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Everyone this is Brian Greene Hey everybody this is Brian grant from the only power agency which is going to be things admitted as people are being loaded into the webinar before getting started, and then we'll get underway shortly.

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Everybody, this is Brian grant a hand in the chief legal counsel with the only power agency, one of the welcome all of you to our adjustable block program reopening update webinar, as many of you know the Jessica block program is set to reopen for project

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applications. On December, 14 2021, that is 90 days after the effective date of public Act One or 20662.

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We have had, we've scheduled this webinar to walk through some of the mechanics associated the openings and the decisions that are made, how that looks for direct participants in the program in terms of submitting project applications.

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So we have the next two hours to cover that material. This webinar is co hosted by incline the adjustable program administrator as well as the only power agency.

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And from here I'll turn things over to inclined to walk through a few slides before we get into the background, around the legislation that gave rise to program the.

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I'm sorry back one slide morning my name is Kevin Quilliam with incline.

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We go over the agenda today and the presenters.

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First of all the goals for today.

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The current actual JOBS Act has passed and is being implemented the program is reopening tomorrow, main program areas that are changing or prevailing wage pass the allocations for waitlist attrition communities on projects.

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Equity eligible contractor requirements. Equity eligible Contractor Registration changes to Part One whitelisted distribution distributed generation projects and revise read contracts.

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Our goal today is to provide a background on many of these areas that some of you are familiar with and some of you may not be so pretty much a high level, look at what's changed with CJ, and how that will impact us abs, or vendors and program participants.

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And then we'll go into a deep dive in the actual details of how this is being implemented in the application itself, and show you the actual application changes since you're familiar with that.

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Sharon Johnson the IPAs Diversity, Equity and Inclusion coordinator.

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Audrey Steinbeck, the IPAs abp Program Manager myself the CEO and climate program administrator, Alex Ryan, the program administrator, with in climb as well.

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questions today will be submitted via the q amp a feature you can feel free to submit those questions at any time when they occur to you, we will answer them at the end of the presentation, we will be recording this presentation, and we will post a copy

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And if you want to review it yourself, obviously it's there for you as well. Also Closed captioning is enabled for this presentation today, you'll be able to see that by using the live transcript button at the bottom of your screen at the closed captioning

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Next I'll pass the microphone to Brian grant him for the next session.

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Thanks, Kevin. So we've got a few slides on background regarding legislation for how we landed in the place where we were authorized to reopen it just will block program.

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So how did we get here and this is some content that I believe we covered previously in one of our power our webinars.

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But I think it's probably pretty good backgrounds. Today, given that we're now at the end, we're either the beginning of the end, or the end depending on how you look at it, but we're at the end of a 90 day process and preparing for just one block we're

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going to be opening. And then of course at the beginning of the next phase in the adjustable block programs operation. And if you recall, across say 2020 into the spring of 2021.

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We didn't have additional capacity available we just go block program, and absent some sort of statutory change, there wasn't funding available to allow us to open additional blocks, except that additional product applications and support continued development

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of the distributor generation in communities over market. So legislation was required to try to allow us to put us in a position where that market support can be provided through additional blocks we just will walk program.

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But that wasn't something that could be done in isolation and said we had various ingredients from a host of different stakeholders in the energy space that really came together to provide the right formula to getting this bill together getting something

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through and really reshaping the clean energy economy and Illinois. One of the key was the native support nuclear plants that road closures, keep us on track for decarbonisation targets through maintaining these large baseload carbon free resources.

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We heard repeatedly a strong desire for more equitable outcomes in the clean energy economy, you see that reflected in some of the requirements now apply and reopening and will certainly apply in the years to come.

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Additional funding required to support adjustable block program reopening and award additional delivery contracts. There was a huge push for ethics and rate making reform, not the sort of thing that a lot of us who are on this call, or maybe thinking

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about but a big part of what parties were looking at and energy legislation, strong labor standards and new projects, this is something that's shows up through prevailing wage requirements on new applications, subject to certain exceptions.

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And then the need to handle coal plant closures and communities and transition. So what we have is a large negotiation, not just on changes of the RPS and certainly not just on changes the adjustable block programming authorizing additional funding, but

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trying to pull together a large comprehensive energy reform bill, and those negotiations really date back to 2019 through 2020, certainly the pandemic threw a wrench into things, and then ultimately concluded in September of 2021 to go to the next slide.

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So, in terms of RPS specific issues there were some things that absolutely need to be changed through the FIFRA into jobs act we had a massive amount of success was supporting a host of additional sewer generation projects no annoy over 25,000 new renewable

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energy projects in this state. And if you look at their trajectory that we're on now, we previously before 2017 had about 80 megawatts installed so we're an oni.

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Now we're over 2000 additional scaling up of utility scale wind and solar space, but getting to those aggressive RPS targets was going to require us to do much more and that's reflected in some of the changes that we see on the adjustment block program

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reopening the scale of the program is increasing significantly. There are additional categories associate with the program. And there's also a new focus on more qualitative aspects of projects who's working on those projects where are they located than

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what we saw previously. So what we're really trying to solve for you look at it in two ways through, just one block for grand reopening in the changes in the law that authorize it.

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One is a matter of scale in trying to make sure that we're doing about 2.5 X, what we were doing before, both in terms of the funding that's available in terms the new block sizes, but then also a sense of bringing in some qualitative attributes, whether

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it's in the equity eligible contractor area, whether it's in the community driven community solar area or the public schools area, whether it's on workforce requirements that will apply to developers of projects, you get the sense that now, who is participating

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and how they participate is just as important as getting those volumes established, and that's a real change I think in the way that the RPS is being from the way the RPS been previously.

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So those were all things that parties sought to address through changes and statute across the 2020 and 2021 time frame.

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And then what we're looking at now through public Act One or 20662, is a huge change in the scale of it just will block program.

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The RPS budget changes for changes to the rate impact cap found in Section §1 75 see one he of the IPA act. So now we're going from an annual RPS budget, not just the just one block program budget but 230 million dollars to well over \$500 million in with

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And with that as a commensurate increase in rec delivery targets over 45 million Rex from new projects are to be delivered annually by 2030. So those are huge numbers once you start backing that out into amounts of installed capacity that's required and

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a big scale up from what we had before where the opening Digital Block program was initially okay how do we get 1 million records delivered annually under contract by 2020, then the 2030 targets were just to millions, it was just a doubling of that initial

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676 or so megawatts of capacity in order to meet those requirements. Now where we landed all this will ultimately be settled out for a long term plan, but as opposed to say 2 million Rex being delivered annually by 2030.

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Now we might be looking more like 12 million Rex being delivered anyway but 2030. So that's a huge change in a major scaling up to the program.

And that's something that's going to require a lot of work I think everybody's part to make sure that we're

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able to actually meet these aggressive targets, but the first step of all this is of course reopening the adjustment block program for additional project applications, moving waitlist of projects through and that's what we're here today to talk about.

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So as I mentioned previously, there's a change in structure all of this of course will be covered through today's webinar, but in case there are those parties who aren't familiar with either a the nature of those changes or be the fact that these changes

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extend from statute. We wanted to have a slide that it was covered that the shift from three to six categories and size changes those categories is not something that the IP is doing business discussion or something that would be handled with the long

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term plan. This is ultimately something that extends directly from a statutory requirement that we have a public schools walk that we have a community driven community sidewalk, and that we have an equity eligible contractor block again new focuses on

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Same thing is true of the difference in contract terms. Previously, the really two models that were used for the decimal block program either everything was paid up front in the case of small district generation, or 20% up front, and the remaining across

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the next four years. For largest observation community solar. Now we have a shift across each of the different categories, that's all reflected in statute.

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So those are decisions that are not being made by the IPA and reopening, but ultimately the IPA is adapting to those new statutory requirements and making sure that our contract instruments that reflect these new payment terms, as we move into this new

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period of reopening. We no longer have discretionary capacity to be awarded and said that's all taken care of by statute as to what the application is to each category.

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And we're moving away from this step down block structure from where a block is filled we stepped down to reopen the next block thereafter, to more of an annual block structure, again, that's something that's called out in the law so that will be what

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the program looks like going forward. It's a little bit different and reopening because for reopening it when I was just basically says here's how big the blocks at least are in size and the issues around annual blocks the prices associated with blocks

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their size of those blocks, ends up being handled through a long term renewable resource plan.

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Again, updated diversity, equity focused and so block program so huge part of the website negotiations and mirrored and a lot of places across the law, where there's a dedicated block now for equity eligible contract for applicants workforce requirements

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a data reporting requirements the IP eventually has to publish diversity report and conduct the disparity study a lot of these issues will ultimately be receiving comment and feedback for a long term plan development process.

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So that's a great area for parties to provide a lot of guidance, back to the IPA as to how the agency can be most effective employing these new requirements.

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So with that, we'll get into some of the mechanics associated reopening this was just hopefully helpful background around the law that passed that allowed for us to be having a webinar like this and reopening blocks, and some of the new requirements.

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And now we'll get more to the mechanics of what this looks like for adjustable block program reopening. And with that, I believe I turn things back over to income.

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And actually that's odd Audrey so I'll turn it over to God, I'm sorry. No, no problem. I was ready to go anyways.

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Hi everyone, my name is Audrey Steinbach and I'm the program manager for the adjustable block program. So I'm going to get into the categories and block capacities.

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So due to the passage of see just some adjustments have been made to the various categories for the program that we'd like to explain.

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So the first three bullet points on the slide here represent the categories that already existed within the program. Excuse me. Prior to see Dre, as noted by the blue asterisks in the next three bullet points.

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Those represent the new project categories that were established by CJ.

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There's now a category for projects on public schools, a category for community solar projects that are developed through a community driven process. And finally a category devoted to those projects developed by equity eligible contractors, a new distinction

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introduced through Phaedra has noted here for these three new categories specific requirements must be met for projects to be eligible for these categories, the finer points of those requirements for these new categories are included in the revised version

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of the program guide book, which was released, I think as Brian said last Friday on December 10, and can be found on the abp website.

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So with the creation of new categories, in addition to the small dg large dg and traditional community solar categories about the program already had.

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It is possible that a project could be eligible for more than one of the six total project categories that the product that the program now has.

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So if this is the case, the approved vendor will have the choice to select which project category, they prefer for a project that's in this position.

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This will be demonstrated later on in the slide deck. When the program administrator walks us through some of the changes to the part one application.

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Lastly I do just want to note that all projects that are submitted to the program on or after December 14 2021 will fall under one of the newly developed 2021 rec delivery contracts, the nuances between the two new 2021 wreck delivery contracts will be

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discussed toward the end of this presentation, but it's important to note that the payment structure and the delivery term that the project will be subject to will differ based on the type of project for these updated contracts.

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So, with the exception of the traditional community solar project category, the IPA Act provides that blocks besides to at least minimum quantities specified by statute.

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As the agency understands that it does not actually have the authority to open additional blocks, until our 2022 long term renewable resources procurement plan has been approved.

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We sought to size blocks in a way to support ongoing market activity during this intro period between program reopening and plan approval.

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So for blocks featuring weightless have already submitted projects, which would be the small distributed generation and the large distributed generation project categories.

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The agency size blocks by adding the existing waitlist capacity to the statutory minimum block size to ensure that at least 75, megawatts of capacity is available for new project applications.

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While this approach risks creating a slight initial imbalance between abp categories. The agency can take comment for weather and how to rebalance category participation, through the block, through block size in future years through the long term plan

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development process which will touch on towards the end of this presentation.

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And then additionally, because the public schools, community driven community solar and equity eligible contractor categories do not presently have waitlist as those are our new categories, the agency's simply chose the statutorily identified minimum

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block size as the applicable block size for those categories for reopening.

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Thanks Audrey, and I'm Sarah Duffy, I'm the associate legal counsel with the IPA, and I'm going to be going over some of the new requirements in the adjustable block program.

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regarding the prevailing wage that were instituted through the climate and equitable jobs act.

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I'll give a brief summary of those requirements, and then go over how we're going to be incorporating those into the program requirements. You'll also hear leader from the program administrator, specifically what that will look like in Project application

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So prevailing wage is a minimum cost compensation standard is established by the Department of Labor, which reviews negotiated hourly wages for a range of labor categories across counties and Illinois.

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Annually, and then sets. What they determined to be the prevailing wage for each of those categories in each county.

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The prevailing wage Act requires that workers engaged in construction activities on Public Works contracted by public bodies, be paid that determined prevailing wage.

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The prevailing wage act also includes several notice and reporting requirements for contractors that are working on public works.

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And as of November 30 2021 couple weeks ago, public act 1020673 was enacted and amended the prevailing wage act so that all of the renewable

energy projects required to pay prevailing wage, under the IPA act, and within the adjustable block program are

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also now considered public works under the prevailing wage Act, which means that they also need to follow and comply with the reporting and require a notice requirements.

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And not just the, the wage compensation requirements, the most current prevailing wage rates are posted on the Department of Labor website.

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The link is included in this slide, I believe we will be sharing the slides, after this presentation, and that will is updated by Department of Labor, their site also features several FAQ pages that contain helpful information for contractors and those

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engaged in construction on public works also has general operation, FAQs for prevailing wage act.

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If any of the participants in the adjustable block program have questions about how these new prevailing wage requirements might apply, please contact the program administrator.

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If we need additional guidance from Department of Labor, we are working with them and can refer questions to them as well. For additional detail.

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The IPA act as amended by CJ now requires that all projects participating in the adjustable block program comply with the prevailing wage requirements of the prevailing wage act, and also the US with the notice and reporting requirements that act as well.

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well. There are a few limited exceptions. Included in the climate and equitable JOBS Act, and so now included in the IPA act.

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First of all, the distributed generation projects that are greater than 10 kilowatts in size, and we're on a waitlist before reopening are exempt from the prevailing wage requirements.

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Second. Any distributed generation project of any size that is serving a residential facility, whether that's single family or multifamily or is serving a house of worship, and is no larger than 100 kilowatts in size.

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And then finally any distributed generation projects for which construction was completed on or before September 15 2021, which is the effective date of public x 102662 would also be exempt from these requirements.

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As the program administrator will go over in more detail later.

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We have now incorporated these requirements into the application processes for the adjustable block program.

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Approved vendors will now be required to certify in part one, for projects that do not qualify under one of the previously mentioned exemptions that the applicant understands that prevailing wage requirements applied to the project, and that includes

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to all contractors and subcontractors as well.

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all contractors and subcontractors as well. Additionally, all approved vendors, their contractors and subcontractors are required to submit certified transcripts of payroll to Department of Labor during the construction of the project.

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And then during part two, they will be required to submit those certified transcripts, as verification and documentation of compliance with the prevailing wage act, through the part to application portal.

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There may be other documentation required to prove compliance with other aspects of the act as well. And I think at this point we're, I'm turning it over to the program administrator if you go to the next slide.

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I believe it's now back to climb.

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Thank you Sarah. This is Alex Ryan, with in climb the program administrator, I'm going to be going through the process for capacity allocations for whitelisted traditional community solar projects.

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So CJ has allocated 250 megawatts, which is 30% or 75 megawatts to group A and 70%, or 175 megawatts to group be of new capacity to approve vendors have a waitlist and community solar applications.

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And that's proportional to their capacity of a waitlist of applications, including their affiliations.

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So approved vendor affiliations were considered as of the effective date of the legislation which is September 15 2021.

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And that were confirmed with the approved vendors, as of last month November, 2021.

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We understand that project transactions and approved vendor sales and purchases have happened before and after September 15 for the purposes of affiliations for for this process, we're looking at September 15 as the cutoff for counting was affiliations

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and determining the allocations of the 250 megawatts.

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Further, there's a minimum of 500 kilowatts that gets applied to each approved vendor across both groups in aggregate and on a pro rata basis if an approved vendor has capacity on the waitlist of both groups.

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So if, if an approved vendor including their affiliates has 100 megawatt hundred kilowatts in Group A and 100 kilowatts and Group B, they would get an additional allocation of 300 kilowatts because they have less than 500 kilowatts of across both groups.

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Also, Each approved vendor is subject to a 20% maximum of each groups capacity.

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And that's a 20% maximum of the 75 megawatts and Group A and the hundred and 75 megawatts and groupie mentioned on the previous slide.

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So once they receive their capacity allocations approved vendors can submit can select their waitlist applications, up to this allocated capacity.

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And they're allowed to adjust their system sizes, up to and including two megawatts AC, and all the associated specifications that go along with that, if you need to adjust the size.

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As far as new traditional community solar applications, those are not being accepted at this time. This is just for applications that are on the community solar waitlist.

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So more information on when we'll be able to accept new applications for the traditional community solar category will be available once the approval of the revised long term plan is complete, next year.

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So the allocations of the 250 megawatts will be announced on December 14, which is tomorrow.

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And then approve vendors will have 90 days, or until March 14 2022 to present a portfolio of projects back to the IPA, to the program administrator.

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And again waitlist and projects can be resized up to two megawatts, including two megawatts, but must be size of the level commensurate with that approved vendors allocated capacity, not over.

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And once again no approved vendor or its affiliates may have more than 20% of the group's capacity, which is no more than 15% 15 megawatts rather for group Bay, or 35 megawatts for group be in those projects application performance portfolios that are

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submitted back to the program administrator. As of March, 14 of next year.

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So, the ability to transfer allocating capacity is something that approved vendors have.

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They were as a community solar waitlist FAQ that was released last week, on December, 8, and this has goes into much more detail on this process of the waitlist community solar applications as well as the transfer of allocating capacity at a high level,

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transfers of this allocated capacity has to be completed and memorialized no later than February 28 2022, which is two weeks prior to the march 14 deadline, were approved vendors must submit their selected applications to the program distributor.

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There's a link in here to the community solar waitlist capacity transfer confirmation form, which both the transfer and transfer we must sign and provide to the program administrator no later than that February 20 feet.

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And again associated specifications that can be updated include the number and the size of panels burgers capacity factor the type of tracking whether fixed for tracking, and as well as the layout of the application of the project, but an applicant, a

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project must remain on the same parcel or parcels as noted in the original part one application that must stay in the same location, but the size and associated specifications of the project may change, up to and including to megawatts AC.

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All right, now I'm turning it over to Sharon Johnson of the IPA to discuss equity eligible contractor requirements.

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Thank you Alex Hello everyone my name is Sharon Johnson, and I am the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion manager with the IPA. Today I'll briefly review some of the equity equity eligible contractor requirements.

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just a few of the specific criteria to identify this status, our proof of, number one, graduates who are approved from a job training program, such as the jobs workforce network program or the Clean Energy contractor incubator program just to name a couple.

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Secondly, people who have graduated, or currently enrolled in the foster care system.

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Also, folks who are formerly incarcerated or potentially affiliated with the returning residents clean jobs training program.

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And lastly, people who reside in an investment eligible community. And this is a simple geographic area throughout the state that would benefit from investments by the state designed to assist and combat, discrimination, items.

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Sorry. Forward thanks Sharon for the slides. You're welcome. Thank you, sir. This is Alex Ryan again, I will talk about the mechanics of registering to become an equity eligible contractor.

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So the EC application is available in the portal, I should say will be available in the portal as of tomorrow, anytime after the approved vendor application is submitted.

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So you can see in the screenshot below.

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After this particular pre vendor has submitted their application there's a button. Available now circled in red, apply to be an equity eligible contractor to click that and we'll see where you go from there.

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So if an approved vendors entity type is Corporation, general partnership LLP LLC or LP that approved vendor will be asked to designate which owners partners or proprietors meet the eligibility eligibility criteria as Sharon mentioned just a couple of

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slides ago, the approved vendor must be a majority and so at least 50% greater than 50%. In order to qualify for easy status.

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So you can designate, which owners partners or providers, meet the EC eligibility criteria you select the number, select the number of people to enter, however many meet that criteria in the drop down.

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And then on the next slide will be what you have to enter for each of those.

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Each of those people, actually. Next slide please. Thank you. We're not getting to that yet.

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Okay, so if the preventers entity type is nonprofit.

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The app the presenter will be asked to provide the board membership of the nonprofit and then designate which board members meet the eligibility criteria.

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So again, that board would have to be a majority have a majority membership of individuals that meet easy eligibility criteria so in this case, the approved vendor would have to provide the total number of board members of the approved vendor, each of

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their names and then designate which board members, how many of them meet the eligibility criteria and drop down.

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And I'll clarify to you that the approved vendor entity type is something that would be selected during the approved vendor application process. So this would.

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This is a piece of logic that will carry over from that into the EC registration process.

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So, once the number of people has been selected in that drop down the presenter will be prompted to select from the following categories for which they see, he certification.

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the name of the first person.

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And then, which one or, or, more than one criteria that that individual meets for EC certification. So Sharon mentioned just a couple of slides ago. If someone has graduated from or is the current participant in select clean jobs programs.

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If someone is a graduate of are currently enrolled in the foster care system.

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If someone is formerly incarcerated, or someone whose primary residence is in an equity investment eligible community.

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And once you've entered the name of the person, as well as the criteria that they meet, then you would submit part one of the EC registration application.

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So if the criteria selected is either a or the. So the Queen jobs program or residents in an equity investment eligible community, you would have to provide proof of the status.

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So there's an upload for proof of participation or graduation, and the Queen job workforce program, or an upload for an access station that you are.

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You live in an equity investment eligible community.

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And then additionally all applicants are required to attest to their answer.

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So there's a there's a separate access station that that every application regardless of whether you select A, B, C, or D or multiple of those must check off in order to attest that they, they meet that criteria.

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And at the end of the registration process, there are some additional questions, if you wish to be identified as an equity eligible contractor in the list of approved vendors on Illinois AVP calm and Illinois shines calm, websites, so you can select yes

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or no. And that will either show or hide you in the list of finding food vendor on that on those two sites, and then a drop down for Do you consider any of the information you provided confidential.

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Next, there's a couple of checkboxes, the first by checking this box I acknowledge that I will be listed as an EC on public project application reports and potential other project reports.

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So there are some public reports project applications that are currently on the abp site that indicate into which category, those applications are submitted.

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So, if a project application is submitted into the EC category, it would identify some, some is some attributes of the project as well as the approved vendor for that application, and which category it's been submitted into, and obviously only in etc

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approved vendor would be able to submit into EC category. So, that's not something that you can select yes or no to just a checkbox acknowledging that you will be.

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You will be listed as an EC in those reports and potential other public reports.

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And the last checkbox is acknowledged that the administrator may follow up with additional questions to clarify EC eligibility, just as we do with presenter applications project applications, there may be additional questions we have, so we will follow

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up with you, if that's the case.

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Once you submit that last bit, then your application will be submitted, and there will be a the ability to view what you've submitted, while the program administrator wishes.

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Thank you. All right, I'm going to turn it over now to Kevin McWilliam to review what's changed in the part one application process.

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Thank you Alex tomorrow when you log on to the Illinois ADP com portal, as an approved vendor you'll see that there will be a number of additional new questions that will be asked that will implement this law, and so I'm going to go through those questions

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and how they look to you while you're completing an application.

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as Sarah described. There is a new requirement for prevailing wage and so there's a number of questions that will be asked to determine whether prevailing wage will apply to your project or not, we'll go for those now.

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First there's a drop down and added to the customer type that drop downs always been there but a new classification has been added house of worship, and that can be selected here.

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If it is selected and you previously told us that the project was less than or equal to 100 kilowatts AC and size, then you'll be asked to provide some more information to us and at that station which needs to actually be signed by the House of Worship

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property owner or authorized representative that requires a wet signature. There is a pre printed version of that form right next to that you can click on that view print form, and it will print out a PDF for you, you'll have to take that to the appropriate

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person and have them sign it, scan it and then upload that to us, and you also have to upload a proof exemption from tax taxation pursuant to Section 15 dash 40 the property tax codes that you have property tax exemption.

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going on to other exemptions if you're a project type is residential and it's less than or equal to 25 kilowatts AC which remember is the new small dg project size, the approved vendor needs to attest to the checkbox that their project is residential

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to qualify for an exemption for failure rate requirements and listed for your reminder for you there are the criteria for being residential project that you would have an electric bill that shows residential classification of property tax code this residential

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or at least 75% of usage of the structures residential. If you are less than or equal to 25 kilowatt AC in size we don't require you to upload those, but we may ask for those as a program administrator at any point in time.

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I for large Did you projects you do need to provide that. And so here's, here's where that is. And so, if you have a large tg project, greater than 25 kilowatts in size, and you meet the residential criteria, you'll need to upload one of those three such

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of proof to us and there's additional upload slots available as well. We realized that some things like providing documentation at least 75% of the usage of the structure is residential may not be as cut and dried, as it may seem at first and so if you

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feel that you need to provide additional proof to us of that and additional different ways you can certainly do that with the additional uploads.

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There's also a comment section, as you'll recall at the end of the application where you can put any additional comments that might help us understand your application, and we can certainly contact you or you can contact us in advance to give us an explanation

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of that 75% usage of the structure, or anything else that you have questions on on this, this particular item.

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If you don't meet any of the previous prevailing wage exemptions, we will ask you if your construction is completed, honor before September 15, which is the last exemption here.

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If yes documentation is required. We understand that you may have completed the project before September 15 but you may not have received it, assigned completed interconnection authorization before that date, in which case if you can provide us some other

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proof of completion. Honor before September 15 2021 we will accept that so you can provide either that interconnection approval, showing the date prior to, or on before September 15, or you can provide some alternate documentation of that.

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Again, if you have questions here, understand that this is completely cut and dried, please give us a call or send us an email and we can talk through that with you.

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If you answer no to all those questions you are subject rarely wage, as they're described, in which case you need to check off the certification and basically telling us that you understand what the prevailing wage requirements are that you will comply

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Next thing we'll talk about is one of the new categories community driven community solar. Next slide.

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You can choose if a project would be a community driven community solar project. If you do choose this for community solar is there's only two types traditional and medium community solar traditional community solar is not open at this time for new applications.

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And so the only choice here for you to proceed will be community driven community solar.

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We score committee different community solar projects on white spaces, and there's more details that are in the new guidebook on how exactly that works in order to do that, scoring, we are going to collect some data from you.

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Keep in mind that community driven community solar projects are not on a first come first serve basis we will be collecting these applications. And then they will be scored at the end of the hundred 80 day period.

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And so, obviously, the sooner you get those in the sooner you can get any questions answered, you might have but there is an open period for you to do that.

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The questions that will ask, first of all, is it be driven. Peter community solar project, so we can know to ask you that the feature questions will ask you what County.

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The project is in, and then whether the project was developed in response to a Satanist sake specific bidding process.

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there's kind of two tracks for the site specific bidding process could have been issued by a municipality or community group. If you said that it was by a municipality, then you need to provide documentation of the bidding process.

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If you tell us that it was in response to a community group, then you need to provide an extra set of documentation not only the vetting process but also documentation of the community based organization so that that can be evaluated.

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We also asked if the population of the county in which the project is located is less than 50,000 people because that's one of the criteria.

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And we also asked if the project committed to serving only subscribers in the same county in which the project is look.

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So keep in mind on this requirement. If the population is less than 50,000 people, then subscribers. In order for this point criteria section

can be in the same county or Jason counties, and if there's more than, greater than or equal to 50,000 people

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in the county, then that the subscribers would have to come from the same county in order to score points in this scoring this single scoring criteria.

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Alright the next new category we have is public schools. Next slide.

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for public schools we will simply ask is this project and public school, and the public schools are then further divided into several different categories in order to decide, kind of, if you're in one group or the other.

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So the first question we asked you is if it's a tier one or tier two skill school based on the list annual evidence based funding distribution process you'll see that's a hyperlink if you click on that link, it will actually take you to the state website

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that shows.

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Which school is a tier one and tier school to school, and so you if you're not sure on a school, you can click that hyperlink and you can go there and find that if you answer the so that it isn't a tier one or tier two school.

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We will ask you the district ID and the district name.

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Those are writing that spreadsheet on that hyperlink. So if you can provide us that information right off of that spreadsheet will help us verify because will be going back to that spreadsheet to verify that we were checking your application.

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If the school is not in a tier one or tier two projects will ask you if it's located in the Illinois, environmental justice community.

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There's a link there as well, which explains what a Illinois environmental justice community is.

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And there's another link on our sister site, the only solo for our website, which takes you to a map, which will show you exactly what isn't isn't in an environmental justice community.

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So you can map out your school to figure out whether it needs this requirement for.

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All right. Wait, listen dg applications. Next slide.

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This is not necessarily going to be in the application but it just for information for those who have projects that were in this classification, these are projects that were on the waitlist since the program, ran out of capacity and have been on that

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waitlist since then those projects are will be coming off the waitlist, and they are subject to new rock pricing.

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We've reclassified projects, between 10 and 25 kilowatts, small DG.

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And there are now prevailing wage requirements, and exceptions to those projects that were not, none of these things existed when you initially submit your project and it went on to the waitlist we notified the approved vendors, of these waitlist to Digi

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projects of this change. On November, 23, and there was a deadline of December night to acknowledge the new pricing of room rate requirements, or to note any exceptions.

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If you are an AV that had a waitlist of project and approved vendor and did not receive this email, or did not respond to this email, please contact us as soon as possible, and we can, we can talk about that.

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I will be moving on to the revised rep contract and I will pass this on to Kelly Turner from the IP.

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Thank you, Kevin.

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Good morning, everyone. My name is Kelly Turner, I am the Deputy legal counsel of the IPA. I'm going to chat a bit about the new record contracts which are required to implement the changes to the program as a result of the enactment of Fallujah, we can

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to the next slide please. As you can see from the title of the slide and the first bullet point, we have not one, not just one but two new rec contracts, under the adjustable block program.

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And I wanted to highlight some of the basic information on the development of the contracts briefly. For anyone who may not have been aware, the agency published first draft of these rep contracts on October 19, and we requested feedback from stakeholders

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on the revisions to the contract that feedback was then reviewed by the agency and well as through our, our normal contract development process with the utility counter parties the staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

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The IPAs for Cameron administrator who assists us with contract development.

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And we use that stakeholder feedback to inform a second draft of these contracts, which we published on November 18.

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We also solicited feedback on that draft as well that was due in early December.

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we've reviewed that feedback, and are in the process of incorporating that feedback as appropriate and finalizing the contract, the contract for publication tomorrow contemporaneous with reopening in the schedule, as well as posted on the abp website.

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sometime ago.

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So, as we can see here, there, we have two new versions of the delivery contract projects will fall under one or the other contract, based upon the size and category of the project.

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So, the first contract will include those projects with this 13 year rec delivery requirements, those are going to be the small dg the large dg, and the community driven community solar projects.

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The second contract will cover projects that have 20 year delivery terms so our new our current our new public schools category, and the traditional community solar category which is going to have 20 year contracts will fall under that.

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As a result, and approved vendor may now have as many as three read contracts with a utility Counterparty, those would be the 2019 wreck delivery contract, the 2021 a 15 year wreck delivery contract or the 2021 20 direct delivery contract, and the terms

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of each contract are going to cover in the specific batches or the specific product orders that fall under each contract.

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The contracts feature a change in the payment cycles from the old 2019 read contracts, there are different payment cycles under the 15 year rep delivery contracts, which are dependent upon the system size or category.

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And then this all be specified on the next slide. So, if you have any questions on that just hold off until we see the next slide, to put those in the chat and projects which fall under the 20 year rectal every contract will now have a pay as delivered

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payment structure.

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Some other changes to highlight in the wreck delivery contracts, as well as implementing the prevailing wage requirements or the EC category requirements that kind of had been outlined before some things that we haven't touched on, is that collateral

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must be posted either in cash or through a letter of credit. under these contracts there will no longer be an option for collateral holding. And, as well as that under changes to the law, all community solar products have found me a minimum threshold

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of 50% small subscribers so the small subscriber adder has been eliminated.

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So as I mentioned just a moment ago this chart illustrates the breakdown of the three different regulatory contracts which will be in operation.

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The terms of those contracts in years. The categories which fall underneath those contracts and then the various payment structures under the contract by category.

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So as you can see the structure that you are all already familiar with. If you have a rep contract. Currently, the 2019 rep delivery contract features a 15 year delivery term for all three categories small dg large dd dd and traditional community solar,

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we have the hundred percent upfront payment at energy ization for small big or the 20% upfront payment and readable payments of the remainder over the next four years for the other two categories.

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So, the other two contracts are broken down the same way, small dg will continue to have a 100% upfront payment and energy ization under the 15 direct contract for large dg systems that are currently on the waitlist, they will receive the 20% up from

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payment and the remainder of the payment rate of over four years for new large dg projects.

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There will be, and for the community driven community solar category, there will be a 15% upfront payment and the remainder of the payment will be paid out reliably over six years.

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For the traditional community solar and the public schools category.

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Regardless of the project type on the school property.

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We will see a pay as deliver structure under the contract community solar projects will be adjusted by annually based on the subscription information provided in a bi annual report.

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And then there is not a bi annual adjustment for distributed generation, obviously because we do not have, subscribers to address there.

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There is a lot of additional information about the rec contract development process it's available on the abp website. I would encourage anyone who has any questions about the contracts after they are published to please reach out to the program administrator

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and reference the materials that are available on the AVP website for more information about, about the process, as well as some of the determination that were made because you can see that they're in the draft of the contracts that were previously posted

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they do contain notes on the draft.

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With that, I am going to go ahead and turn this back over to my colleague Brian grant a hand.

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Thank you, Kelly.

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One last slide before we start to get into questions and other matters. So what we're doing here with respect to a just a block program the opening is basically trying to get the program back up and running and off the ground consistent with the alumni

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wha within 90 days the effective data public have one or 266 to.

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We're trying to make decisions in this interim period as best we can conduct stakeholder workshops and common processes to get a good record and forming those decisions, and then ultimately pulled us all together and provide guidance to parties for how

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to submit applications during this period, a lot of bigger picture issues, whether by law, or because practically speaking, we don't have the ability to make these sorts of determinations now will be deferred to our long term renewable resources procurement

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development process. Just to give you a sense of what that looks like. So, under public act one on two 616 within 120 days of the effective that act we have to publish our next revised long term renewable resource for trauma plan.

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Within that plan, we make some proposals around how to handle some of these changes in the wall over the longer term. What does this look like for the next set of annual blocks when are those annual blocks publish or the size of those blocks in some bigger

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some bigger picture issues are probably better suited to that forum because that allows us to then take comments on our draft plan. Then we

file that plan with the ICC for approval and parties are able to go in and offer briefs or objections to the proposals

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container that long term plan, and then we receive the benefit of an on-line Commerce Commission administrative order approving or approving with modification that long term plan.

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This slide just gives you some sense from a timing standpoint what that process looks like. We are currently in the process of developing that plan and we published actually one month exactly one month from today.

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By January 13 2022, and then parties have 45 days to offer comments on the draft plan will also hold public hearings in the service territories of each of the effects of utilities during that period.

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Ultimately, those are likely to be virtual hearings just given the current current situation that's what we've done for the last couple of plans that we publish, but more details will be published on that, when we publish our long term plan.

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We certainly prefer written comments because it provides us with a record that we can look back on and assess and we expect those comments be detail to provide substitute language where appropriate as well.

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Then within 21 days after receiving those comments we file our long term plan with the ICC for approval and that kicks off a document proceeding before the ICC by law objections are due on our long term plan within 14 days of the plans filing.

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So parties have 14 days from the point of us making that phone to pull together. What are effectively initial briefs where they set forth positions that are different than the positions taken in the long term plan, and provides suggestions to the commission

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about changes that can be made to that plan. So through that process will have the chance to revisit those things that are kind of longer term issues around how programs operate.

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Now certain things are set forth and statute.

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And those aren't the sorts of things that we can really change before the ICC, but there is this additional forum coming up, and we wanted to provide parties with an overview of what that timeline looks like, and what steps are available to them, to provide

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additional feedback.

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The plans expected approval would occur in July of 2022. That's 120 days after our filing again that's a statutory timeline. And then we'd be making changes to the program based upon the terminations made through the plan approval process from there.

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So again, that gives you some sense beyond just walk reopening of what's to come. We look forward to your comments in the long term plan. We look forward to having that plan available to publish.

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And as we go to the next slide, I believe the next steps are questions.

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Thank you, Brian. for the q&a feature it's absurd.

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Yeah, no problem. So please do submit your questions in the q amp a feature that's on the bottom of your screen you may have to move your cursor down there depending on what platform you're using to see that bar pop up but it says q amp a you can put

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your mouse there and type your questions in for us, just a reminder that this entire webinar is being recorded and will be posted on the ATP. com website when we're done.

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It will contain the closed caption transcript as well and will also post the slide deck as well. And these questions and answers will be contained there as well.

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And also feel free, they're going to be questions that are not answered here that come up later. You can always contact us at the contact information below at the administrator, and we will either have the answer for you will get the answer for you.

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So feel free to reach out to us as I know many of you have done in the past.

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I'll start going through the questions. Some of the questions have been answered in in line after they were asked and so if that's the case, I will skip through that question if you still have that question and it wasn't answered sufficiently for you

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I'll start at the beginning. The first question is, is it true that the ATP will system the cost of a customer installing Ed chargers tied to solar. There is no easy charger incentive and the adjustable block program.

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So no, that's not part of the program. And I could say also there's nothing that the IPA is handling separately, that supports EV charging stations. It's just not in the scope of our duties.

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So I can't speak to other state incentives that may be available, but that is not part of the just will block program.

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Thank you. My next question is if block limits are based on AC or DC size, everything in the program. When it comes to limits is based on AC size and you'll see that in the, in the tables and the charts and everything that we put out so it is a little

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bit different than some other programs you may be familiar with but everything is based on AC size. Yeah, and what one note about that is that's also determined by statute that's found in the definition of nameplate capacity in section one dash 10 of

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IPA act so to the extent that creates any sort of disconnect this is the drafters and 10 so we're just moving forward with the money. And this is not a change from from before this has been the case since the program the guns.

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There are some rules around the maximum AC DC sizing limits that you can look at in the guidebook if you have questions about that.

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The next question is essentially asking, Is it possible to put a community solar project, and a gg project on the same parcel and do they run into colocation issues if you do that and the answer is, you can do that.

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And those are treated as separate projects. There's, there is an entire chapter of the guidebook that goes into colocation of many dg projects on one site and colocation and multiple community solar projects on one site.

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But you are allowed to put a community solar project in a dg project on that site and they're considered independently, and under the dg program and under the community sources programs.

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next question is is the assumption the next block will open in July of 2022 I'll let Brian answer that. That's sad. Yeah.

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I think it's it's the case that all of this has worked out the next annual blocks.

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What's opening by when, at what size in with what prices will all be worked out through our next long term renewable resource became a plan that is scheduled to be approved by the ICC in July of 2022, what that means in terms of the timing of block openings,

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is to be determined.

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We could end up in a situation where there are changes that are required from the right delivery contract but there's authorization from the commission to open the block, until such time as that new contract is available for instance, you go with the

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old contract. That's just a hypothetical of what could happen. But we don't know the exact timing of that day, it does seem like it's moving that direction.

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There's also questions about the opening of additional traditional community solar block given that the wall talks about two years of capacity being wrapped up in the initial opening, and that's again something that we expect parties will be offering

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A lot of these issues will be addressed in our draft long term plan to be published by January 13 2022.

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As prevailing wage question that all that hand off to Sarah which is will prevailing wage be required for operations and maintenance work after construction

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Yes, the prevailing wage act defines construction activities to include maintenance.

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So, any future work on that. Installation from a maintenance perspective must also comply with the prevailing wage act.

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Thank you. The next few questions that are pertaining to the section, regarding the traditional community solar waitlist. The first one is we'll have 500 kilowatt minimum for each AV apply to self certified projects, I'm not sure what you mean with that

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question. Daniel who asked that so if you can try to clarify that. And another question. We'll get to that at the bottom.

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The next question is whether capacity is transferable from mid American territory to territory. And it's transferable within the blocks. So if you're within block a group as a group, I'm sorry, Group A, then you can can move between Group A projects between

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anything in Group A and Group B.

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It's the same group that they're both group a mid American and hammering. Yes, so this, in this case, you certainly could but keep in mind that there's a number of music co ops which have their own requirements for doing community solar in each group

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and you cannot transfer between the groups.

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I'll give you the next one Brian which is the see just as she does not restrict transfers before and after the allocation date. What is the reasoning behind the agency's decision to disregard transfers between September 15 and November 23.

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Sure, I think we were trying to look at a snapshot in time of where the way it was stood and then that's the point in time in which we then make determinations about affiliations, and decide what allocation goes to which party.

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And so we looked at that as the date in which the law was signed and became effective was the point in time in which we then confirm information for purposes of offering an allocation back and it's frozen as of that date, ideally have parties intend to

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transfer allocations along with the acquisition of projects and entering those transactions before November 23 or before December 14, they can then attach those transfers of allocation and the more I realize them after such time as they actually received

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allocations back, but to allow transfer force of something that has not yet actually been allocated seemed like it was out of stepping out of sequence under our reading of the law. Our hope is that is I think we explained all this in the FAQ that parties. Ultimately,

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operate consistent with what their intent was and acquiring projects.

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Prior to the allocations actually haven't been issued in other words if parties enter a new transaction.

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And the, the hope between those parties or the understanding between those parties, insofar as this is done address through their legal instrument which would probably needed to have been for their sake, was that the allocation would transfer along with

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the project itself, that they're then acting consistent with that intent. If parties did not have that intention, when they answered, when they entered into that transaction, we're kind of in a position of choosing sides one way or another at that point

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so I think it's the case then at that point that we're going to have an agreed party and either end.

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But that's, that was our understanding of the sequence, looking back at the wall, and ultimately there's still a 20% cap that applies to any allocations are any portfolios deliver back to us.

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As of March, 14, is we understood the 20% cap as well and this is something that get into to limit the concentration of contract awards

across vendor so we felt like we had to maintain that 20% cap as we go forward.

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the in this interim period can still receive allocations associated with those projects in the interim period can receive those allocations through transfers that are then memorialized over the next period. So hopefully we can get to the same place. Either way, and if there's anything else you want to add

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to that Kevin.

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Now there is one one more question that's somewhat related, and I think you've already answered it but the question is I want to be sure I'm clear that we will need to submit a list of our projects that we previously submitted and that list can exceed

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20% of the group's capacity before funds can be distributed this that is the march 14 deadline and so as Brian just mentioned that 20% restriction does apply, I, up until March 14.

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Up until March 14. I'm not sure if there's any other question that's it's, it's packed in there. Besides that, if there is you can add, add that later.

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The next question is back to back off of the traditional community solar and onto large dg for the large dg category Can you confirm whether the five megawatt limit is per site location or is it per meter.

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and we've added a new section to the guidebook which covers colocation for distributed generation projects and more detailed than we had before. And I encourage you to read that section.

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It's a little more than we can summarize here but essentially, if the, if there's two completely independent projects that are on the same parcel. They can be treated independently they would have to have independent owners independent meters serve independent

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modes and be truly independent, you can't just have two meters on the same parcel and build 10 megawatts worth of capacity there, but that's quite detailed as to what constitutes an affiliate in a separate load so I'd encourage you to read that in the

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guidebook. One thing on that point and other points is, by and large, whatever we say here we're trying our best to, you know, to provide

feedback on the questions you receive our answers are ad hoc, the guidebook or state law or anything else that's

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published really governs, and we're trying to our best to just provide some color back to parties.

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This webinar process but certainly any written items that are published by the program, or that are part of state law would be the first place to look.

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And these explanations are intend to point in the right direction. Hopefully by the summation that's accurate useful as a what's reflected in those documents.

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And that colocation is actually a good example of, we've seen as the program's evolved that there's always an education that comes out where someone runs into something that's not strictly covered by something that's written in law in the guidebook in

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that case, please do reach out to us as soon as you encounter or think you might encounter that situation at the program administrator, and we will start discussing that internally and get back to you on what the thoughts are on that so anytime you have

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a question and it isn't clear, or doesn't seem clear to you and the guidance please reach out to us and we can clarify it for you or we can start investigating that that particular case that you might have.

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You have a link to the EC eligible community list. If I can ask one of the other board members to who are on the call on my site to paste that link in it is in the webinar and it's on the in the guidebook and it's also on the application.

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Right, right there when you come to that question.

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All up pass this to you as well Brian We spoke with multiple other parties who believe there would be 500 megawatts of community solar released to 250 megawatt blocks law says the first two blocks of annual capacity for item three Shelby for 250 megawatts

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of total nameplate capacity.

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Yeah, that that is not our reading, reading of 250 megawatts of total nameplate capacity is the first two blocks Shelby for 250 megawatts of total nameplate capacity two blocks of annual capacity or first the fact that we now have annual blocks, if you

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were to look at this through the through the lens of the proportions that are found in section one dash 75 see one k of the IPA act and look at the percentages associated with the categories and the minimum block size of those categories, and then say

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okay we're going to take that time to, then you would end up with something where, given the proportion of charity to communities or the percentage of communities over 250 megawatts actually kind of makes sense that so we're reading it both within the

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broader context of the law, and then also within the actual kind of our understanding of the phrasing of that sentence to be for two years of annual pass it is 250 megawatts.

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We have not spoken with parties who believe there will be 500 megawatts of communities or.

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We certainly spoke with parties.

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Quite a bit during the development of this legislation and we're never offered that interpretation some kind of surprised to see that now.

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So that's that's not our understanding. Having said that, if parties believe this is out of step of what's required of us.

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You know you can, through the long term plan development process you could offer arguments that there needs to be the opening of another community solar block because there was a second annual block that was required to be opened.

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So I suppose you have an adjudicator in the form of the oni Commerce Commission, who could take a look at those arguments and assess the viability through that plan development process just as with any other arguments or anything else, with respect to

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the application of the law but I think that sentence to me is 250 megawatts is the total nameplate capacity, that is used for the first two annual walks and that's, that's our understanding.

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The next question I'll pass to either share Audrey we don't have someone for the solar for all program here on the call, but the question is does prevailing wage apply it to Illinois.

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So for all as well and with the same caveats. Yeah, one thing I want to note on this real quick this is Brian is, I don't know that it's appropriate for us to provide guidance on it when I saw her for all through this process, simply because no one would

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be on notice of us providing guidance I know when I saw her for all our programming to sort of solve a problem here. This is just about the adjustment block program, so it's a little tricky.

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None of the requirements of one dash 75 c one are imputed onto the solar for all programming the way that say the definitions of section one dash 10 are though.

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I will say that it's just sort of a basic matter and I don't know if Sarah Audra you have anything further to add, add on that.

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I'm not really yeah I would just say that the specific provisions that we covered today are not included in that section of the law but I hesitate to kind of

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make any, any blanket statements here on that.

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I don't have anything further on that either.

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Okay, thank you.

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The next question I'll turn say, Sharon on the solar craft apprenticeship program is not mentioned as a qualifying training program for EC registration, this falls into the same category as the solar pipeline and multicultural solar training programs

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that are featured, please address this in the Contractor Registration Form, and I'm not sure sure and if you have an answer for that now or if we can take that back and research that

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I think we can probably take that one back.

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The next question is, what's the size of the block available for new net meter projects between 2005 thousand kilowatts or two and five megawatts, that there isn't a separate group between two and five megawatts we have small dg, which is 25 kilowatts,

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and below, and greater than 25 kilowatts up to five megawatts.

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And so that capacity for large dg is 42.9 megawatts and group, 103.96, megawatts and Group B.

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The next question I'll hand over to Brian, why was collateral with hell withholding renewed is an option.

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This is Kelly I can, I think.

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Yeah. Um, so collateral was holding was removed. In the last long term plan which was filed in 2019 with the Commerce Commission and it was approved and finalized and published in April 2020, I should say, was published in April it was approved in February.

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There was a refreshed direct contract development process over the course of 2020, and that contract reflects this change and it would have been implemented.

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I believe the plan was to utilize that refresh contract which was never used when additional blocks were opened.

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Under the program. However, of course, That did not happen in 2020.

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And those refresh contracts were never used. So there are some items that were developed or put into those refresh rep contracts in 2020.

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That comply with the requirements of the last long term plan, which is currently in effect and those were ported over to the new rep contract.

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There's a related question, Kelly while you're talking about that as well small dg need to put up 10% collateral or just the 5% for that I have to

actually go and look at the record contracts, which I don't have open right in front of me, but you should

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be able to take a look at the contract, that's published tomorrow and find that answer and if there's any other specific questions about the contrast that finalized and published.

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You guys can always reach out to the program administrator or the IPA, with additional questions.

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The next question is what are the penalties for not subscribing since upset small subscribers does the project received the unsubscribe rate, I believe this is referring to a traditional community solar project under the 2021 rep contract in which case

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would not project would not be complete if it didn't meet that requirement, it's a requirement for project.

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Yeah, there's, um, there's some significant language about the community solar subscribe subscription mix in the contract and provisions for what happens if the project does not reach that 50% rate and then what happens there's a series of triggers throughout

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the contract. So I would highly encourage you to go look at even look at the draft contract today or the finalized contract tomorrow for those provisions and if there are any questions about the mechanisms or how they work.

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Please check with the program administrator.

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Next question is for large dg not on the waitlist with a payout over six years be quarterly payments worth a large decimal point of the contract value.

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And I think the answer that's already been answered, the slide.

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Kelly's last slide which goes over those large dg, not on the waitlist projects which receiving 15% upfront payment and the remainder is radically over the six years if you have any more questions specific to that you can let us know.

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I'm not sure if that percentage, not able to do that my head if that's exactly equal to that.

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When can we offer rebates to customers is the next question that they just will block program does not specify how an approved vendor interacts with their customers when it comes to payments.

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There are a large list of guidance and rules about consumer protection that I would encourage you to go through in the guidebook. That's not up for us to tell you how the incentive is distributed by the

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set of questions Is there a working group that folks can join to keep on top of the next stages of the adjustable block program. And I Brian speak to the planning process and I can tell you as well that on the ATP website itself Illinois ADP com you can

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sign up in order to be provided a email every time we make an update to that website which contains any of the any of the stakeholder engagement work that happens through this program itself.

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And we've helped some different comment processes, and I believe a day of webinars on the long term plans development. I kind of think of that as the best working group for now, because we're dealing with a universe of issues that we can get resolved

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in 90 days to get this program back up and off the ground. And then we're dealing with longer term structural issues, and the plan for how we handle those is really set forth and statute, as the development of our long term renewal issues procurement plan. So we've had common processes. We're going to spend some time to speak internally going over some of

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spend some time this week internally going over some of those comments, and our determinations and those comments will be reflected in the draft of the long term plan that we publish on January 13, then parties will have the ability to provide comments

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over the next 45 days back to us on those. And then we found that revised plan for approval with the ICC and then parties can intervene in the preceding before the ICC and continue to provide comment there as well.

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So in terms of decisions that are made for the blocks that will open after these blocks that are being a real vendor are open for the first time in some cases on reopening, that's all wrapped up in that process, and that serves almost like a working group,

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where we have this, it's a bit of an arm's length process it isn't quite as interactive because ultimately this gets mitigated before the ICC, and there's a comment process that's staged and set forth by statute but that's really the avenue for the, for

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providing feedback and receiving feedback on where the program goes over the longer term.

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providing feedback and us receiving feedback on where the program goes over the longer term. What we do from that point forward I think is an open question and maybe something that if not addressed our long term plan, we're open to feedback from parties on that through the long term plan development process, whatever would be

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process, whatever would be helpful to keep parties abreast that's different from what we currently do is feedback that we'd love to hear.

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Right now we have announcements that come through our program integrator those are issued fairly frequently partners can sign up to receive those when we make big program changes, we really try to make an effort to have stakeholder feedback processes,

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get those feedbacks review, get that feedback review it and make adjustments accordingly. So that's what we've been doing today, there's a different model that works better going forward, please go ahead and provide us that feedback to develop a long

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term plan, then we can take that under advisement.

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Thank you, somewhat related question for you, Brian is does the IP intend to only focus on issues and provisions to the long term plan development process that are necessary for CJ implementation, ie will interesting issues not directly addressed amended

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by recent legislation be considered to long term repair maneuver resource plan written and oral comment opportunities.

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Well I can, I think the answer to that is what we're addressing for the long term plan is not necessarily specific to the climate equal JOBS Act and responsibilities that we have through it.

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It is certainly intended to address our responsibilities under Illinois law, whether those are an active through CJ or may have been enacted through Phaedra or may even predate FIFA, and have been part of the RPS and since its inception.

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So, if there are aspects of how we can better implement our programs or conduct experiments or otherwise serving this function that don't that aren't necessarily required by law.

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We're certainly interested in hearing them.

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I think, you know, for instance, right now we're conducting these Power Hour series on Fridays, we have one coming up this Friday that's about support for Atmos nuclear plants.

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We had one, the past Friday as well, that addressed the coldest solar initiative, those are just educational exercises that we're, we're undertaking because we think it serves a broader function that does not connect back to a prescriptive requirement.

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If parties have ideas of what the IPA can do above and beyond what's involved to help support the development of the solar market and Illinois, I think we're interested in hearing them the long term planning process.

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I think will be interesting those ideas. I will say that other agencies aren't going to be governed by the outcomes associated our plan. So, we can't, you know, we were not going to be a position, through that plan approval process to create user prescriptive

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Next question is, is there a guideline to register setup rep contracts on the AVP website, that's a pretty broad question that I would point you to the guidebook.

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There's quite a process towards becoming an approved vendor, and then enrolling applications, getting the ICC approved.

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And that triggers the contract process so that's a pretty in depth question that's a little more that we can cover on on this question.

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Next question is I know you said this, but I want to hear it again all projects are fine for me all projects require prevailing wage, except the residential and approved housing portion projects, and all that Sarah interject but there are projects that

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we delineated that were constructed prior to the September 15 effective date of public act one or two days, 066.

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And so there are a couple of other categories there but if you have any specific questions of a project that you think should not be so Trailblazer a specific project that you're curious about you can certainly take that in

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inspiring yeah that's correct. Basically, resident projects located on residential buildings.

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Located on houses of worship, and that are not greater than hundred kilowatts, and projects.

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Constructed after September 15 2021, except for those limited exceptions.

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The prevailing wage requirement applies to all

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all projects within a VP and except for whitelisted distributed generation projects that were much larger than 10 kilowatts. Correct.

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Last question is, will public school projects currently waitlist to be re categorized in the new public school category. And that's a good, good question because we didn't ask prior to this whether or not.

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The project was a school, so we're not actually sure what projects are in the school category or could be in the public school category. And so, it's the option, it's always the option even going forward for the AV to place their project in a public school

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category if it fits in that category or they could ops to not place it in the public school category and place it in the appropriate dg category or community solar category.

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So in that case, if you have a project that was on the waitlist and you would like to move it to the public schools category, please contact us and let us know and we will do that for you.

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Next question is, is this the right forum to discuss it the smart very rebate for community solar projects.

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Regarding ongoing eligibility or changes to \$250 per kilowatt value. That's not a adjustable walk program feature. So I don't know, Brian if you have anything to add to that.

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It's not an IPA win either. So, this is that isn't a process that we administer so us speaking authoritative Lee about it's probably not advisable.

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The next question is for large dg projects I thought that new cap was going to be five megawatts instead of the older cap of two megawatts. In my misunderstanding.

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I know the new cap is five megawatts for large dg projects.

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Yeah, the one, the one place where there's a distinction is with respect to community solar. The new cap by statute is five megawatts but for wait listed community solar projects, ultimately they're still required to abide by a two megawatt project size.

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So there is a little bit of a disconnect between the laws changes and the changes for reopening just in that category but now with respect to regeneration projects.

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I just want to follow up on one thing as well. This was submitted by an anonymous attendee and I don't know if it's the same anonymous attendee who asked the question about the block size for between two and five megawatts.

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So, I think Kevin's answer to that is, to the extent that these two questions are related. It's just the extension of the black category goes up to five megawatts there's not a new category for two to five megawatts.

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Thanks for clarifying that yeah there does seem to be a little bit of confusion about that.

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Next question is of interconnection approval need to be attained obtain prior to applying for the ATP incentive that has not changed from the old process for projects, about 25 kilowatts requiring that, which agency administers the battery energy storage

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incentive, I am not familiar with that sense of, I don't believe it's the IPA. Anyone able to speak authoritative Lee on that. I believe that that's being governed through a pilot program that's being run by combat and there's a terrorist pending at the

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Illinois Commerce Commission right now on that topic.

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But it's not, it's not something that has to do

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battery storage initiatives that the Commission is running as well that the IP it will be participating in.

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But again, I think that that's it's more squarely with the ICC.

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So, this is a new legislation require collateral be paid up front or is that a program decision I believe Kelly address to that. There's further questions on that let us know.

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For prevailing wage, specific to ground mounted solar, there are very few companies that install ground mounted post that hold the racking most these companies also charge prevailing wage as a follow up to the company erecting a fence around a ground

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manager I also have to charge prevailing wage.

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I don't know that it's it's paying really wage but I'll pass it off to Sarah at a specific answer specific questions

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on, um, so the prevailing wage Act requires that prevailing wage be paid for all of the construction activities related to the facility, including by contractors and subcontractors.

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We can look into with the Department of Labor kind of the question about fencing and kind of ancillary activities.

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But my understanding is that all of the kind of preparation site preparation and everything related to the construction of the facility would be included is Kelly I just want to add one more item on this as well.

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The prevailing wage is broken down by trade type.

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And so when you look at the Department of Labor's posting on prevailing wage and what the prevailing wage, that is in effect in the various counties is all of that is broken down by trade.

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So, for example, what offense directing company, what their tradesmen may be subject to in terms of what prevailing wage must be paid is not going to be the same as a, an electrician, doing connections on the site.

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And so it's very important to take a look at the, the, the wages, by county that are posted on the website and adding to that there is not the, the application of prevailing wage is based on whether the work is construction activity related to that facility,

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it does not make delineation is based on, you know, which company it is as long as there's a, it's a subcontractor relationship. So, it does flow all the way down the contracting stream.

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It does not only have to apply to the primary contractor.

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The next two questions are related, which is the timing for small dg projects to move up be moved off the waitlist and when the projects that are in the way this will be paid out.

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And what about future small dg projects, the projects that are on the waitlist will effectively all be moved off of the waitlist tomorrow in the program reopens, that won't have a lot of practical impact to someone who was on the waitlist, except that

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the capacity is is a shirt to those projects.

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So you know you will immediately go back onto another waitlist.

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The timing for getting those projects approved the contract has just come out tomorrow for this. We've got to do a little bit more work to get that

contract coated and set up so that we can set up an ICC approval of those, those projects.

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So that will happen sometime after the new year. And for those who have participated in the program before the program will continue to work in the same manner in that once you have an ICC approval you can complete your part to application.

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And then that gets submitted.

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At the that gets submitted and goes on to the next contracting cycle, there is a change that we haven't talked about today yet but I think it will make most of the approved vendors happy and that we have contracting cycle that starts every month now under

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the new contracts. And so, in the future, you won't necessarily have to wait a full quarter to get paid if you happen to finish a project right after one of those quarterly invoicing cycles, you will still be paid quarterly, but there's a new a new cycle

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starts every month and so you can get on to one of those new cycles.

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you do not discuss this but you might I read that net metering is one for one Is that still the case. net metering is not something that we administer and so block program I'm not sure if anyone from the IPA wants to comment on that.

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So I think that this is getting to some of the guidance that we released regarding net metering changes that word, due to take effect under utility terrorists.

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And those kind of all got put on hold.

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Due to litigation. In front of the Illinois Commerce Commission and in the case of Cameron at the appellate court level, the changes to see.

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It is my understanding, extended the time under which the current net metering regime will continue.

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But for more information about net metering.

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I would encourage all of you to look to the utilities directly because they have their own tariffs that govern how net metering works in their service territory, and that that that's not something that's administered specifically by the IP but we did

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provide some guidance on that for vendors who are asking questions about it.

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Thank you will ever be updated training webinars and presentations posted for approved vendors, as we mentioned this presentation will be posted. If you would like additional training from approved vendors, please let us know about that.

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We will definitely schedule additional training if it's warranted and we'll know that it's warranted if you're asking us to provide it for you, and specifically any areas that you find confusing, or you think would be helpful to have additional training

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on, feel free to let us know about that. Again though if you have specific questions on something you want someone to walk you through a specific application maybe it's your first schools application and you want someone to help you walk through that

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with you, just give us a call at that number and there's always someone that can answer your call or call you back shortly. And we're happy to give you as much help as you need on doing that.

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We don't expect everyone to know all the ins and outs of what can be somewhat arcane program at time so we've got folks that that know the program inside and out, happy to help you.

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When you co locate a dg in a community so are you still limited to five megawatts or could you have a five megawatt Digi project and five megawatt AC community solar project for total of 10 megawatts AC and, yes, you could projects are considered independently,

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their, their different projects.

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Regarding the transfer of capacity allocations for tourism community solar can capacity transfer within the same group, even if they intended project is located in a different utility service territory for instance between mid American in him and the

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answer is yes.

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As long as they're both in Group A or or group B respectively.

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Had a Thank you You're welcome.

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How is the 10% payment to the CSG being handled.

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I'm not sure on that question if anyone else knows what probably has to do with you might have designees or firms installation firms that work with carbon Solutions Group that are being charged a certain fee for carbon Solutions Group to be disservice

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the approved vendor. That is not a relationship that ultimately, you know, we have, we govern, whether that's a reasonable fee or an unreasonable fee will say that if a firm wants to become an approved vendor, you're welcome to do so if there are aspects

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of the approved vendor registration process or responsibilities associate with approved vendors that are not a good fit for your firm and you think it ultimately creates too much costs or inefficiency in the process, please provide those to us through

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con comments and long term plan, we're very interested in hearing that we do not view that as a very burdensome process, at least the application process but if there are aspects of it that we don't see where it's actually much harder to be an approved

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vendor, then we would view it as we'd love to hear that feedback through the long term plan development process in terms of what constitutes a reasonable fee to then work with an aggregator if you're not yourself and approved vendor.

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That's not something that we have a great deal of visibility into.

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If there needs to be some curbing of those fees again I guess this the sort of thing that you can put into the long term plan development common

process and say that the IPA should take a, you know, say, have your touch approach with respect to how those

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relationships are structured but it's not something that we've considered to this to this time at least.

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The next question is according to Section 16 dash one of 7.6 DGVP rebate is based on DC size right. And I believe that that's the smart inverter rebate, and I'm not familiar with that.

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I don't know Kelly if you're.

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Yeah, but that's something under the public utilities Act and the dg rebates are approved by the Commerce Commission and so that's really, subject to the utility tariffs, I'm not sure if that's actually like hard coded in the law I'd have to go back and

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look at something that, that is DC and that there's a disconnect there that we're aware of but as Brian pointed out the AC size that we're using is by statute so that's not something that we can change going forward unless the state statute changes.

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Well the traditional community solar waitlist be kept for future blocks or will all existing projects need to reapply to a new waitlist and block. And I think that talks a little bit to the revised plan process Brian I'm not sure.

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Yeah, I want to say this is actually called up a statute that in fact it does require the application after we work through the first toolbox capacity for the tournament 50 megawatts.

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If that's not expressly address and statute.

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And unfortunately I don't have that section open in front of me, then that's the sort of thing that will be handled through a long term plan development process.

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And that's true of any new block openings beyond just this initial block reopening. So what happens for the next set of annual blocks hallway was the projects treated, etc.

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These are all things that have not addressed by law would be addressed to our long term plan development process.

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Okay, next question is will the cap apply on 1214 when allocations are granted and Dean is one who asked this, if I, if I don't get this right, you can type your question again Dean but I believe you're saying, this is for traditional community so our

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size allocations, and the 20% cap does it does apply all the way through the end of this process.

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Next question is it seems that only the only projects that are currently on the waitlist. Do not get a prevailing wage exemption or projects under 10 kilowatts Can you let me know the justification for required for real wage on those projects or clarify

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if I'm misinterpreting this would have significant impact on projects located on small businesses.

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Yeah, that, that is correct, um, I guess I'll just respond by saying that that is what is outlined in the law, this was not a decision, kind of, made by the IPA the the legislation does not require or does not contain an exemption for whitelisted projects

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under 10 kilowatts in size.

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Yeah and residential projects of course I think this is in creating the question, residential projects are exempted by virtue of being residential projects, which is certainly the majority of projects that we see below 10 kilowatts in size.

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So you do have some that could be small businesses that are projects below 10 kilowatts, and don't have the benefit of a statutory exemption. But, you know, as Sarah outlined, we're not really making that decision, we're applying the Express terms of

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the law. And there's an express exemption on weight was a big projects, I think some section one dash 75 c one g for two of the IPA act, and that's there it's not found in the small to do section.

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We can't impute those sorts of things so the law, I think by virtue of applying that principle retroactivity to protect those projects that already constructed, we're already being as generous as we can be consistent with both legal principles and interpretation

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of the statutory language itself. So that's where we find ourselves, and we can't speak to drafters intent on those points. One thing I'll say is it's a very large and complex bill, it's possible sometimes things just are overlooked.

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When, when, the bill is ultimately all put together.

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Again, another recently published guidebook it mentions the initial Cassie allocation upon December 14 2021 reopening for group be large CPG projects at 103 point nine six megawatts will occur.

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Approximately 50 megawatts in the group be weightless be allocated to this capacity I either will be about 53 megawatts remaining with portal opens tomorrow for new.

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be allocated to this capacity IE there will be about 53 megawatts remaining when the portal opens tomorrow for new RTG group be projects, and the answer, short answer is yes the waitlist projects are applied to that capacity.

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The longer answer is that the that capacity that one of the 3.96, megawatts was arrived at by taking the 75 megawatts that was the 75 megawatts into the law which would allocate to 52.5 megawatts in group be large dg per the split between groups A and

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B. So, we took what was on the waitlist. As of September 15 when the law passed and added that to the 52.5 megawatts. And that's how we arrived at that one of the 3.96.

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So, the process was designed to essentially neutralize the impact of the waitlist projects on a new projects that might apply.

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And I will put a plug in, we issued a guidance document, along with the guidebook itself, and on these and other decisions not all decisions just because there's so many decisions that are made in pulling together requirements for the opening.

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We tried to publish guidance that gave a little bit of insight into the basis for why certain decisions were made. This is one of them. And what

Kevin just described is described in written form in that guidance document.

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Well the 20% cap 11 by the agency on December 14 March 14, or both. Again presuming that this is in regards to the tradition community so our waitlist allocations.

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The 20% cap was I guess levy might be a term to use but essentially was calculated based on December 14 numbers the numbers that you came back with anyone who is over 20% had their allocation reallocated so that no one approved vendor or their affiliates

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were over 20%. So that's where that math. If you're familiar with that process happened on March 14 you will simply not be able to allocate your, your more than 20 make No, no one approve under their face will be able to allocate more than 20%.

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Okay, maybe the that's the right word there. Yeah, it's a tough. It's a tough.

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Yeah Do you use the word submitted if that is useful but I don't know if that's the correct. The best word for it either. Yeah, the portfolios that are brought back by approved vendors by March 14 2021 inclusive of all transfers of allocating basket take

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place can constitute no more than 20% of a given groups capacity. So that's, that the 20% I think the short answer to the question that was asked is that applies both with respect to the allocations of capacity, and it applies with respect to the portfolios

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that are submitted back by approved vendors.

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It's just on December 14 that that capacity was, you know, we calculated you had it as reallocated we won't do that calculation again right using this December 15 date for purposes of project ownership in making the December 14 Commission.

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And this is another one of those really inside baseball things so if you have more questions on this call and Alex Ryan will be happy to walk you through the, the math on that and how we how we did it.

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We want you all to understand what we did there.

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But what what a approximately one megawatt project for local Electric Cooperative be eligible for the ATP program if the power is distributed to the electrical co ops customers.

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Not sure if this is asking if the, if the co op itself owned the project perhaps you can be.

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Give us this question again on exactly what you're asking here whether it's communities or a dg project. And if it's a dg project if it's serving a host or if you're anticipating the call up itself would own that it'd be easier for us to answer that question

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the equity projects require a new equity approved vendor status for submission or as a partnership with an existing vendor acceptable.

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That's a good question on on how the easy process works and so the approved vendor for easy project needs to be qualified as it as an easy.

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And as we went over in the, in the presentation there's a additional questionnaire that you can fill out if you either are an approved vendor or neatly after completing your approved vendor application if you are not.

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It's up to you as a project manager if you would like to use an AV isn't easy. Or if you're yourself or an easy if you would like to either become an AVI or if you already are in a the to qualify yourself as an EC that decision is entirely up to you.

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The only requirement that is a program requirement is that the approved vendor for that project needs to be an easy and remaining easy through Part Two submission of that project.

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And on this point I would say, again this is something that was addressed expressively in the guidance document we published in addition to being a dress in the guide book the guide book talks about the mechanics the guidance document talks about why

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arrived at that conclusion where a party couldn't, for instance rely on subcontractors maybe sees itself as a vendor not being an easy, why that would not be permissible. Now, this is something where again to the long term plan development process of

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parties have a different view of the law, they're able to offer arguments that time.

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If they think that's overly restrictive again that's the right forum for it. We're trying to take the language within the law and that basically distill it down into requirements for program reopening.

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And then we have the separate process available to us, where we can build a record out for those decisions and benefit from qualifies you to carry a determination through administrative order of the ICC.

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Ok the next two I think were answered since the question or ask the questions. Next question is, if an allocation of traditional community soul was purchased from another approved vendor for a given group that allocation can be combined with an existing

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allocation for that approved vendor to fill up a project correct. It appears This is the intention just trying to make sure, and unless I'm misinterpreting the question that is correct that.

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Once you have an allocation you can use it with any of the projects that you own, I granted that they're in this, in the same group.

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The next question is does include plan to acknowledge confirm effectiveness of weightless communities or capacity transfers upon receiving the standard form, if not would include consider making best efforts to at a minimum confirmed by email that a transfer

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successfully made it to the parties and Brian I'll let you address that.

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Yeah, we received some questions about this and we'll publish some guidance on it but I think some sort of acknowledgement is being contemplated what that looks like, whether it's just an email or something more formal is something that we're still working

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our way through but we do see the value in being able to confirm the fact that that application transfer was received and was accepted.

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Next question is for the requirement on the collateral I did not hear a reason as to why it was changed in long term plan back in, 2019 2020 I don't know, Kelly if you want to address that or just point them to the guidance from that time, I was not involved

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closely in the litigation of that plan, or the decision. I don't know Brian if you have more feedback on that but essentially, at the end of

the day, the rationale or the reasoning, really kind of isn't anything that we can work with at this point, it's

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a directive from the commission that that is what needs to be included in our contracts going forward. And so that is the world in which we're operating right now and uh Brian I don't know if you want to provide more color to that.

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Or, if, if we can just leave it at that.

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If anyone is interested in going back and looking at the docket specifically in the Commission's order. It's ICC docket number 19 Oh 995, and I'll put a link in the chat with the, with that.

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The link to the Commission's web page for that docket.

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Yeah that's I'm trying to go back because it was across 2019 and 2020 and then parties should have been on notice on this through the whole refresh wreck contract development process of cross that period as well, but it's something that has to go back

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look at the arguments for and against it could have been administrative ease issue, I certainly we weren't dealing with the same sort of where we were midstream with the program is very different when we're on program opening could have been considerations

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related to that but have to go back through and go back to those arguments and just make sure that it had a handle on it before trying to speak authoritative Liana.

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Alright, the next question is for Kelly as well, can, can you confirm the payment schedule for whitelisted community solar projects well those projects we paid over five years or received the 20 radically over the 20 year term of the contract.

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Um, if you want to go back to that slide that might be useful to everyone. I think it's like, like 50, maybe, and they can take a look at it but it is.

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But, no You went too far, that, that right there.

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So everything that is traditional community solar that is getting a contract will be under the 2021 20 year rec delivery contract even though it is a weight lifted project it will not go under the old rep contract.

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So that will be a 20 year delivery contract, not a 15 year contract and there will be the pay as deliver payment structure.

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Yeah, just to clarify that it's not being paid radically over 20 years is being paid on on production based on.

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The next question is we build projects on forums that is focused on my question. I'm not sure what the specific question is there is not a specific carve out or set aside for farms project project on a farm would be treated as as any other project, depending

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on its category and, and the rest of the program rules as the administrator published a schedule for ICC submission of whitelisted batches we have not not yet done that we will endeavor to do that as soon as we can.

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How do colocation limits apply between traditional community so allegations made on December 14 2021 and future blocks can a five megawatt project that may not be awarded a rec contract, until the second half of 2022 or later be eligible for ATP participation

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if it's on the same or an adjacent part parcel as a two megabyte allocation that was made on 1214.

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Not sure Brian if you have any insight into that, I mean essentially it's asking whether we reset things, once we once we open up and I think that's probably part of the revised long term plan process.

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Yeah, I would think so I'm not sure if this is a question specifically about maybe a project that had already received an award and projects that are being allocated capacity Now, we've gotten that question previously and our thought was that the long

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term plan that was most recently approved with government those projects come through to co located and it could be at a time based standard there in terms of what things look like going forward again that's something that's worked out to our long term

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plan anything that would be contingent on a future contract award, not through this process would be determined through the long term planning process.

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question is are you able to speak to the community solar bill credit structure went to large commercial subscribers received for a bill credit do they get the same price to compare rate as residential on small commercial subscriber, a terrorist for community

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solar, or not part of the adjustable block program I'm not sure Kelly if you have anything that you want to expand on with that.

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Yeah, that's all governed by the utilities tariff and not through the program.

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Next question is with the new updates to prevailing wage act now we're selecting all solar work as public works and some really great requirements for the purpose of this program, have there been any new wage classification specific to solar installers

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Sarah, do you have any insight into that.

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Yeah, um, that's a really good question um we've had a few other questions related to the wage classifications and categories for different labor types, and skills.

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We have, so Department of Labor determines when there is a new where there is need for a new classification for a new type of skill or labor.

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There is a process for petitioning the Department of Labor, to request that they classify a specific work type or skill as a new wage category.

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But, to my knowledge, they have not done anything specifically on solar.

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If you want to review the wage classifications that are currently up.

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It's, it's quite lengthy then different types of skills that are covered.

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So I would recommend just reviewing the types of skills and traits that are already covered before looking into petitioning for new ones but that's a process that would be worked through with Department of Labor ik does not create any of the classifications.

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One thing I want to note about that question just to make sure there was a misunderstanding is that the premise isn't quite right.

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The updates the prevailing wage act do not state that also our work is public works, nor do they even say that all work that is ultimately supported through the just will block program or other IP initiatives or public works, but it is those projects

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for which prevailing wage requirements apply in the IPA act that are considered public works under the prevailing wage acts. I think I got that universe right Sarah correct me if I'm not wrong about that but I just want to make sure that's right yeah

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also work so if someone's not participating this program. They're not receiving the benefit of a publicly administered rec delivery contract, then those projects will not be considered public works.

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And similarly, if a project is exempted under the IPA act from the prevailing wage requirements they that also would be, then not considered a public work under prevailing my draft.

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All right, we're, we're at the end of our time that we're going to power through because we only got a couple more questions left here.

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The next question is, how fast where is the small dg capacity folder I'll fast will fill up. I'm not sure why the question popped away from me just now, but just to reiterate that the, the capacity was designed such that when all the waitlist projects

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are entered into the block, they'll be 20 to 25, megawatts in Group A and 52.5 megawatts and Group B, obviously since no one's been able to create a new application and won't be until tomorrow.

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That's kind of where things will stand essentially tomorrow in the program.

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Did the CJ enable net crediting.

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I'm not sure on that question, it's not part of the dress will walk program

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funded this questions about net metering again, there were some changes to the provisions of the law regarding that metering crediting but again that that that's all governed by utility terrorists and regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission and

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Thank you.

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You please, please take us through an example timeline at a time for a large tg project to get from application to award of contract execution of contracted collateral posted.

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We've got a nice graphic for that that will try and get to you that's on the abp website, it's not a question that we can answer verbally here because there's a lot of moving parts to that and the time for each step is dependent on a lot of things so

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there isn't a nice, nice neat time to say that it's one week for this and three weeks for that so sorry that I can't give you a cleaner answer to that, you can certainly email us or give us a call if you can't find that that graphic and we can send that

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Can you clarify your response to 20% cap levy question I thought I heard that no wonder their affiliates were over 20%, is that is that is that true and tomorrow all abs and affiliates will receive full work capacity no one was kept that that is not what

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we said, and we will be publishing those numbers, tomorrow. Yeah, they would just wanted to say that 20% cap applies for this application but also that applies to the portfolios receive back from approved vendors, so as to preclude any want to prevent

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her from receiving a disproportionate share or his report up with the wrong word because that's the qualitative judgment but receiving a overly concentrated share of contract awards.

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Alright, it looks like that's the end of the questions I hope that we are in the answer everyone's questions that that had them here on the forum. Again, as Brian pointed out early on in the question period.

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This is really just a forum for us to help folks out and kind of point you in a broader manner towards answers that live in the guidebook and the contract in the legislation, and, to a lesser extent in the guidance document that was published.

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At the same time as the guidebook if you have any specific questions beyond this again please feel free to contact us we can either provide you an answer point you to the reference if you'd like to find the reference for, for an answer to a question or

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take the question back and discuss it with the DPA if it's, there's not an obvious answer to that question so I hope that everyone was able to get their questions answered and get a better feel for kind of overall how the program has changed, and more

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specifically how the program is going to work going forward in a, in your application processes, and thank everyone for attending. Thank you for the presenters for the presentations today and I'll ask the IP if you have any final words for us.

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Oh, thank you to everyone you know we had a significant amount of attendance on this webinar I think at one point was probably over 300 participants. So that's terrific.

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It means there's a lot of interest in this program reopening which means that we have the groundwork waived for a lot of additional project development, and substantial progress toward meeting some pretty ambitious targets in the RPS, so that's all fantastic

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and, you know, thank you to incline especially for pulling all this together and walking through a lot of these slides and answering one of the questions, and hopefully things go well.

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And again, you know, our launcher plan will be out in a month, and partners can provide comments on that as well.

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And this is Audrey I just have excuse me one more comment if you are not an approved vendor doesn't mean you're looking for a place to receive updates on all this work that we're doing, please visit the adjustable block Program website.

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The update section, and you can sign up for email updates there. I'll put the link in the chat as well. That's the best way to stay up to date with the program and all these changes that are happening right now.

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All right, Thank you Audrey, I will leave the presentation up for about another two minutes so folks can get that link out of the chat. And again, thank you all very much.