



**mn** COMMERCE  
DEPARTMENT

MN Energy Efficiency For All

**CIP Planning  
Low-Income+  
Meeting #2**



**WELCOME!** We will start at 2:05 pm

# AGENDA

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- ▶ **Recap and Refresh (25 min)**

- Who are we and why are we here?
- What we heard (Google Forms)
- What comes next
- Q&A

- ▶ **Breakout Room Discussions – Emerging Themes (45 Min)**

- Review emerging themes (from kick-off)
- Self-select into one theme to dig in and refine

- ▶ **Next Steps and Look Ahead (5 min)**

- ▶ **Close Out (5 min)**

# VIRTUAL HOUSEKEEPING

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- ▶ **Please mute yourself** during the presentation portions
- ▶ **Use the chat and “Q&A” feature** to ask questions
  - There will be an opportunity to ask Q&A after this recap and refresh section
  - We welcome questions or comments through the meeting – facilitators will monitor chat
  - Any unanswered questions will be responded to after meeting (and – we are working to respond to those we received from kick-off meeting!)

# WHO WE ARE

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Organizing Group:



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**MN Energy Efficiency For All**

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# WHO WE ARE

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**Donte Curtis (he/him)**

Owner/Lead Consultant  
Catch Your Dream Consulting



**Arlinda Bajrami (she/they)**

Policy Manager, Stakeholder Engagement  
Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

# WHY ARE WE HERE?

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**Overall Goal:** create a process for **non-utility participants** to influence decisionmakers in the design and access of **utility energy efficiency programs** and propose new solutions or programs to be formally reviewed in the energy efficiency regulatory process.

## **Non-utility participants:**

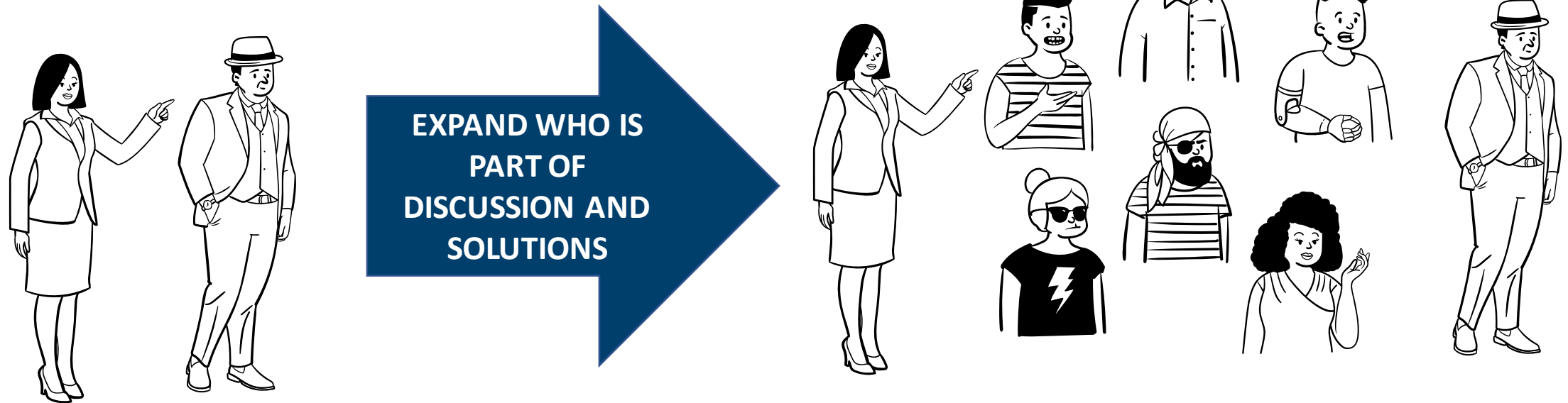
- Advocates
- Program implementers
- Community organizations or members
- Local gov't
- Anyone else interested

## **Focused on:**

- Programs designed for under-resourced customers (incl. “Low Income”)
- Multifamily residents
- Renters
- Black, Indigenous, People of Color\*

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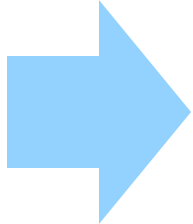
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## PHASE I (Current)

Build groundwork for goal, focused on providing *high-level* recommendations to **INVESTOR-OWNED** utility energy efficiency planning currently underway

**(Jan 2023 – April 2023)**

## PHASE 2



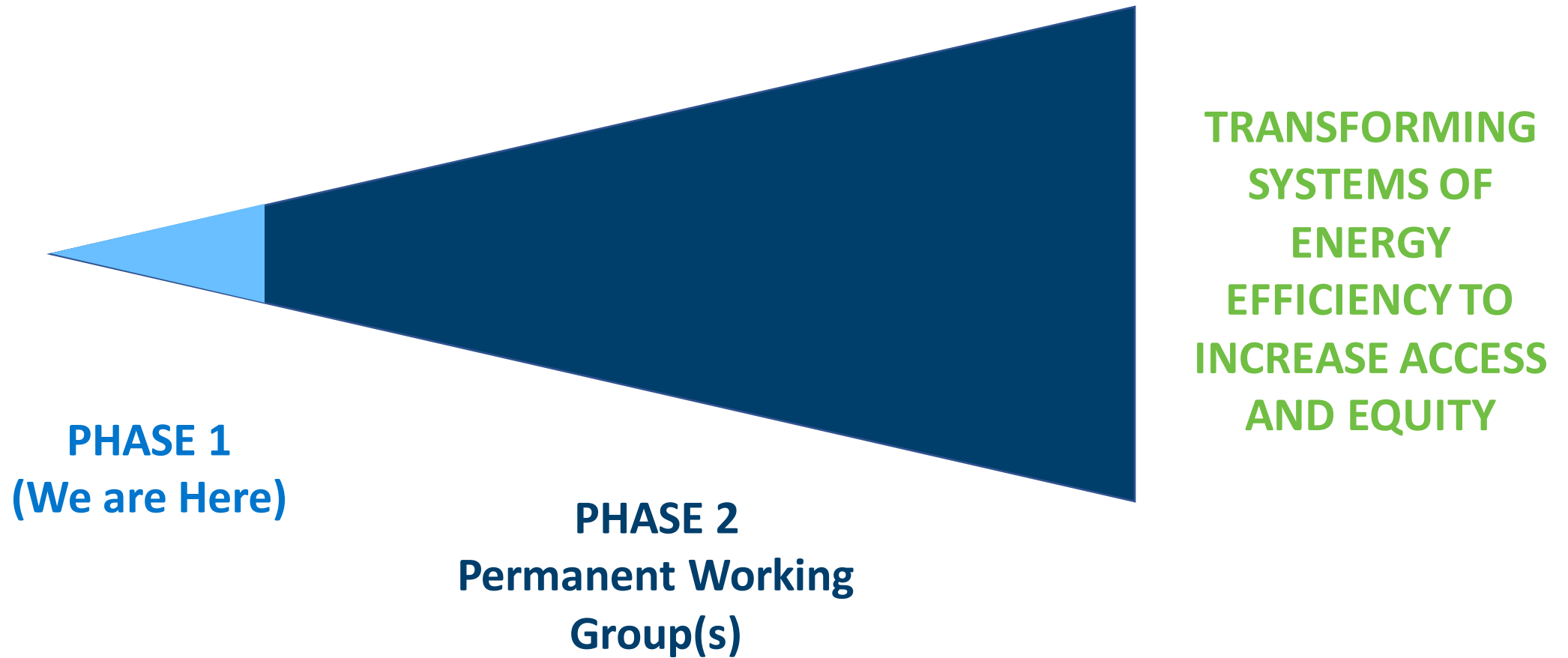
Permanent “Low-Income+” Energy Efficiency Working Group  
**(ALL UTILITIES)**

**(Summer/Fall 2023)**



# WHAT IS THIS?

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# QUESTIONS ON PROCESS?

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## Questions & Answers

Put questions & answers in the chat or in the Q&A box

You may use the “raise hand” function to ask out-loud (wait until called upon)

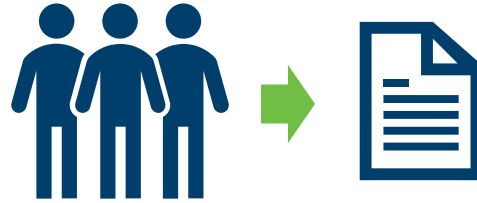
Questions may also be sent afterwards, by email to facilitators (email to be shared in follow-up)

# WHAT WE HEARD

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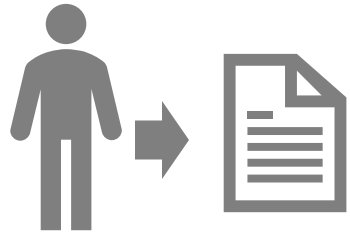
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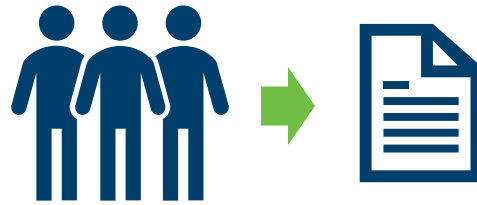
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**NOW THRU  
APRIL**



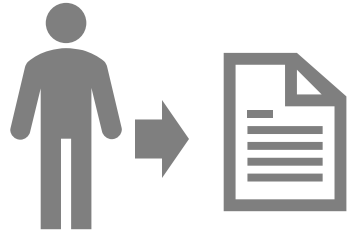
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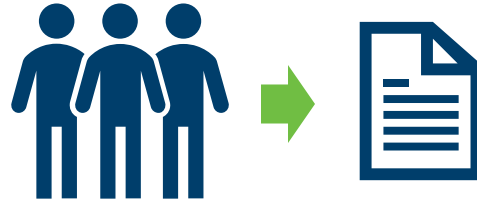
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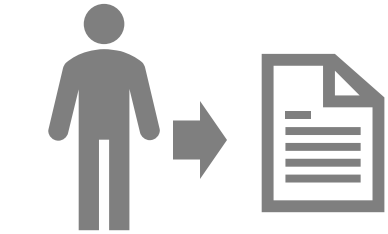
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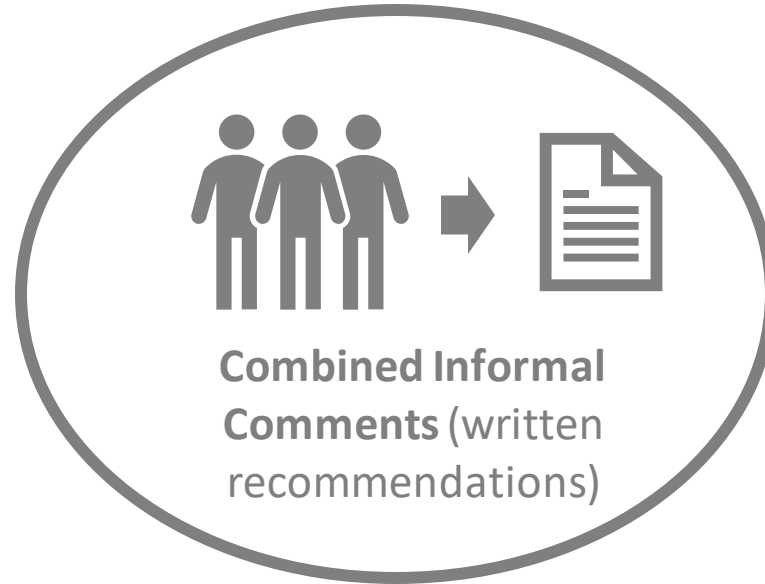
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- ✓ Efficient Fuel Switching
- ✓ CIP Financial Incentive

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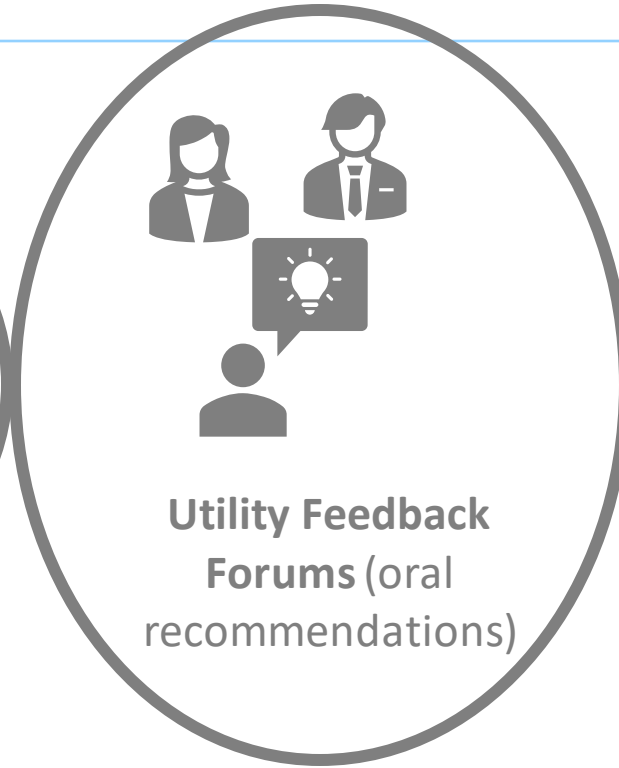
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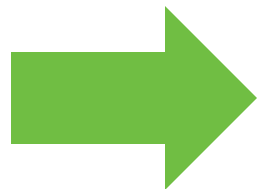
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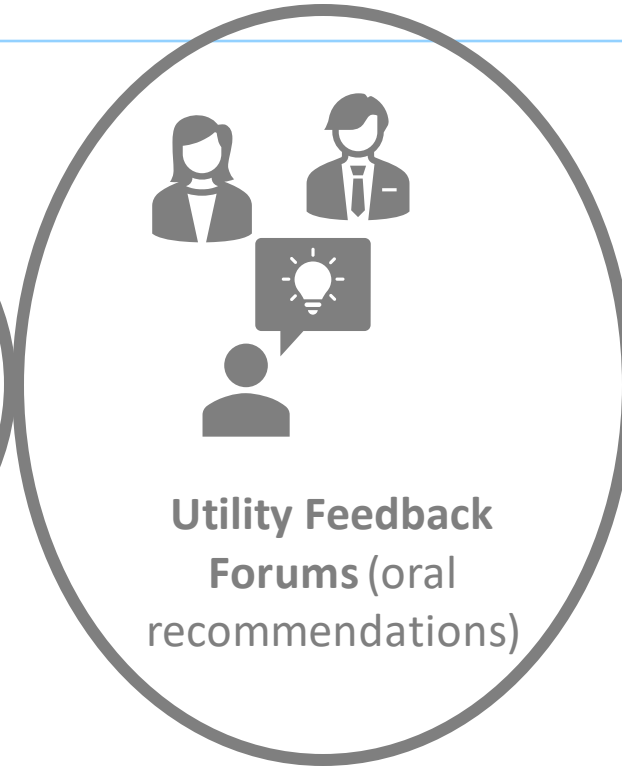
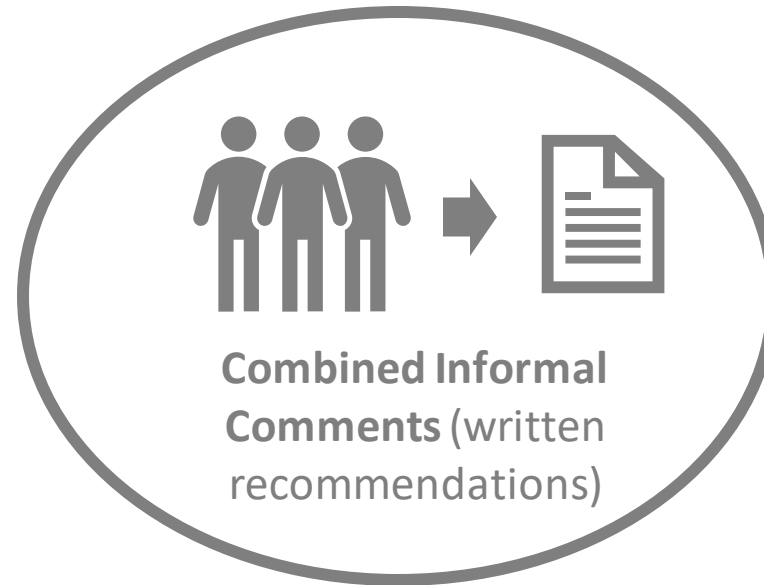
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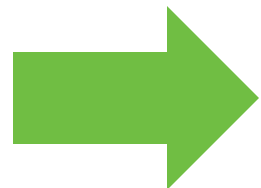
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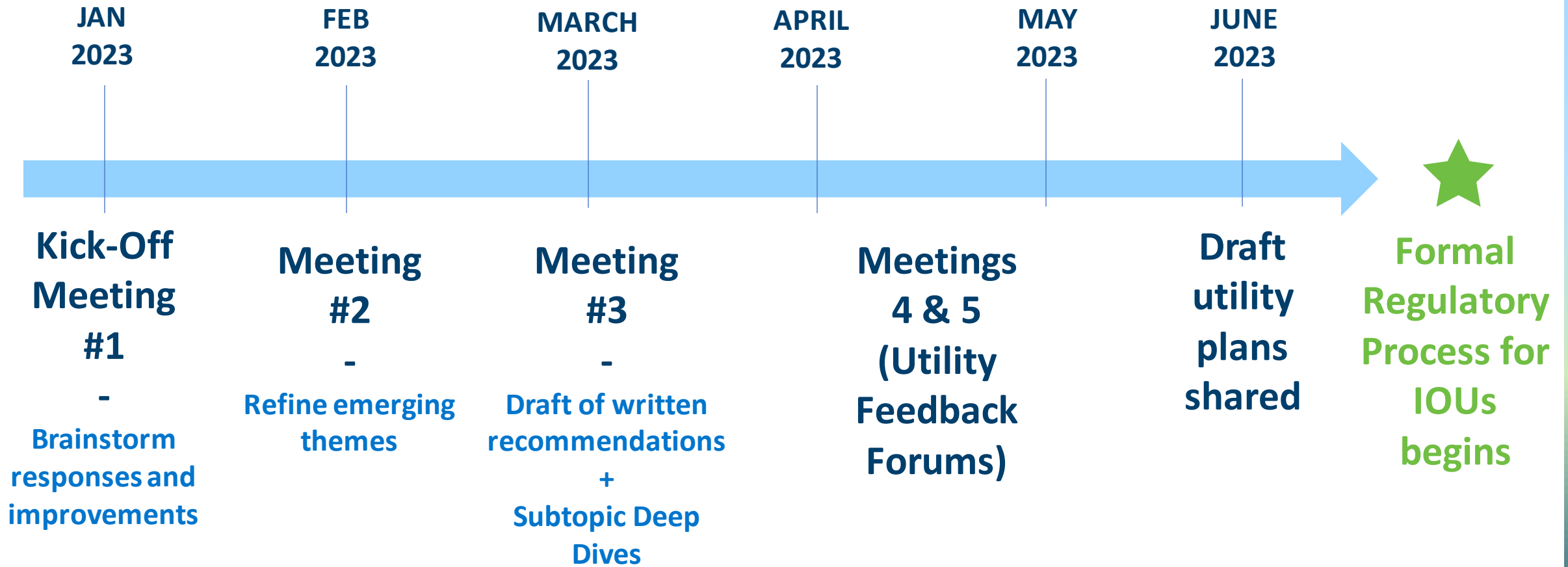
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**2) Spend Meeting #3 Diving into Subtopics**

# TIMELINE FOR PHASE I (this process)

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# BREAKOUT-ROOMS

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- **BREAK-OUT ROOMS = 30 min, designated facilitator in each**
- **Self-select into topic of interest (emerging theme) to dig into and refine (will introduce each theme on next slide)**
  - Synthesized responses from last week (Google Doc with summarized responses shared in chat)
  - Dig into one theme here, option for offline input on others afterwards

**\*\*Will return to large group close-out at 3:00 pm\*\***

# Breakout Rooms: Emerging Themes

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- 1) Consumer-Owned Utilities (cooperatives/munis)
- 2) Making it easier for Energy Service Providers to implemented energy efficiency
- 3) Making it easier for customers to participate in programs
- 4) Workforce Development and Contractor Training
- 5) Specific improvements for “low to moderate” income CIP programs



# Breakout Rooms: Emerging Themes

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## General topics being held until meeting 3

- ▶ **Pre-weatherization, efficient fuel switching** or related
- ▶ **Federal funding** (i.e. Inflation Reduction Act home energy rebates)

## General topics being held until Phase II (summer/fall)

- ▶ **General review of consumer-owned programs and activities** (outside scope of investor-owned utilities)
- ▶ **Activities beyond near-term scope of investor-owned utilities** (e.g. braiding of fund)



# BREAKOUT-ROOMS

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**Thank you!**

Next steps:

- Link to documents will be shared for offline feedback (thru Meeting #3 – TBD)
- Organizers will make minimal edits for clarity and compile as written recommendations for participants to review and sign-off on before sending to investor-owned utilities

# WHAT'S NEXT: Meeting #3

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Deep dive and discuss:

- ▶ **Efficient Fuel Switching**
- ▶ **Pre-weatherization Measures**
- ▶ **CIP Financial Incentive**

# A NOTE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

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**Feedback is welcome and critical to this process**

Trying to build something useful here for all participants and iterate based on participant feedback. Welcome thoughts on this process and the 'permanent working group'

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts!

# CLOSING OUT

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## ▶ **What to expect next**

- Will share a follow-up email to share slides and compiled responses from today's breakout room, and compile responses to Q&A
- A 'save the date' for the next meeting (Late March/early April)

## ▶ **Share in the chat**

- What new thing did you learn about?
- How do you feel?

THANK YOU!

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