

# MEMO

## CONSULTANT TEAM

**TO:** Energy Efficiency Council  
**FROM:** EEC Consultant Team  
**CC:** Office of Energy Resources  
**DATE:** November 20, 2025  
**RE:** November 20<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 ON Q3 2025 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

#### Key Considerations

- Materials for this agenda item include a joint-presentation from Rhode Island Energy and the C-Team along with Rhode Island Energy’s formal Third Quarter report.
- The presentation includes portfolio and sector level highlights and select sector level context from Rhode Island Energy.
- The appendix, which can be referenced during Council discussion, includes Rhode Island Energy updates on equity metrics and a summary of key observations for every single program.
- Through the third quarter, the electric portfolio has achieved 37% of the lifetime savings goal with 45% of the budget spent while the gas portfolio has achieved 35% of the lifetime savings goal with 49% of the budget spent.

#### Discussion Questions

- Which programs are Councilors most/least concerned about?
- Are there programs that the Council would like to hear more about today or at future meetings?
- How much uncertainty is there in Rhode Island Energy’s year-end forecasts?

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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.

- Would it be helpful for the content in future presentations to include information on non-electric/gas performance data (e.g. delivered fuel savings)?

#### **Council Actions**

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

### **6B. REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

#### **Key Considerations**

- The 2026 Plan Docket is well underway, with intervenor testimony having already been filed and data requests being issued and responded to
- The C-Team will provide a summary of the testimony provided, key themes covered in data requests, and outline some next steps
- Hearings are scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Discussion Questions**

- How are the Council's representatives preparing for engagement in the hearings?
- How can stakeholders that are not intervening in the Docket provide comments to the Commission?

#### **Council Actions**

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

### **7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **7A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON SETTING 2027-2029 ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGETS**

#### **Key Considerations**

- The Council is required to develop and submit to the PUC energy efficiency program targets for the period of 2027-2029
- The purpose of the targets is to help establish what is potentially available cost-effective efficiency and to guide establishment of savings goals
- The C-Team will provide a status update on the work it is planning to do to help inform the development of these targets.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- How should the Council balance benefits of setting aggressive targets with risks of overestimating market readiness or budget capacity?
- How should other policy/priorities be considered (e.g., equity and access, integration with Act on Climate, etc.)?

**Council Actions**

Required Vote      Potential Vote      **No Vote**

**7B. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL VOTE TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

**Key Considerations**

- The Council’s current agreement with Handy Law, LLC to provide legal service began April 2024 for one year until end of April 2025. The agreement was extended through April 2026.
- The Council has the option to extend the agreement for one additional one-year term, or put the work back out to bid. At the Council’s October 16<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting, the Council elected to issue an RFP.
- OER will review a draft of the RFP and lead the Council in a discussion where a vote may be taken.

**Discussion Questions**

- Is the Council satisfied with the current draft of the RFP?
- Are there any changes that Councilors would like to see made to the RFP prior to voting and issuing it?

**Council Actions**

Required Vote      **Potential Vote**      No Vote

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**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.

**COUNCIL BUDGET TRACKER**

OER has provided an updated version of the Council’s budget tracker for 2025.

**INITIAL DRAFT OF DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

An initial draft of the December 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting agenda is included. Councilors are welcome to share any feedback.

### **MONTHLY DATA SNAPSHOT**

The Consultant Team has provided a monthly data snapshot which includes several visuals to display lifetime savings and spending achieved through the month of July, relative to plan goals.

### **RELEVANT 2026 PLAN DOCKET MATERIALS**

The Consultant Team has provided relevant materials associated with the 2026 Plan Docket. These include testimony and comments provided by the Council, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, OER, and Rhode Island Energy, as well data requests (and responses where complete) issued and responded to by intervenors in the Docket.