Regional Environmental Justice Scores for Low-Income Community Solar and Non-Profit/Public Facilities for Program Year 4 (2021-2022)

Starting in Program Year 4 (PY4) for Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA), the Regional Environmental Justice (EJ) Score for each region will be a part of the location points used to score and select projects when the project selection process is necessary. The purpose of this change is to promote a proportional distribution of solar projects and funding to Environmental Justice Communities (EJCs). For full explanations of this score, see page 8 of the <u>Project Selection Protocol</u> and the <u>Response to Comments</u>.

Explanation of Regional EJ Score:

Each region is awarded a score that corresponds with potential location points (in some cases, no points will be awarded). The scores and points are calculated for each sub-program separately. A map of the regions and a list of counties in each region can be viewed <u>in this document</u> and on the <u>Approved Vendor Directory page</u> of the ILSFA website.

The score is calculated as follows:

% of IL EJC households located in that region / % of all RECs to-date awarded in that region

The scores for PY4 and the associated points for each sub-program can be found in the table below. In the project selection process for the Low-income Community Solar (LICS) sub-program and the Non-Profit/Public Facilities (NP/PF) sub-program, eligible projects located in Cook County receive 2 points due to having the highest Regional EJ Score. Projects located in the North West region receive 1 point in each sub-program due to having the second highest Regional EJ Score. Additionally, eligible projects located in the Southern region receive 1 point in the LICS sub-program due to no selected projects being planned or installed there to date.

	LICS			NP/PF	
Region	PY4 Score	Potential Points	Region	PY4 Score	Potential Points
Cook	23	2	Cook	2.63	2
North			North		
East	0.28	0	East	0.42	0
North			North		
West	0.29	1	West	0.57	1
West			West		
Central	0.23	0	Central	0.22	0
East			East		
Central	0.04	0	Central	0.08	0
	N/A (no				
	projects to				
Southern	date)	1	Southern	0.03	0