

# Memo



**To:** Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council  
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**Subject:** Energy Efficiency and System Reliability Procurement Technical Working Group Updates

CONSULTANT TEAM

The Energy Efficiency (EE) Technical Working Group (TWG) and System Reliability Procurement (SRP) TWG recently convened to discuss and gather feedback on relevant EE and SRP topics. The following intends to provide you with a high-level update regarding issues addressed in each meeting. Additional information about the EE TWG is on National Grid's website.<sup>1</sup>

## 1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

### a) July Meeting (7/22)

- TWG meetings will continue to operate virtually.
- National Grid presented an update on the EnergyWise program. EnergyWise has had a strong year in 2021 due to COVID-related pent-up demand. The EERMC will vote on the program's overspend at the July meeting. Stakeholders encouraged the Company to inform the PUC of overspend well in advance of the year-end report due in May 2022. Stakeholders were also interested in seeing more detailed information on specific drivers of increased program participation.
- National Grid presented on the draft 2022 EE Plan. Stakeholders gave suggestions on additional information to include when the Company presents to the Council on 7/29. Some stakeholders were encouraged that the Company proposes to continue supporting the residential sector despite a low probability of receiving a performance incentive. Comments on the draft are due on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### b) June Meeting (6/24)

- National Grid provided updates on the leadership team as part of the Company's sale to PPL.
- National Grid presented on and led a discussion on the 2022 Plan Outline Memorandum. This presentation included background information, overview of stakeholder priorities, key areas of focus by sector, updates on the benefit cost analysis, a variety of additional considerations, and an overview on the timeline.
- Stakeholder discussion focused on financing options, strategies for better serving income eligible customers, and effects of lighting transformation.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nationalgridus.com/ri-energy-efficiency-technical-working-group>

## 2. SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

### a) July Meeting (7/21)

- Update on Non-Pipeline Alternatives (NPA) Program Development presented by National Grid Team.
- Conservation Law Foundation presented, introducing themselves to the TWG and sharing their priorities for 2021.
- The Office of Energy Resources presented on *Locational Outreach for EE as an NWA*, building on discussions on this topic earlier in the year. National Grid also presented on this topic sharing their perspective on this emerging program area. Stakeholders discussed next steps and the coordination between EE and SRP that this idea likely entails.

### b) June Meeting (6/16)

- National Grid presented an update on NPA Program Development.
- The meeting focused on the Rhode Island System Data Portal. National Grid provided a presentation on Vendor Feedback Survey Results regarding the Data Portal. National Grid also led an interactive RI System Data Portal Walkthrough, during which stakeholders were able to ask questions regarding current and potential future functionality.