

# Update on 2022 EE Program Planning

RI EERMC meeting  
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# Summary

- **The Company has analyzed stakeholder priorities from the past two Technical Working Group meetings and is discussing how these may be reflected in 2022 Annual Plan.**
- **The PUC's rulings and open meeting discussions on the 2021 and 2021-23 Plans will also provide important guidance.**
- **These priorities will inform each stage of the 2022 Planning schedule, starting with the Plan Outline Memo release in June.**

# Key 2022 Planning Dates

- *Stakeholder Priorities Received – 3/25/2021, 4/29/2021*
- Plan Outline Memorandum - 6/3/2021
- First Draft - 7/15/2021
- Final Draft - 9/8/2021
- EERMC vote - 9/23/2021
- File with PUC - 10/1/2021

# Stakeholder Priorities Matrix (March/April presentations)

<b><u>Priorities</u></b>	Office of Energy Resources (OER)	Acadia Center	Green Energy Consumers Alliance	Energy Efficiency and Resources Management Council (EERMC)	Center for Justice	Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (DPUC)	City of Providence
<b>Electrification / Decarbonization</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equity</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cost Efficiency</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Planning / Reporting Process</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Policy / Regulatory Alignment</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Innovate / Diversify Programs</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# Recent PUC Direction

There are several considerations the Company and stakeholders must also address in developing the first draft of the 2022 Plan:

- The PUC revised and approved a new performance incentive focused on incentivizing the Company to achieve utility system benefits in the creation and delivery of the energy efficiency programs
- It also approved 5% annual budget increase for both electric and gas in years 2022 and 2023.
- The 2021 Order also maintained 2020 budget levels for the EnergyWise Single & Multi-Family Programs, and Single & Multi-Family Income Eligible Program for both electric and gas- Currently unclear what the appetite is for expansions in 2022.

# How Stakeholder Priorities Inform 2022 Planning

- Upcoming events building upon this feedback
  - 8 topical Deep Dive meetings scheduled April-June
    - Examples so far include Income Eligible, Small Business, and Active Demand
  - Equity Working Group (kicking off soon)
- The Plan Outline Memo will balance this stakeholder feedback and incorporate ideas developed through further engagement such as the Deep Dive meetings.

The graphic features a teal header with the text "nationalgrid 2021-2023 RHODE ISLAND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN" and "Schedule A" in the top right corner. Below the header is a grey box containing a circular icon of a house and a brief description of the plan's goals: "National Grid's 2021-2023 Energy Efficiency Plan continues to offer the nation-leading customer energy efficiency services that provide all customers with the tools needed to take control of their energy usage and lower their costs, including access to no-cost home energy assessments and comprehensive home weatherization and efficiency upgrades for income eligible customers, opportunities to purchase high efficiency products such as thermostats and lighting upgrades through upstream vendors, and tailored programs to support commercial and industrial customers in upgrading their facilities with the latest efficiency measures to increase productivity and reduce operating costs, whether they are small businesses or large manufacturing companies." It also includes a URL: "For more information on these energy efficiency programs, tips, and other information please go to [ngrid.com/save](http://ngrid.com/save)."

Below this is a section titled "5 Key Priorities" with five icons and their corresponding descriptions:

- Icon: Two people shaking hands. Text: "Deepen customer relationships"
- Icon: A speedometer. Text: "Drive adoption of comprehensive measures"
- Icon: A circular flow diagram. Text: "Expand active demand response"
- Icon: A gear with a dollar sign. Text: "Achieve cost optimization+efficiency"
- Icon: Two people standing. Text: "A deeper equity lens across all program planning and delivery"

The graphic concludes with a teal silhouette of a city skyline at the bottom, with the number "42" in the bottom right corner.

# Appendix



# Stakeholder Priorities (summarized)

- Office of Energy Resources (OER)
  - Support a just transition to a decarbonized economy
  - Minimize customer risk (through cost effectiveness/efficiency and transition to PPL)
  - Innovate & diversify for maximum benefit
- Acadia Center
  - Prioritize housing quality improvements
  - Ensure alignment with climate mitigation
  - Embrace clean heating and whole-house electrification
  - Sustain investments in efficiency as the leading energy resource



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- Green Energy Consumers Alliance
  - Emissions reductions (in alignment with Act on Climate)
  - Equity
  - Electrification
  - Process (including broader stakeholder engagement and more consistent reporting)
- Energy Efficiency and Resources Management Council (EERMC)
  - Align with Three-Year Plan
  - Comply with LCP Standards
  - Incorporate stakeholder input
  - Support equity & access
  - Ensure effective & efficient development & review process

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- Rhode Island Center for Justice
  - Climate: reduce adverse climate change and health impacts associated with fossil fuel use
  - Cost: mitigate increased costs to low-income customers
  - Content: transition away from lighting towards deeper measures
- Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (DPUC)
  - Meet program goals
  - Ensure programs reduce customer costs
  - Expand equitable EE programs for customers and the delivery workforce
  - Leverage EE to provide economic stability, recovery, and growth post-COVID
  - Improve the EE performance incentive mechanism
- City of Providence
  - Net zero buildings and decarbonized transportation
  - Equitable electrification
  - Resilience (municipal microgrids)