



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &**  
**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

<b>Legislated roles &amp; responsibilities</b>	<b>Proposed Priority</b>
(1) Evaluate and make recommendations, including, but not limited to, plans and programs, with regard to the optimization of energy efficiency, energy conservation, energy resource development; and the development of a plan for least-cost procurement for Rhode Island;	The 2020 Plans should actively seek to procure all achievable savings. While the 3-year targets provided initial estimates of savings potential, the parties engaged in 2020 planning should seek to maximize innovation, program enhancements and broad participation across all sectors to set achievable 2020 savings
(2) Provide consistent, comprehensive, informed and publicly accountable stakeholder involvement in energy efficiency, energy conservation, and energy resource management	Provide opportunities for consistent, comprehensive, informed and publicly accountable stakeholder involvement in energy efficiency and system reliability planning.
(3) Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of programs to achieve energy efficiency, energy conservation, and diversification of energy resources	Modernize and enhance data management across all sectors, enhance accessibility to and usefulness of the data to the public and key stakeholders.
(4) Promote public understanding of energy issues and of ways in which energy efficiency, energy conservation, and energy resource diversification and management can be effectuated	<i>Provide opportunities for consistent, comprehensive, informed and publicly accountable stakeholder involvement in energy efficiency and system reliability planning. (Same as above)</i>
<b>Themes in 3-year/annual Plan</b>	
1. <i>“Customers - Deliver comprehensive services encompassing all market segments and customers. Such services will enable customers to control their energy use, reduce their bills, and help support their financial well-being.”</i>	Include goals specific to active demand management and integrate the delivery of active demand management offerings within the EE programs in 2020.

<p>2. <b>“Least Cost</b> - Deliver energy efficiency services as cost-effectively as possible through optimizing finance and promoting upstream initiatives. Continuing to deliver cost-effective energy savings under Least Cost Procurement will create cost savings to all customers, while creating economic benefits that create and maintain local jobs and businesses.”</p>	<p>1. Efforts should be focused on acquiring these savings as cost-efficiently as possible. All efforts should be made to properly set implementation budgets, rebate &amp; incentive levels, and utility performance incentives. Creative financing mechanisms should also be pursued.</p> <p>2. Enhance connections between HVAC, weatherization, and other EE offerings, enabling customers to engage in more holistic improvements</p>
<p>3. <b>“Environment</b> - Provide solutions that maximize greenhouse gas emission reductions and contribute to Rhode Island’s clean energy policy goals, including the Resilient Rhode Island Act.”</p>	<p>The development and delivery of programs should support and compliment state policy and regulatory objectives, especially greenhouse gas emission reductions and economic issues.</p>
<p>4. <b>“Future</b> – Innovate to capture savings from new technologies and strategies to position energy efficiency programs for the future, including the integration of energy efficiency with demand response, renewable energy, and smart grid technologies. This includes incorporating outcomes from the RI Power Sector Transformation Initiative and Docket 4600.</p>	<p>1. Proactively plan for a future when claimable lighting savings are substantially less and/or limited.</p> <p>2. Support the development and scalability of efficient electric heating options</p>
<p><b>Annual Report Policy Recommendations</b></p>	
<p>The EERMC strongly recommends that the executive branch and legislature continue to support Rhode Island’s LCP law for both electric and gas service by passing legislation that facilitates and enhances its implementation.....</p>	<p>Support the timely and effective completion of EM&amp;V studies relating to the portfolio to support accurate estimates of energy savings and non-energy benefits, and the identification of needed program process improvements.</p>
<p>It is anticipated that the EE workforce will be rapidly changing in the coming years and will require a retooling of existing skillsets. Therefore, current efforts by the RI DLT as well as the Gov’s Workforce Board to support the EE and renewable energy workforce in RI should be expanded and coordinated with existing energy programs wherever possible. As the energy market continues to grow and transform within the state, training for the future and current workforce is essential.</p>	<p>Support current and future program implementation workforce needs through training and education support, with a focus on supporting RI-based businesses.</p>
<p>Aggregated or asset-based building energy information should be shared with prospective buyers/renters when a building is put up for sale or lease. This would allow greater transparency in RI building transactions, would spur the market for more EE homes, and would</p>	<p>Support growth and application of mechanisms to support customer awareness of building efficiency and the impacts and value of EE.</p>

<p>provide a level of customer protection not currently available to home buyers and renters.</p>	
<p>RI should adopt comprehensive appliance efficiency standards that also backstop existing federal appliance standards that may languish. Such action would achieve large energy and cost savings for Rhode Islanders</p>	<p>Actively support the adoption of codes and standards that increase energy efficiency in new buildings, in the replacing and renovating of homes and businesses, and in installed equipment and materials.</p>
<p>RI EE programs should constantly work to ensure that all customers and segments of the market have access to the benefits of EE savings. There should be a concerted effort to reach those who are economically vulnerable, and those who are currently above poverty guidelines, but need significant assistance to make EE investments. Coordination among all utility, state and federal income-eligible offerings/programs should be optimized to enhance the customer experience, increase program efficiency, and to strive for widespread participation.</p>	<p>RI EE programs should emphasize that all customers and segments of the market have access to the benefits of EE savings. There should be a concerted effort to reach those who are economically vulnerable, and those who are currently above poverty guidelines, but need significant assistance to make EE investments. Coordination among all utility, state and federal income-eligible offerings/programs should be optimized to enhance the customer experience, increase program efficiency, and to strive for widespread participation.</p>
<p>A concerted effort should be made to coordinate EE programs with renewable energy deployment, state health initiatives, resiliency efforts, and any other relevant state and federal programs that promote well-being and energy security and affordability for all RI'ers.</p>	<p>RI EE programs should coordinate EE programs with renewable energy deployment, state health initiatives, resiliency efforts, and any other relevant state and federal programs that promote well-being and energy security and affordability for all RI'ers.</p>
<p><b>System Reliability Procurement</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue coordination with Power Sector Transformation (PST) Non-wire Alternative process and objectives.</li> <li>2. Sustain progress on Non-Wire Alternative (NWA) Request for Proposals, and identify other opportunities for solutions.</li> <li>3. Ensure load forecasts incorporate electrification considerations going forward.</li> <li>4. Ensure all relevant National Grid teams such as Planning, EV-focused members of the PST team, and the Energy Efficiency teams are actively coordinating and communicating.</li> <li>5. Continue evaluation of and enhancements to the data portal. Also ensure continued outreach about the existence of the data portal to relevant stakeholders.</li> </ol>