



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

CONSULTANT TEAM

Consultant Team Presentation: System Reliability Procurement Three Year Plan

Presented By: EERMC Consultant Team

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Three Year Plan Review

The Consultant Team and other stakeholders had the opportunity to review two Plan drafts

Third Plan draft currently before Council

Key Takeaways:

- Significant improvements in plan detail, structure, and clarity over prior SRP 3YP
- Clear efforts to be responsive to feedback
- Some topics remain under discussion, warrant further attention in 2021 – *focus of remaining slides*



Location-Targeted EE/DR

Location-targeted outreach for EE and DR in areas of known or emerging constraints is a no-regrets solution that may be able to avoid infrastructure investments at very low cost.

*How will this opportunity be pursued separately from **location targeted EE/DR projects as a one-off solution** to individual constraints?*



Discount Rate

Using **the appropriate discount rate** is critical to accurate cost-effectiveness screening of NWA (and NPA) opportunities within the RI Test framework.

How will this discount rate selection process be conducted, and a final selection made?



RI Test Impact Categories

Some **impact areas within the RI Test framework** have been identified as requiring further effort or research to quantify.

How will this process be undertaken so stakeholders have the chance to remain engaged and contribute?



Forecasting Engagement

National Grid's forecast is a critical input into the identification of SRP NWA (and NPA) opportunities.

It is also identified as an area for continued work in the Power Sector Transformation docket.

Is one meeting a year enough to provide stakeholder engagement on the forecast?



Clear & Concrete Commitments

Encourage continuation of the Plan's shift toward **concrete commitments:**

- Specific work area timelines & meeting schedules
- Clear deliverables with time to review and comment
- Include coordination with other proceedings



Next Steps

Most topics raised can be handled through SRP TWG and other as-needed meetings and discussions

Plan edits not required if Company agrees to address

Forecasting feedback could be resolved with a simple plan edit – revise text on page 45 of redlined final draft SRP 3YP to read:

“National Grid will host ~~an annual~~ 2-4 stakeholder meetings ~~at the beginning of~~ each ~~calendar~~ year to review the electric forecast released in Q4 of the previous calendar year and to discuss the forecast and details for the next forecast release.”



Recommendations

Approval of SRP Three Year Plan

Reflects real improvements

Low ratepayer risk (\$0 incremental funding)

SRP CE Report addressed in a later presentation

Optional: C-Team can draft clarifying language to add to the EERMC's Plan approval submittal letter to be developed and sent to PUC by EERMC counsel, highlighting the topics and questions discussed today



Questions?

Council Member Discussion