



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

CONSULTANT TEAM

Consultant Team Review of First Draft 2021 Annual Plan

Presented By: EERMC Consultant Team

Date: September 17, 2020



EE Plan Review Process Status



August 27 – Draft 1 received

- Consultant team (C-team) reviews Text and Benefit-Cost (BC) Models
- Cross-reference BC Models with Evaluations and Technical Reference Manual (TRM)
- Cross-reference previous year and 3-year plan
- Cross-reference BC Models with narrative in the EE Plan

September 10 -- Comments submitted to National Grid

- Collectively, ~300 comments provided on 2021 Plan drafts
- 24 comments provided on the BC Model

September 18-23 -- National Grid provides initial responses to comments provided

- C-Team will review all responses to confirm appropriate responsiveness and application of suggested enhancements, where appropriate



Primary Consideration in 2021 Plan

- COVID-19 economic impacts are significant, ongoing, and still being understood
- Surcharge sensitivity due to short-term economic concerns driven by COVID-19
- Broad range of stakeholders voiced concerns about any increase in energy rates in 2021
 - OER, DPUC, National Grid among them
- One-year freeze on SBC as short-term solution
 - Not anticipated to continue in 2022 and 2023



High Level Findings

- Partial responsiveness to comments submitted on July 3 version of 3YP (including 2021)
- Many positive enhancements building on past Annual Plans
- Focus has been on:
 - Assuring planned savings are maximized given COVID impacts
 - Appropriate investments in infrastructure and other areas supporting barriers reductions to drive future savings (i.e. workforce development, financing)
 - In support of the above objectives, making sure cost-efficiency is maximized for 2021 programs



Next steps

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- Review responses to comments provided by C-Team and stakeholders
 - Preview initial responses at EERMC Retreat on Monday, 9/21
 - Discussions with Grid and stakeholders between 9/21 – 9/25
 - Prepare recommendation for EERMC 10/8 vote based on 10/1 Final Draft Combined Plan