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Community Compensation Agreement

Distributional Equity Analysis (DEA) is a new analytical framework designed to be used alongside Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) to better assess equity for new distributed energy resource (DER) investments. This case study will use DEA to see if contemporary Illinois policies, utility programs, and recent DER investments are adequately addressing distributional equity needs of priority populations in the state.

The best outcomes of this case study fully depend on the input and engagement from community members and partners. To that end, we are offering compensation for participation to eligible individuals or organizations.

Participant Expectations

- Agree to attend and participate as actively as possible in the series of virtual Work Group meetings throughout the rest of 2024 and the beginning of 2025.
- Agree to attend at least 75% of meetings (6 out of the expected 8)
- Agree to participate in a call with the Project Team to help us understand your community and its energy equity issues.

Definitions

Eligible community or equity investment eligible community (EIEC) means “*the geographic areas throughout Illinois which would most benefit from equitable investments by the State designed to combat discrimination and foster sustainable economic growth*” as defined in the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA). These include:

- “(1) R3 [Restore, Reinvest and Renew] Areas as established pursuant to Section 10-40 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, where residents have historically been excluded from economic opportunities, including opportunities in the energy sector; and
- (2) Environmental justice communities, as defined by the Illinois Power Agency pursuant to the Illinois Power Agency Act, but excluding racial and ethnic indicators, where residents have historically been subject to disproportionate burdens of pollution, including pollution from the energy sector.”

CEJA defines **community-based organization** as “*an organization that: (1) provides employment, skill development, or related services to members of the community; (2) includes community colleges, nonprofits, and local governments; (3) has at least one main operating office in the community or region it serves; and (4) demonstrates relationships with local residents and other organizations serving the community.*”

A **community-advocate organization** is defined as “*an organization representing a priority population as a stakeholder in the DEA process.*” **Priority populations** are defined in the DEA framework as the “*set of electric or gas utility customers who warrant additional attention to address equity concerns, and includes customers that have suffered from, and continue to suffer from, disproportionate, systemic costs and burdens from energy extraction, generation, transmission, distribution, and consumption.*”

Eligibility

I am interested in participating in the Distributional Equity Analysis Case Study Work Group to represent my community. I live or work in an eligible community as defined by the Climate & Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA; [Public Act 102-0662](#)). There is a financial barrier to my participation. I am one of the following:

- **(Option 1)** an employee of a community-based organization, but the organization does not have funding to allow me to participate in the Work Group without additional compensation; or
- **(Option 2)** a volunteer representative of a community-advocate organization, or independently representing my community and I do not have funding from another entity.

Please complete this section if you selected “Option 1” above.

In the space below, please describe how your organization falls within the definition of a community-based organization and what community you serve.

Please complete this section if you selected “Option 2” above.

If you are independently representing your community, please use the linked [map](#) to confirm whether your address is in an EIEC and provide it in the contact information section. Additionally, please use the space below to briefly describe your experience as an energy advocate for your community. If you are a volunteer representative of a community-advocate organization, please use the space below to describe what priority population your organization serves and your organization’s role in promoting energy equity for that priority population.

Compensation Information

While we prefer participants to attend all Work Group sessions, our compensation structure does offer some flexibility for unexpected circumstances. Do note that this is a cumulative scale. The maximum compensation for participation is \$1,000 for participation in at least 6 work group meetings.

Compensation scale, based on number of meetings attended

Maximum Compensation Amount: \$1,000								
Work Group Meetings Attended	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cumulative Sum	\$125	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

In order to receive compensation for participation, we will ask you to submit:

- This completed form
- A completed IRS Form W-9 ([available here](#))
- A record of dates of attendance at Work Group meetings (at the end of the work group process to compare with our records)

Compensation will be made in the form of a check, issued after the conclusion of the Work Group process and after receiving the required items above. The check will be issued in accordance with the information below. **Please submit relevant documentation to Greg Ehrendreich (gehrendreich@mwalliance.org).**

Contact Information

Name			
Organization (if any)			
Mailing Address			
Phone		<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer call	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer text
Email		<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer email	

Signature

Date