

MEMO

CONSULTANT TEAM

TO: Energy Efficiency Council
FROM: EEC Consultant Team
CC: Office of Energy Resources
DATE: April 16, 2026
RE: April 16th 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. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF 2025 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

Key Considerations

- The C-Team and Rhode Island Energy will present on preliminary year-end results for the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) energy efficiency programs.
- The presentation includes portfolio-level summaries on savings performance, spending, and cost-to-achieve for the C&I sector. It also includes additional quantitative and qualitative measure-level results.
- Rhode Island Energy will provide some qualitative updates including an overview of C&I savings opportunities and updates on staffing, data tracking systems, and program delivery
- A high-level key takeaways slide is provided for quick reference (see slide 6).

Discussion Questions

- Do any of the preliminary 2025 results raise concerns for the Council?
- Do the preliminary 2025 results and other qualitative updates affect your perspective on upcoming Plan development? If so, how?

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.

- What additional background detail or data analysis might help better inform your input on C&I programs?

Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

6B. RHODE ISLAND ENERGY 2027-2029 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN OUTLINE MEMO PRESENTATION

Key Considerations

- Rhode Island Energy developed and shared its 2027-2029 Energy Efficiency Plan Memorandum and Outline (“Plan Outline Memo”) on April 10th and has asked for comments to be provided by April 30th
- The Plan Outline Memo is intended to provide early insights regarding the high-level strategy and themes that Rhode Island Energy plans to address in the 2027-2029 Plan and is not intended to provide any quantitative elements (budgets, savings and benefits, etc.)
- It includes background and context, an overview of the planning process, Rhode Island Energy’s priorities, and focus areas for program development.

Discussion Questions

- Does the memo meet the Council’s expectations and provide sufficient understanding and preview of what is to come for the 2027-2029 Plan?
- Does any of the content covered surprise you?
- Are there things that you would have expected to see in the memo but didn’t?

Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7A. DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN PRIORITIES

Key Considerations

- Priorities are intended to provide policy makers, stakeholders, Rhode Island Energy, and regulators with a clear sense of the Council’s strategic direction
- The C-Team has provided the Council’s priorities from the last plan cycle as a starting point for the development of its priorities for 2027-2029.
- Any feedback received from Councilors will be considered and incorporated into an updated draft memo of the priorities for the Council to consider in May.

Discussion Questions

- How can Council priorities provided the best guidance to Rhode Island Energy?
- Do the priorities reflect the needs of all constituent groups represented by the Council?
- Does the Council wish to alter the presentation of its priorities, for example, by establishing sector- or program-specific priorities beyond the more overarching portfolio strategies the Council has historically provided?

Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

7B. DISCUSSION OF THE COUNCIL'S 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Key Considerations

- The Consultant Team will provide updates on the development of the 2026 EEC Annual Report
- The Council adopted a new, more concise format last year which is currently being utilized for the development of this year's report
- New content under consideration for this year's report include an overview on the Council's involvement in the 2026 Plan proceedings and how energy efficiency is considered in the state's Climate Action Strategy

Discussion Questions

- Would you like to see any additional updates to the structure or content of the Annual Report or Executive Summary pamphlet?
- Would you like to print Executive Summary pamphlets again instead of the full report?
- Any other thoughts about the Annual Report development or distribution?

Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

7C. PLANNING DISCUSSION FOR THE 2026 LEAD SESSIONS

Key Considerations

- The C-Team is in the process of confirming dates and organizing the Council's 2026 Learning, Education, and Advancement Discussion (LEAD) meetings. We are currently targeting Monday, June 8th and Monday, October 26th at Rhode Island College.
- A list of topics has been proposed based on ongoing Council activities and current developments in Rhode Island's energy landscape.

- LEAD Session meetings are scheduled for three hours and can typically accommodate two or three topics.

Discussion Questions

- Which potential topics are the highest priority for the spring LEAD Session?
- Which items would make more sense to cover in the fall?
- Are there any other topics not on this list that should be considered?

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.

COUNCIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Consultant Team has provided a 2026 version of the Council's Calendar of Events which includes meeting dates, topics, and proposed milestones for planning activities related to the 2027-2029 EE Plan.

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 March, relative to plan goals.

DRAFT APRIL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

OER has provided an initial draft of the meeting agenda for the Council's May 21st, 2026 meeting. Councilors are welcome and encouraged to provide feedback.

RHODE ISLAND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Consultant Team has provided a memo which includes a high-level update on current legislative activity related to the Council's statutory responsibilities.