



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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**To: Rhode Island Energy**

**From: Division of Public Utilities & Carriers**

**Date: July 7, 2025**

**Re: Rhode Island Energy's First Draft of the 2026 Energy Efficiency Plan**

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The Division of Public Utilities & Carriers ("Division") has reviewed Rhode Island Energy's ("RIE" or the "Company") First Draft of the 2026 Energy Efficiency Plan ("Plan") and has the following general comments for the Company's consideration:

First, the Division commends the Company for proposing reductions on both the electric and gas System Benefits Charge. In the current climate, the Division continues to support efforts and measures aimed at offering ratepayers some much needed relief on their monthly utility bills.

Second, the Division appreciates the steps taken by the Company to address its concerns and recommendations regarding the carbon accounting methodology made in last year's 2025 Energy Efficiency Plan docket, Docket 24-39-EE. Nonetheless, the description of the current approach to carbon accounting does not provide a complete explanation of the methodology and results. The Division would appreciate it if the Company can provide more details on the calculations, provide the workbooks used for the calculations, or both.

Additionally, the Divisions supports the Company's proposal to pause Home Energy Reports in 2026 to ramp up the application of Advanced Metering Functionality. We also support the Plan's aim to streamline the EnergyWise Single Family program for non-income-eligible and income-eligible customers, add heat pump water heaters, and improve pre-weatherization barrier remediation processes. The Division continues encourage coordination with the Office of Energy Resources, specifically with regard to the Clean Heat RI Program.

Finally, the Company will be filing proposals for Combined Heat & Power projects separately from the Plan. The Division will review those proposals when filed and make recommendations to the Public Utilities Commission at that time.