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# 2027-2029 Planning

April 16, 2026

# Proposed Planning Timeline



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## April

Friday, April 10, 2026	2027-2029 Plan Outline Memo Due to EEC
Thursday, April 16, 2026	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2026	2027-2029 Plan Outline Memo Stakeholder Comment Period Ends

## May

Friday, May 1, 2026	File 2025 Year End Report
Thursday, May 21, 2026	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2026	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting

## July

Wednesday, July 1, 2026	Draft of 2027-2029 Plan Narrative and Numbers Due to EEC
Thursday, July 9, 2026	TRM Draft sent to C-Team
Thursday, July 16, 2026	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting
Friday, July 17, 2026	Comments due on draft of TRM
Friday, July 24, 2026	Draft Plan Narrative/Numbers Stakeholder Comment Period Ends

## August

Monday, August 3, 2026	First Draft of Equity Working Group Report to EEC C-Team
Thursday, August 20, 2026	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting

## September

Friday, September 4, 2026	Final Draft Equity Working Group Report sent to EEC
Tuesday, September 8, 2026	Final Draft of 27-29 EE Plan due to EERMC C-TEAM (Narrative and Numbers), including AESC 2027 Draft
Thursday, September 10, 2026	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2026	Energy Efficiency Council Meeting

## October

Thursday, October 1, 2026	2027-2029 Plan Filed with PUC
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# Planning Context



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- First Binding Three-Year Plan
- Affordability: Balancing Short-Term Costs and Long-Term Benefits
- Energy Efficiency Market Maturation
- Budget and Policy Uncertainty



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## Coordination and External Funding

- State and federal programs
  - Clean Heat Rhode Island
  - CommerceRI
  - HEAR/HER
  - Heat Pump Accelerator
- Address barriers to participation
  - GHHI
  - ACEEE
- External funding uncertainty



## Priorities and Themes for 2027-2029

- Cost-Effective Investments
- Data-Driven Targeting
  - AMI viewed as a tool, not a guaranteed savings driver
  - Focus on analytics, targeting, and evaluation use cases
- Equitable Participation
  - Reduce barriers to participation
  - Focus on measurable outcomes
- Customer Experience
  - Simplify program pathways
  - Improve clarity and usability of offerings
  - Focus on changes that encourage participation

# Residential and Income Eligible Focus Areas



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- Measures
  - Weatherization: Foundational
    - Expand market by addressing deferrals
  - Heat Pump Adoption
    - Electric Heating Replacement
  - Recycling
- Methods
  - Improved Customer Experience
  - Targeted Use of Data
  - Renter and Landlord Outreach
  - Program Cross-Promotion



## Commercial & Industrial Focus Areas

- **Controls, vendor engagement, and custom opportunities**
  - Savings claimed for LED-to-LED conversions and lighting controls
  - Expansion of "PEX-like" vendors to support non-lighting end use (e.g. refrigeration, EBCx)
- **C&I Opportunities Study to inform measure expansion**
  - Approximately 15 measures identified
  - Implementation Plan provides measure-specific guidance pertaining to application processing, vendor engagement and training, 2027-2029 planned savings, TRM updates, and application
- **Market transformation pursued as a complementary strategy**
  - Investigating opportunities to develop a portfolio of market transformation initiatives
    - Expanded training of code officials (existing MT initiative)
    - Partnership with regional or national MT organization (e.g. NEEP, NEEA)



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