



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

CONSULTANT TEAM

EERMC Proposed Priorities 2020 Energy Efficiency and System Reliability Procurement Planning Process

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Context

- What are the EE and SRP Priorities?
 - The Priorities allow the EERMC to provide guidance and direction to the Company, the Consultant Team, the Technical Working Groups, and other stakeholders, in the development of the 2021-2023 EE and SRP Plans
- Parameters
 - Priorities should be consistent with EERMC’s legislated role in supporting Least-Cost Procurement (LCP) law and reflect Priorities included in the Annual Report to the General Assembly. (Cross-referencing examples to follow)
- Challenge
 - The balance between What & Why vs. How



Process

- First, The C-Team provided a Draft memorandum detailing the purpose and objectives of the Priorities. The memo also includes an initial draft Priorities list for the EERMC's review.
- Next, based on discussion at the EERMC, the C-Team will update the draft for review during one on one EERMC member meetings to be scheduled for March
- Last, An updated final draft version of the Priorities will be distributed to the EERMC before the March 19th EERMC seeking the Council's approval
- The C-Team will present the Priorities to Technical Working Groups in April

The Priorities are created with a focus on the 2021-2023 Three-Year Plan

However, many of the Priorities will carry over into the 2021 Annual Plan.

A separate process to update the list, if needed, will be conducted closer to the Annual Plan development



Legislated Roles & Responsibilities



Make
Recommendations

The Three-Year Plan should:

- actively seek to procure the savings Targets proposed by the EERMC and approved by PUC
- focus on acquiring the Targets as cost-efficiently as possible.
- comply with the LCP Standards



Monitor and Evaluate

- Separate task for overseeing delivery of plans



Engage Stakeholders

The Three-Year Plan development process should create forums for consistent, comprehensive, informed and publicly accountable **stakeholder involvement** in energy efficiency and system reliability planning.



Ensure Public Benefit

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Annual Report Policy Recommendations

- The Three-Year Plan should align, where appropriate, with the EERMC's **Policy Recommendations proposed in the 2020 Annual Report** to the General Assembly.



DRAFT Policy Recommendation #1

- The EERMC strongly recommends that the executive branch and legislature **continue to support Rhode Island's Least Cost Procurement law** (§ 39-1-27.7) for both electric, delivered fuels, and gas customers by passing legislation that perpetuates, facilitates, and enhances its implementation.



DRAFT Policy Recommendation #2

It is anticipated that the energy efficiency workforce will be rapidly changing in the coming years and will require a retooling of existing skillsets. Therefore, current efforts by the RI Department of Labor & Training as well as the Governor's Workforce Board to support the energy efficiency and renewable energy workforce in Rhode Island 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.

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DRAFT Policy Recommendation #3

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 Rhode Island building transactions, would spur the market for more energy efficient homes, and would provide a level of customer protection not currently available to home buyers and renters.

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DRAFT Policy Recommendation #4

Rhode Island 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.

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DRAFT Policy Recommendation #5

Rhode Island energy efficiency programs should constantly work to ensure that all customers and segments of the market have access to the benefits of energy efficiency 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 efficiency 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 program participation.

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DRAFT Policy Recommendation #6

A concerted effort should be made to coordinate energy efficiency programs with renewable energy deployment, grid modernization, heating sector transformation, state health initiatives, resiliency efforts, and any other relevant state and federal programs that promote well-being and energy security and affordability for all Rhode Islanders.

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Other ideas? Key Issues?

