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	Outcome / Status
2017 Policy and Strategic Principles Recommendations	https://rieermc.ri.gov/2017-eermc-annual-report/
“Policy” – With the EERMC having set 3-year targets through 2020, the EERMC strongly recommends that the executive branch and legislature continue to support LCP and to resist efforts to set arbitrary limits on the amount of cost-effective efficiency that should be secured.	A budget cap at 2017 levels was set, and \$12.5 million was scooped from the system benefit charge.
“Strat. Princ.” – Rhode Island’s efforts to enhance our energy system should continue to build on the efforts of System Integration Siri, Docket #4600 and the Power Sector Transformation (PST) effort.	PUC is moving forward with a companion docket shaped by the PST work to Grid’s November rate case docket.
2016 Policy and Strategic Principles Recommendations	https://rieermc.ri.gov/2016-eermc-annual-report/
“Policy” - Create a sustainable funding mechanism for unregulated fuels for Rhode Island residences and businesses.	DF legislation did not pass in 2016
“Policy” - Strengthen appliance energy efficiency standards for products not covered by federal action.	Appliance legislation did not pass in 2016
<p>“Strat. Prin.” - Support ongoing investigation and efforts to optimize Rhode Island’s energy system integration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify Ways to Promote More Cost Effective, Comprehensive Non-Wires Alternatives Distribution Planning. b. Assess Market Potential, Costs, and Benefits of Strategic Electrification and Active Load Management. c. Pave the Way for Accelerated Use of Electric Vehicles. d. Map Rhode Island’s Current Renewable Energy Promotion Processes and Assess Adequacy and Gaps. e. Assess Market Potential, Costs, and Benefits of Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Time-Varying Rates. f. Consider Whether Methods of Performance Regulation Can Be Implemented to Further the Public Good 	SIRI group successfully supported these investigations and efforts. Docket #4600 covered many of these topics.

“Strat. Prin.” - Determine the most appropriate Cost-Effectiveness Test Methodology for Rhode Island	As part of the EERMC’s filing of EE Targets and LCP Standards update, an “RI Test” has been proposed to the PUC.
“Strat. Prin.” - Establish a Rhode Island “Sustainability Hub” with Smart Grid Pilot.	National Grid released an RFP to launch a Sustainability Hub in 2017
2015 Policy Recommendations	https://rieermc.ri.gov/2015-eermc-annual-report/
Continue electric and natural gas Least Cost Procurement (LCP)	The General Assembly voted to extend LCP legislation through 2024 during the 2015 session
Expand Least Cost Procurement to unregulated fuels	Ongoing discussions with Stakeholders to craft legislation providing sustainable funding
Expand financing and investment tools	The RI Infrastructure Bank was established in summer 2015; the Revolving Loan/on-bill repayment fund was expanded; the EERMC hired a “Finance Expert” to further explore issue.
Advance systems integration	The System Integration RI group was in 2015; the PUC recently opened a docket to explore this issue, as it relates to ratemaking
Enhance workforce development around energy efficiency	Training and education associated with program implementation
2014 Policy Recommendations	https://rieermc.ri.gov/2014-eermc-annual-report/
Extend Rhode Island’s Least Cost Procurement mandate beyond 2017	The General Assembly voted to extend LCP legislation through 2024 during the 2015 session
Develop a comprehensive financing approach to support aggressive Least Cost Procurement in Rhode Island	The RI Infrastructure Bank was established in summer 2015
Commence a comprehensive investigation of the potential for Grid Modernization to provide Least Cost Energy services and other benefits to RI’ers	The System Integration RI group was in 2015
Strengthen appliance minimum standards	Legislation was proposed, but not passed in 2014 and 2015.
2013 Policy Recommendations	https://rieermc.ri.gov/2013-eermc-annual-report/
Financing for Energy Efficiency - Res PACE, Large C&I, look at C-PACE	The RI Infrastructure Bank was established in summer 2015
Building Labeling & Disclosure Strategies	OER-coordinated Working Groups have been formed for both residential and C&I labels, and DOE grants funds have been applied for.
2012 Policy Recommendations	https://rieermc.ri.gov/2012-eermc-annual-report/
Disclosure strategies for homes & businesses and benchmarking requirements for public sector	OER-coordinated Working Groups have been formed for both residential and C&I labels, and DOE grants funds have been applied for.
Don’t redirect SBC funds to close budget gap	No sbc funds have been redirected



2011 Policy Recommendations	https://rieermc.ri.gov/2011-eermc-annual-report/
The same Least Cost Procurement investment requirement that applies to electricity – and the ability to fund it – should be required in Rhode Island law for natural gas service delivery as well.	LCP was expanded to natural gas in 2012.
OER, National Grid, and the General Assembly should work aggressively to ensure that cost saving, comprehensive, all-fuels efficiency services are available to all unregulated fuel users (heating oil, kerosene or propane) like they already are for electric and natural gas customers.	A working group was formed in 2012; recent efforts to fashion legislation are underway.

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