



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

5.e. Council Discussion & Vote on the 2021 Annual Energy Efficiency Plan

Key Discussion Question(s):

1. Does the EE Plan sufficiently address the concerns of the stakeholder groups represented by Council members?
2. Does the EE Plan achieve the 2021 energy savings targets and adhere to the current Standards? If not, are the reasons valid and clearly described?
3. Does the EE Plan identify strategies and an approach to program implementation that will secure all prudent and reliable, cost-effective energy efficiency that is lower than the cost of supply? I.e. does the Plan fulfill the requirements of Least Cost Procurement?
4. Are there any adjustments to the Plan that should be made to better fulfill Least Cost Procurement (LCP) requirements?
5. Are there any adjustments to the Plan that should be made to better support the groups represented by council members?
6. Will the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) likely approve the Plan? ("The commission shall issue an order approving all energy efficiency measures that are cost effective and lower cost than acquisition of additional supply, ... and shall approve a fully reconciling funding mechanism to fund investments in all efficiency measures that are cost effective and lower cost than acquisition of additional supply..." Excerpt from LCP Law)

Recommended vote language options:

1. WITHOUT AMENDMENTS: a motion to approve the 2021 Energy Efficiency Plan as presented today by National Grid to the Council with a total electric budget of \$122.3M and a total natural gas budget of \$38.6M, and to allow for non-impactful and cosmetic changes (typos, etc.) to be done prior to filing. Furthermore, the Council directs Marisa Desautel to provide a signature page to National Grid prior to October 15th as part of the Settlement of Parties for the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) filing.
2. WITH AMENDMENTS: a motion to approve the 2021 Energy Efficiency Plan as presented today by National Grid to the Council with a total electric budget of _____ and a total natural gas budget of _____, and to allow for non-impactful and cosmetic changes (typos, etc.) to be done prior to filing. This approval is contingent on the following amendments: ____ [List any necessary amendments here] _____. Any amendments made to the Plan prior to filing with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) must be reviewed and agreed to by the EERMC Consultant Team, acting on behalf of the Council. Furthermore, the Council directs Marisa Desautel to provide a signature page to National Grid prior to October 15th as part of the Settlement of Parties for the PUC filing.

5.i. Council Discussion & Vote on the 2021-2023 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan

Key Discussion Question(s):

1. Does the Three-Year Plan sufficiently address the concerns of the stakeholder groups represented by Council members?
2. Does the Three-Year Plan meet the approved energy savings targets and adhere to the current Standards? If not, are the reasons valid and clearly described?

3. Does the EE Plan identify strategies and an approach to program implementation that will secure all prudent and reliable, cost-effective energy efficiency that is lower than the cost of supply over the next three years? I.e. does the Plan fulfill the requirements of Least Cost Procurement?
4. Are there any adjustments to the Plan that should be made to better fulfill Least Cost Procurement (LCP) requirements?
5. Are there any adjustments to the Plan that should be made to better support the groups represented by council members?
6. Will the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) likely approve the Plan? (“The commission shall issue an order approving all energy efficiency measures that are cost effective and lower cost than acquisition of additional supply, ... and shall approve a fully reconciling funding mechanism to fund investments in all efficiency measures that are cost effective and lower cost than acquisition of additional supply...” Excerpt from LCP Law)

Recommended vote language options:

1. WITHOUT AMENDMENTS: a motion to approve the 2021-2023 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan presented today by National Grid to the Council, and to allow for non-impactful and cosmetic changes (typos, etc.) to be done prior to filing. Furthermore, the Council directs Marisa Desautel to provide a signature page to National Grid prior to October 15th as part of the Settlement of Parties for the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) filing.
2. WITH AMENDMENTS: a motion to approve the version of the 2021-2023 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan presented today by National Grid to the Council, and to allow for non-impactful and cosmetic changes (typos, etc.) to be done prior to filing. This approval is contingent on the following amendments: _____ [List any necessary amendments here] _____. Any amendments made to the Plan prior to filing with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) must be reviewed and agreed to by the EERMC Consultant Team, acting on behalf of the Council. Furthermore, the Council directs Marisa Desautel to provide a signature page to National Grid prior to October 15th as part of the Settlement of Parties for the PUC filing.

5.k. Council Discussion & Vote on the Cost-Effectiveness Report

Key Discussion Question(s):

1. Does the report accurately answer the question: are the 2021 EE and 2021-2023 Three-Year EE Plans cost-effective?
2. Does the report make it clear why the Plans are or are not cost-effective?
3. Will the report be helpful and/or informative for the PUC?
4. Is there any information that should be added to or clarified within the report?

Recommended vote language options:

1. WITHOUT AMENDMENTS: a motion to approve the cost-effectiveness report as currently written and to direct the consultant team to update the highlighted sections prior to submitting the report to the PUC by the November 5, 2020 deadline.
2. WITH AMENDMENTS: a motion to approve the cost-effectiveness report with the following amendments: _____ [List any necessary amendments here] _____. And to direct the consultant team to submit the report to the PUC prior to the November 5, 2020 deadline.