

MEMO

CONSULTANT TEAM

TO: Energy Efficiency Council
FROM: EEC Consultant Team
CC: Office of Energy Resources
DATE: February 19, 2026
RE: February 19th EEC Meeting Briefing Memo



PURPOSE OF BRIEFING MEMO

The purpose of this briefing memo is to assist members of the Energy Efficiency Council¹ 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. ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLANNING UPDATES AND TIMELINE DISCUSSION

Key Considerations

- Rhode Island Energy will provide a presentation on their proposed planning timeline for the 2027-2029 EE Program Planning
- The timeline includes dates for key deliverables, deadlines for feedback, and meeting dates of the Council and Technical Working Group

Discussion Questions

- Is the Council satisfied with the planning timeline as proposed?
- Would the Council be willing to move certain scheduled meetings to allow for more review time and/or to ensure that the Council is able to meet within the review period of key deliverables?
- If necessary, is the Company willing to work with the Office of Energy Resources and the Council to revise the schedule to ensure that it allows sufficient time for review and comment?

6B. 2025 CONNECTED SOLUTIONS PROGRAM RESULTS PRESENTATION

Key Considerations

¹ 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.

- The ConnectedSolutions program is Rhode Island Energy’s active demand response program
- 2025 program performance in the ballpark of 2024 performance
- Some participant fatigue evident, particularly with C&I offerings

Discussion Questions

- What strategies could improve participation in underperforming pathways?
- How will the performance of the programs over the past couple of years inform the evolution to the design of these programs in the future?
- What is the Company planning to do to combat customer fatigue and/or unenrollment from the program?

Council Actions

Required Vote Potential Vote **No Vote**

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7A. CONSULTANT TEAM PRESENTATION AND POTENTIAL VOTE ON SETTING 2027-2029 ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGETS

Key Considerations

- The Council’s C-Team will present an update on recommended energy efficiency targets for 2027-2029
- Targets are a statutory requirement and must reflect potentially available cost-effective efficiency
- Target development relies heavily on existing market potential studies with targeted updates

Discussion Questions

- Do the proposed Targets meet the LCP requirement to identify all potentially available cost-effective efficiency?
- Are there additional findings, analyses, or clarifications the Council needs before it is comfortable recommending these Targets?
- How should other policy/priorities be considered (e.g., including or excluding new efficient gas equipment)?

Council Actions

Required Vote **Potential Vote** No Vote

Potential Vote Language

- **A motion to approve and adopt the 2027-2029 targets as presented** by the Council’s Consultant Team on February 19, 2026 and to direct the Council’s legal counsel to file these targets with the Public Utilities Commission.
- **A motion to approve and adopt the 2027-2029 targets, with amendments,** as presented by the Council’s Consultant Team on February 19, 2026 with the following amendments {state amendments} and to direct the Council’s legal counsel to file these targets with the Public Utilities Commission.

7B. DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Key Considerations

- Priorities and policy recommendations are intended to provide policy makers, stakeholders, Rhode Island Energy, and regulators with a clear sense of the Council’s strategic direction
- Major legislative proposals, including a cap on program budgets, could significantly reshape the scope and impact of energy efficiency programs
- The Council should be strategic in decide which topics it prioritizes and how it plans to communicate its priorities and its policy recommendations

Discussion Questions

- Which topics feel most urgent and relevant right now?
- Which recommendations should be carried forward, changed or let go?
- How does the Council want to make its policy recommendations and/or plan priorities actionable, and how can the Council make sure these are clear and timely for key decision makers?

Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

COUNCIL BUDGET TRACKER

OER has provided an update to the 2025 budget tracker and an initial version of the Council’s budget tracker for 2026.

MONTHLY DATA SNAPSHOT

The Company is still finalizing year-end reporting for 2025 and has not yet provided monthly data for January. The C-Team will begin distributing Monthly Data Snapshots to the Councilors again as soon as data reporting resumes.

OER AND DPUC PRESENTATION TO SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On February 10, 2026, OER and the DPUC provided a presentation to the Senate Finance Committee outlining various components of energy policy included in the Governor's FY2027 Budget.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY REPORT

There are two supplemental materials associated with this topic. First is the State's Climate Action Strategy Report, which was completed in December of 2025. The second is a memo from the Consultant Team that summarizes the Climate Action Strategy Report and key elements included in it that are associated with the Council's work.

DRAFT MARCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

OER has provided an initial draft of the meeting agenda for the Council's March 19, 2026 meeting. Councilors are welcome and encouraged to provide feedback.

EEC NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY

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.