



**Illinois Solar for All**  
A STATE PROGRAM

# **Advisory Committee Special Topic Meeting**

## **March 17, 2026**

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# Agenda

- Housekeeping and Ground Rules
- Special Topic 1: Electric Utility Low-Income Discount Rates
- Questions
- Closing/Next Steps



# Housekeeping and Ground Rules

- **Be kind and use mute.**
  - Please put yourself on mute while presentations are taking place.
- **Raise your hand or put your question in the chat.**
  - Use the “raise your hand” icon to indicate you have a question or share your question in the chat. We will address all questions.
- **Be present.**
  - Please be on camera and focus on this meeting only.



# Special Topic : Electric Utility Low-Income Discount Rates

Lawrence Kotewa, Chief Engineer, Elevate



# What are the Electric Utility Low-Income Discount Rates?

- ComEd's Rider Low-Income Discount (LID) rolled out in January 2026, with Ameren's Rider Electric Service Discount Adjustment (ESDA) expected to rollout in October 2026. For ComEd, eligible households with an income up to 300% of FPL will receive a discount rate between 5-80% off their electric utility bill. Ameren's Rider also applies for household income up to 300% of FPL but takes a completely different approach to implementation.
- The goal is to keep energy costs below 3% (non-heating) or 6% (heating) of income, effectively decreasing a households energy burden.



# What are ComEd's Rider LID Discount Rates?

## LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT

### Supplement to Rider LID (1)

Discount Tier Household Income as a Percentage of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Percentage Discount Applicable for the January 2026 Monthly Billing Period (2) (3) (4)			
	SFNH	MFNH	SFH	MFH
Tier 1: 0% – up to 50% FPL	81%	67%	76%	59%
Tier 2: Over 50% - up to 100% FPL	61%	23%	54%	8%
Tier 3: Over 100% - up to 150% FPL	32%	5%	26%	5%
Tier 4: Over 150% - up to 200% FPL	8%	5%	5%	5%
Tier 5: Up to 300% FPL	5%	5%	5%	5%

Discount Tier Household Income as a Percentage of FPL	Percentage Discount Applicable Beginning with the February 2026 Monthly Billing Period and Extending Through the December 2026 Monthly Billing Period (2) (3) (4)			
	SFNH	MFNH	SFH	MFH
Tier 1: 0% – up to 50% FPL	80%	67%	76%	58%
Tier 2: Over 50% - up to 100% FPL	60%	21%	53%	6%
Tier 3: Over 100% - up to 150% FPL	31%	5%	25%	5%
Tier 4: Over 150% - up to 200% FPL	6%	5%	5%	5%
Tier 5: Up to 300% FPL	5%	5%	5%	5%



# Rider LID's Impact on ILSFA

- All ILSFA-eligible households meet the income eligibility for LIDs and should be encouraged to participate through their local LIHEAP Administrator.
- The biggest impact we see to the program is with the Residential Solar (Small) sub-program, where participation in ILSFA while receiving Rider LID credits (depending on Tier) could become financially burdensome to the customer - as compared to not participating in ILSFA, and just receiving the Rider LID credits.
- Customers receiving Rider LID credits also receive LIHEAP benefits, so the stacked assistance applied to their electric utility account significantly reduces their bill. Depending on the discount tier and solar offer, participating in solar could result in higher or lower out-of-pocket costs when paired with the Rider LID credit.



# Rider LID's Impact on ILSFA

- The ComEd electric bill amount that the Percentage Discount is applied to, excludes the Rider LID credit amount, any net metering, AC Cycling and PTR credits, and anything in the Miscellaneous section of the bill (this is where Community Solar charges and credits are seen, as well as LIHEAP credits). This allows for a maximum Rider LID credit amount to be calculated.

## METER INFORMATION

Read Dates	Meter Number	Load Type	Reading Type	Previous	Present	Difference	Multiplier	Usage
12/10-1/12	271873251	General Service	Total kWh	Actual	Actual			100

## CHARGE DETAILS

Residential - Hourly Multiple 12/10/25 - 1/12/26 (33 Days)



### SUPPLY - ComEd

**\$18.54**

Electricity Supply Charge	100 kWh	\$3.25
Capacity Charge	1.61 kW X 8.32925	\$13.41
Transmission Services Charge	100 kWh X 0.01083	\$1.08
Misc Procurement Components Chg	100 kWh X 0.00062	\$0.06
Purchased Electricity Adjustment		\$0.74



### DELIVERY - ComEd

**\$20.25**

Customer Charge		\$11.51
Standard Metering Charge		\$3.82
Distribution Facility Charge	100 kWh X 0.04791	\$4.79
IL Electricity Distribution Charge	100 kWh X 0.00126	\$0.13

## TAXES, FEES & OTHER CREDITS

**-\$7.81**

Environmental Cost Recovery Adj	100 kWh X 0.00010	\$0.01
Renewable Portfolio Standard	100 kWh X 0.00502	\$0.50
Coal to Solar and Energy Storage Fund	100 kWh X 0.00007	\$0.01
Zero Emission Standard	100 kWh X 0.00189	\$0.19
Carbon-Free Energy Resource Adj	100 kWh X -0.02381	-\$2.38
Energy Efficiency Programs	100 kWh X 0.00369	\$0.37
Energy Transition Assistance	100 kWh X 0.00084	\$0.08
Low Income Discount Recovery		\$1.17
Franchise Cost		\$0.53
State Tax		\$0.33

Municipal Tax		\$0.63
Low Income Discount	\$40.23 X -23%	-\$9.25
<b>Service Period Total</b>		<b>\$30.98</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS

**-\$121.00**

Charges/Credits from previous bill -\$121.00

Your remaining excess credit is **\$86.00**

**Total Credit Balance** **-\$90.02**

## UPDATES

### ComEd

- You may be eligible for a preferred due date to assist with timely payments. To determine if you qualify, please call us at 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661).
- PRICE TO COMPARE: The ComEd electric supply price to compare is 9.66 cents per kWh. This price does not include a monthly purchased electricity adjustment factor. For more information and supplier offers visit <https://www.pluginillinois.org/fixedrate.aspx>. For more information on ComEd bill line items go to [ComEd.com/UnderstandBill](https://www.comed.com/UnderstandBill).

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# Rider LID's Impact on ILSFA

- Tier 1 (0% to 50% of FPL) SFNH, SFH and MFNH customers with certain project related attributes, would see a higher (up to \$10/mo) ComEd bill with an ILSFA solar project, than without. Most customers in the other Tiers (2 through 5) would see lower (except Tier 2 SFNH customers, slightly higher around 10 cents/mo) ComEd bills, no matter the attributes.
- We have looked at the scenarios for those Tier 1 customers. The key indicators are:
  - Single Family versus Multi-Family (with or without electric space heat)
  - Percentage of Annual Electricity Usage Offset by Solar Project (more or less than 80%)
  - Approved Vendor charge (no more than 50% of the value of the energy generated)
- I'll go over these scenarios, with a spreadsheet model, showing the effects.



# Rider LID's Impact on ILSFA

- The Approved Vendor charge (with the minimum 50% savings requirement of the value of energy generated), is the one attribute that can affect projects the most. Recently the majority of Residential Solar (Small) projects have been a no cost to the customer, and therefore a 100% savings of the value of energy generated, project. These would *not* produce a larger ComEd bill for any Tier customer.
- The savings percentage cannot be increased outside of the Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (LTRRPP) but that is not up for changes again until 2028.
- We are proposing to provide points for projects with 100% savings, if Project Selection is required, starting in PY26-27.



# Q&A

Jennifer Schmidt, Senior Program Manager, Illinois Power Agency



# Questions

- With the introduction of LIDs, and households having a reduced energy burden, do we believe there will be continued income-eligible interest in pursuing Residential or Community Solar to further reduce their costs? Are there other benefits that come up as key motivators the Program should promote?
- The LIDR makes predicting the actual out-of-pocket savings a customer sees very difficult, impacted by both usage offset by the system and the customer's LID level, which can change in the future with household income changes. ComEd and Ameren's implementation of LIDs will not work in the same way.
  - Communicating savings to customer: If future savings is unpredictable, is projecting out savings **without** the application of an LIDR in the Disclosure Forms still useful?
  - Messaging: How can savings be promoted if extremely difficult to predict?



# Next Steps

- **Follow-Up Communication:**
  - Within two weeks of this meeting, we will send out an email that contains a link to the ILSFA website, where you will find the meeting recording, agenda, deck, and transcripts.
  - The email will also include a document if you'd like to provide additional feedback and/or follow-up questions.
- **You may submit written feedback through the process as well.**
- **Next Meeting:**
  - Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, and will be **virtual**.

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**Thank you for your time!**



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