

Council Options for Voting on the 2026 EE Plan

Consultant Team Presentation

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Council's Responsibility



EEC role and responsibility in potentially endorsing Energy Efficiency Plans as described in the LCP Standards:

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*The Council shall vote **whether to endorse** the Annual EE Plan prior to the prescribed filing date.*

*If the Council **does not endorse** the Annual EE Plan, the Council shall document its reasons and submit comments on the Plan it chose not to endorse to the PUC for its consideration in final review of the Plan.*

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Summary of Vote Options



1. **Endorse the 2026 Plan** and join a Settlement of the Parties*. This would send a strong signal of the Council's support for the 2026 Plan as filed.
2. **Endorse the 2026 Plan** but decline to join a Settlement of the Parties. This allows the Council to generally support the Plan while maintaining a clear path for documenting its concerns.
3. **Not endorse the 2026 Plan** but indicate that if specific condition(s) are met it would be endorsed.
4. **Not endorse the 2026 Plan** and provide a list of reasons why it was not endorsed for PUC consideration in its final review of the 2026 Plan.

All vote options afford the Council further opportunities to weigh in on the 2026 EE Plan

***Settlement of the Parties:** One or more of the parties involved in the Plan development process (e.g. Council, OER, individual stakeholder groups) “sign” on to the Company’s filing

What Happens Once Plan is Filed?



October

- **October 1st:** Rhode Island Energy Files Plan
- **Mid October:** Council's Cost-Effectiveness Report
- **Mid-to-Late October:** Deadline to file for intervention / objections to motions to intervene
- **Late October:** Council testimony and documentation regarding budget ★
- **Ongoing:** Data Requests ★

November

- **Early-to-Mid November:** Intervenor Pre-filed Testimony/Comments ★
- **Mid November:** Rhode Island Energy Reply Testimony/Comments
- **Ongoing:** Data Requests ★

December

- **Early December:** Data Request Deadline
- **Mid December:** Commission Hearings ★
- **Mid-to-Late December:** Commission Ruling

★ Opportunities for continued Council input

Opportunities For Providing Input



Data Requests

- Can be directed to any intervening party in the Docket
- Typically require responses within 10-days of issuance

Pre-Filed Testimony

- Question and Answer format
- Historically used by C-Team to describe Council involvement in Plan development
- Raise areas for Commission consideration in the Docket

Recommendations/Requested Approvals

- Could be used to request the Commission take certain and specific action(s)
 - Example: “Request that the Commission direct the Company to do X,Y,Z”

Council Member Discussion



- Do Councilors feel they have a clear understanding of what their requirements are?
- Do Councilors understand the proposed vote options?
- Are there other paths forward that Councilors have in mind for voting on the Plan while ensuring obligations are met?