

**Illinois National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Draft Long-Term Renewable Resource Procurement Plan (Draft Plan) Comments**

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The NAACP thank you for the opportunity to comment on IPA 2017 Draft Plan
A NAACP member attended the comment hearing meeting conducted on In an October 26, 2017 at the Illinois Commerce Springfield Office, 527, East Capital Ave, Springfield Office Room C. During the hearing there was one question presented which was “how can we change the wording “Low Income” to middle income?

The term low-income is used in the context of the plan

Following the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Statistical Policy Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. If a family's total income is less than the family's threshold, then that family and every individual in it is considered in poverty. The official poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition uses money income before taxes and does not include capital gains or noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps).

Dependent upon a families low income threshold, a family could be living in poverty or below the poverty level. Being that income is linked to poverty and alternative term could be poverty versus low-income.

However if low-income remain the term of choice, it is requested that baseline figure be set to disallow a participant from crossing over into the middle income category.

In closing, the NAACP wants to ensure that low income stays low income. Because the low income community is often past over by companies and organizations say they can't find anyone who fits that criteria. The NAACP can identify this population.

Respectfully Submitted

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