3, 2024, we do not have a firm timeline at this time. Those projects are currently being processed by our application processing team. Within the next few weeks, if the application processing team has any questions on your application Approved Vendors can expect *Need Infos* to be sent out followed by preliminary scores. It will work through the same process as the Day One applications. The Program will detail additional information in either future weekly announcements or in a supplemental announcement.