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2026 Planning Update

May 15, 2025

Agenda



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- Timeline
- Summary of Memo Comments
- Budget Reduction Discussion
- Current Variables

Timeline



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April	
04/04/25 (Fri)	2026 Annual Plan Outline Memo Due to EEC
04/17/25 (Thu)	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting
04/24/25 (Thu)	Technical Working Group Meeting
4/25/25 (Fri)	2026 Annual Plan Outline Memo Stakeholder Comment Period Ends
04/28/25 (Mon)	Equity Working Group Meeting
May	
05/15/25 (Thu)	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting
05/22/25 (Thu)	Technical Working Group Meeting
05/26/25 (Mon)	Equity Working Group Meeting
June	
06/20/25 (Fri)	1st Draft of 2026 Annual Plan Narrative and Numbers Due to EEC
06/23/25 (Mon)	Equity Working Group Meeting
6/26/25 (Thu)	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting
6/27/25 (Fri)	1st Draft of TRM to EEC

Stakeholder Comments: 2026 Draft Outline Memo

- Understand tension between EE spending and bill affordability
- Interested in Rhode Island Energy's role in EC4 climate strategy
- Waiting for the Future of Gas
- Combined Heat and Power
- Process documentation around new measures, stakeholder engagement, etc.
- EM&V Study Findings
- Implications of federal policy
- Ongoing importance of equity metrics
- More detail on AMF research

DPUC: “Significant Budget Reductions”



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- 2026: 3rd year of Three-Year Plan
 - 2025 Budget: \$115M
- Discussion:
 - What are the council’s budget priorities?
 - Potential impacts of reductions
 - Council feedback for Rhode Island Energy



Current Planning Considerations

- Coordination
 - DPUC Recommendations for Coordination with OER, GHG analysis
 - OER: HEAR and CHRI
- Act on Climate, Future of Gas
- RGGI funding for GHGI Pre-Weatherization Barriers

Federal Uncertainties

- LIHEAP
- Energy Star
- IRA
- DOE Standards
- Tariffs



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