

# MEMO

## CONSULTANT TEAM

**TO:** Energy Efficiency Council  
**FROM:** EEC Consultant Team  
**CC:** Office of Energy Resources  
**DATE:** June 26, 2025  
**RE:** June 26<sup>th</sup> EEC Meeting Briefing Memo



### PURPOSE OF BRIEFING MEMO

The purpose of this briefing memo is to assist members of the Energy Efficiency Council<sup>1</sup> with digesting the many materials and decisions they may need to make at each meeting. It follows a similar format to the meeting agenda so Councilors can follow along throughout the meeting. For each agenda item, this memo will highlight key considerations for the Council and clearly indicate what actions (if any) the Council needs to take. The Consultant Team (C-Team) has worked with the Office of Energy Resources (OER) to also incorporate the content that Councilors are used to seeing in the “Recommended Vote Language” document. This ensures the Council has a single point of reference during meetings. This memo will also note any supplemental materials that are provided, but not associated with, specific agenda items. The C-Team and OER welcome any feedback on the format and content.

## 6. PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

### 6A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF 2024 END-OF-YEAR PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

#### Key Considerations

- The C-Team and the Company will present on 2024 program performance. The Company’s Year-End Report will also be included as a meeting material.
- The C-Team’s content includes portfolio-level summaries on savings performance, spending, cost-to-achieve, performance incentives, benefits, emissions reductions, and savings performance by program. It also includes a couple of select program highlights.
- The Company’s content will highlight key drivers of performance, particularly for programs that underachieved in 2024. It also includes some additional highlights for programs that did well in 2024.
- A high-level key takeaway slide is provided for quick reference (see slide 4).

#### Discussion Questions

- What are some lessons learned from programs in 2024 that can be acted on in implementing 2025 programs and planning for 2026 and beyond?
- What measures and/or programs have opportunity for growth?

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<sup>1</sup> All materials associated with the Energy Efficiency Council are the work of the “Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council” and any public meetings materials posted on the RI Secretary of State website should be searched using that title.

- Are there resources that the Company does not have (or does not have enough of) that would help improve portfolio and/or individual program performance?
- What type of Council input (feedback, perspectives, etc.) would be most helpful to the Company?

#### Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

### 6B. RHODE ISLAND ENERGY PRESENTATION ON THE 2026 DRAFT PLAN NARRATIVE

#### Key Considerations

- Rhode Island Energy distributed the first draft of the 2026 Annual Energy Efficiency Plan (narrative and numbers) on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Company will update the Council on the Plan's development timeline, key program updates being proposed for 2026, as well as an overview of the first draft budget numbers
- High-level electric and gas portfolio savings and budget numbers indicate significant decrease in budgets and savings.
  - **Electric Portfolio:** Proposed savings are down 33% compared to the 2025 Plan, and proposed budgets are down 16% compared to the 2025 Plan
  - **Gas Portfolio:** Proposed savings are down 2% compared to the 2025 Plan, and proposed budgets are down 9% compared to the 2025 Plan

#### Discussion Questions

- There will be dedicated time separate from this agenda item for the Council to discuss Rhode Island Energy's presentation on the first draft of the 2026 Annual Energy Efficiency Plan.

#### Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

### 6C. COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE 2026 DRAFT PLAN NARRATIVE

#### Key Considerations

- This is a dedicated time slot for Council discussion, which will be facilitated by the C-Team.
- Councilors should feel free to discuss and direct questions to either or both of Rhode Island Energy and the C-Team
- Councilors should be aware that comments on the First Draft of the 2026 Plan are due to the Company by Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>. The C-Team be completing its review in time to meet that deadline, and Councilors should feel free to reach out to the C-Team in between today's Council meeting and the comment deadline.

### Discussion Questions

- With significant reductions in proposed electric and gas budgets, what programs are changing the most in terms of savings impact? Which are changing the least?
- In developing the budget and savings for the first draft of the plan, what was the Company's approach to reducing budgets?
- What areas of the budget, especially for non-incentive costs, does the Company feel it can be more efficient with?
- What level of cost-effective savings is the Company proposing to forgo by reducing program budgets?

### Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

## 7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 7A. COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE 2026 COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSAL

#### Key Considerations

- OER will present an overview of potential considerations for the Council's 2026 budget development process.
- The Council's 2026 budget proposal must be finalized and submitted to the Company for inclusion in its 2026 Energy Efficiency Plan filing.
- The Council should plan to work towards a vote on its proposed 2026 budget in either July or August.

#### Discussion Questions

- What public education activities would the Council like to pursue in 2026?
- Are there Dockets or regulatory activities on the horizon for 2026 that the Council may want to participate in?
- How would the Council like to determine its energy efficiency targets for 2027-2029 and approach any market potential studies?
- Are there any modifications or additional information that you would like regarding Council services (consultants, legal, etc.)?
- Are there sponsorship opportunities of interest for 2026?

### Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

### **MONTHLY DATA SNAPSHOT**

The Company's process for transitioning from its legacy data-reporting systems to its new one is continuing to take longer than initially expected. The C-Team will begin distributing Monthly Data Snapshots to the Councilors again as soon as possible once the Company's data reporting system transition is complete.

### **COUNCIL BUDGET TRACKER**

OER has provided an updated version of the Council's budget trackers for 2025.

### **COUNCIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

The Consultant Team has provided a 2025 version of the Council's Calendar of Events which includes meeting dates, topics, and proposed milestones for planning activities related to the 2026 EE Plan.

### **INITIAL DRAFT OF JULY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

An initial draft of the May Council meeting agenda is included. Councilors are welcome to share any feedback.

### **COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

The Consultant Team has provided its next iteration of the Newsletter to the Council. The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep Councilors apprised of activities and developments that are relevant to the Council's interests, but that may not be able to be covered as topics on Council meeting agendas. The Newsletter covers a wide variety of topics such as updates on Equity Working Group and Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) meetings, relevant regional energy news, and upcoming energy events.

### **FIRST DRAFT OF THE 2026 ANNUAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN**

Copies of the main text and attachments of the plan have been provided. Attachments include:

- Attachment 1 – Residential and Income Eligible Programs
- Attachment 2 – Commercial & Industrial Programs
- Attachment 3 – Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification Plan
- Attachment 4 – Rhode Island Test Description
- Attachment 5 – Electric Budget and Savings Tables
- Attachment 6 – Gas Budget and Savings Tables
- Attachment 7 – Demonstrations, Pilots, and Assessments
- Attachment 8 - Definitions