

2026 Energy Efficiency Plan Priorities

Consultant Team Presentation

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Outline



Background

2026 EE Plan Priorities

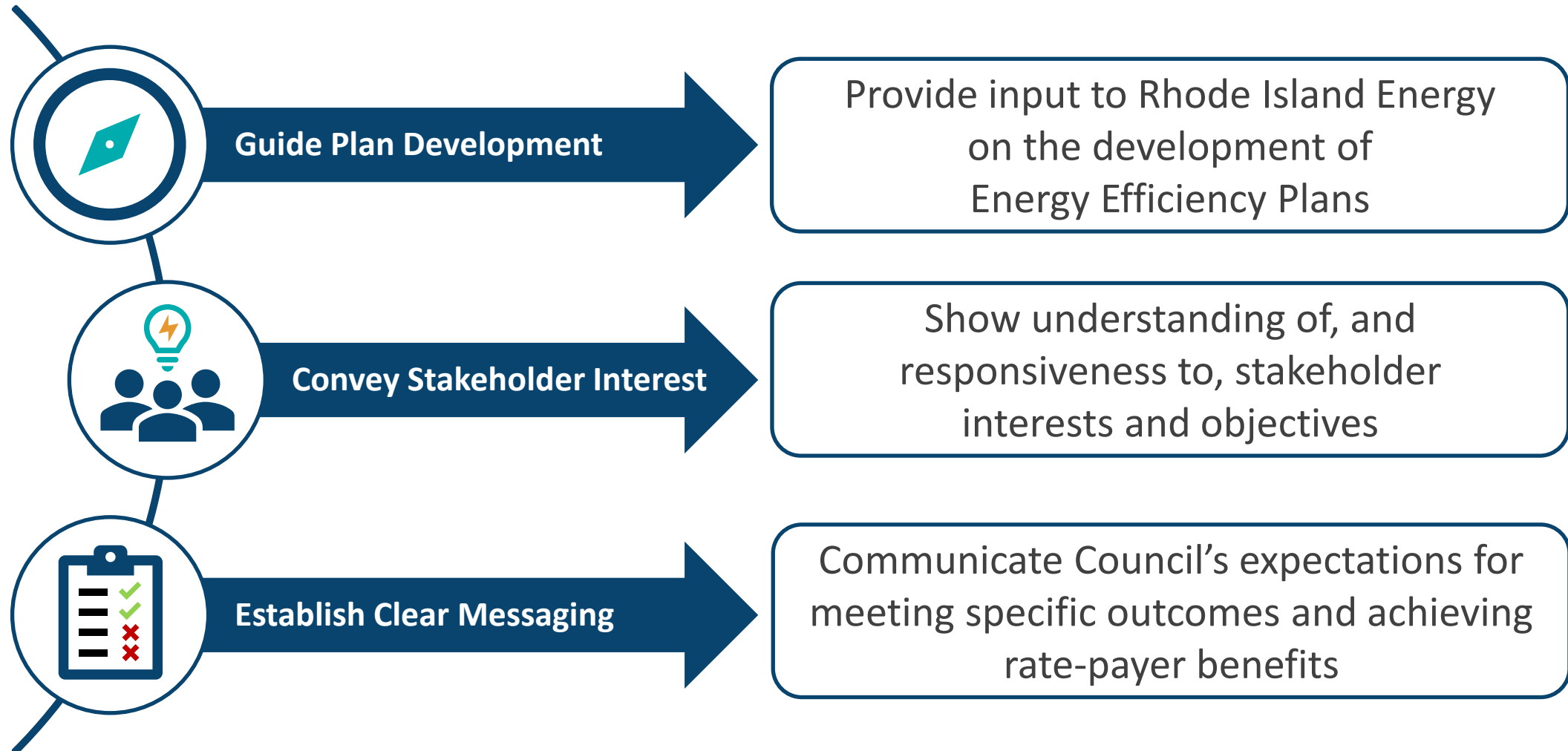
2024-2026 SRP Plan Priorities Update

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Background

Why Set Plan Priorities?



How Are Priorities Used?



Stakeholder Communication

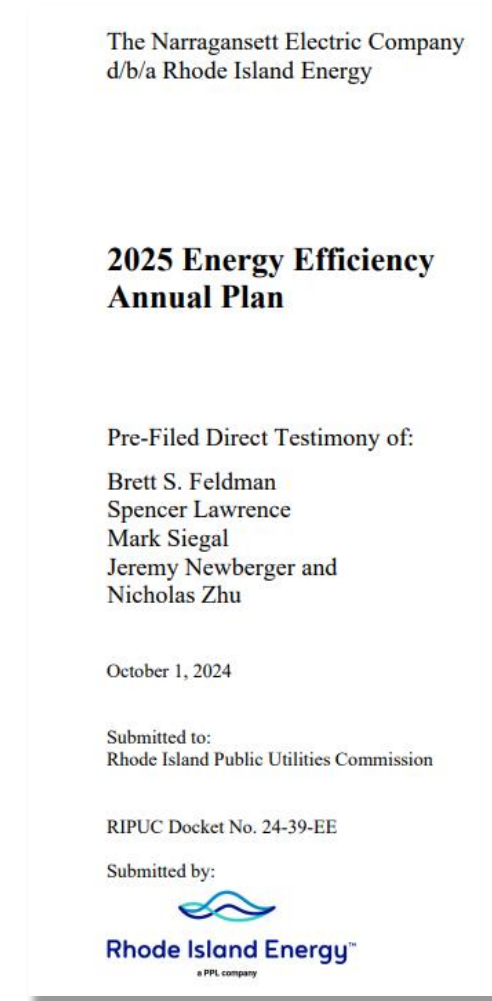
- Presented to Rhode Island Energy's stakeholder engagement groups, known as Technical Working Groups

Plan Review

- Consistently referenced during C-Team review of Plan drafts and final versions

Regulatory Proceedings

- Often cited in regulatory proceedings in testimony and written comments



Feedback Received in January



How does the Company decide what measures are considered as energy efficient technology?

Should the Council move some of the detail for priorities (i.e. priority strategies) into their own priority category?

Should the Council triage existing priorities (and priority strategies) to evaluate what true priorities are?

Main Takeaway: Most of what was developed last year is in pretty good shape, but may benefit from some level of prioritization

- Rank priorities
- Indicate which are baseline expectations versus true priorities that require extra work
- Identify and elevate a few priority/priority strategies to be emphasized



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* Updates made to title and/or priority strategies

Comply with Least Cost Procurement Standards (LCP)



Support the Goals of Act on Climate

Incorporate Stakeholder Input

Ensure Effective & Efficient Development & Review Process



Set Ambitious Annual Plan Savings Goals



Increase Participation in Underserved Communities

Conduct Targeted Workforce Development



Utilize Framework for Justifying Programs that Exceed Cost of Supply



Ensure Robust Coordination on Federal and State Funding Opportunities



Update the Carbon Accounting Methodology Used in the EE Plans

Note: Removed Cost of Supply Methodology priority as it was completed as part of 2025 Plan

Support the Goals of Act on Climate



Changed from “Supporting Compliance” to “Supporting Goals” of Act on Climate

Modified strategy around coordinating with Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council’s (EC4) 2025 Climate Action Strategy

Added content around outcomes of Future of Gas Docket

Set Ambitious Savings Goals



Changed focus from “signaling intent to grow” to “convey the importance” of energy efficiency programs

Added strategy that would encourage the Company to demonstrate what additional EE savings could be achieved with incremental budget

Added strategy for Company to document measures/approaches considered but not included in the Plan

Increase Participation in Underserved Communities



Replaced strategy to develop Equity Performance Incentive Mechanism roadmap with expectations for ongoing work around equity metrics

- Continue ongoing work
- Review, and if appropriate, track/report **additional** metrics previously identified by Equity Working Group that are not currently being evaluated

Added detail around strategy tied to small business process evaluation findings

Other Priority Updates



Framework for Justifying Programs that Exceed Cost of Supply

- Changed from “Develop” to “Utilize”

Coordination on Federal and State Funding Opportunities

- Expanded to also include coordination on State opportunities
- Added strategy that directs Company to be responsive to recommendations from the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) on this matter

Carbon Accounting Methodology

- Updated strategy to direct the Company to be responsive to recommendations from the Division on this matter



2024-2026 System Reliability Procurement Priorities Update

SRP Priorities Update



Council priorities for SRP previously mentioned the Gas Demand Response Pilot which has since been discontinued

Discontinuing pilot not meant to serve as a signal that gas demand response isn't important

Updated priorities to reflect expectation that Company will continue to explore options for gas demand response offerings



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February: Council receives and discusses First Draft of 2026 Plan Priorities

February/March: Council discusses, refines and votes on 2026 Plan Priorities

- Council members can review and provide feedback in time between February and March meetings

March: C-Team presents Council Priorities to EE Technical Working Group

Council Discussion

