

MEMO

CONSULTANT TEAM

TO: Energy Efficiency Council
FROM: EEC Consultant Team
CC: Office of Energy Resources
DATE: June 18, 2026
RE: June 18th 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. SPECIAL TOPIC

6A. GREEN AND HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE (GHHI) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON PRE-WEATHERIZATION BARRIER REMEDIATION PILOT PROGRAM

Key Considerations

- GHHI will present updates on its pilot program to remediate pre-weatherization barriers. Such barriers commonly include mold, asbestos, knob-and-tube wiring, vermiculite, structural damage, pests, and combustion safety issues.
- Mitigation of pre-weatherization barriers do not produce direct energy savings, but it does enable building envelope upgrades following remediation work.
- These barriers are an equity concern because they are more prevalent in less affluent communities. Even if customers are income eligible, they are unable to leverage RIE offerings prior to barrier remediation.
- In the 2025 Energy Efficiency Year-End Report, RIE identified that 371 of 893 project deferrals were attributable to pre-weatherization barriers, which represents 42% of deferrals.

Discussion Questions

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 lessons has GHHI learned about the prevalence and costs of remediating pre-weatherization barriers?
- What are the primary barriers to scaling this pilot alongside existing EE programs to serve more income-eligible customers, or other customer segments that commonly face pre-weatherization barriers?
- For customers who were identified for potential electrification, would the anticipated project scopes result in reduced energy burdens?

Intended Outcomes

- Understand impacts of the pre-weatherization barrier remediation pilot
- Identify strategies or funding sources to support barrier remediation

Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

7. PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

7A. NEXT STEPS WITH SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT PLANNING AND THE CONNECTED SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

Key Considerations

- The Company will present on current developments in the SRP Three-Year Plan and its 2027-2029 ConnectedSolutions Investment Proposal for demand response programs.
- RIE’s program objective is to reduce regional coincident peak demand
- Key changes being considered in the next SRP Three-Year Plan:
 - Leveraging advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) to support customer targeting, education, and participation by residential and small non-residential customers
 - New event participation requirements for Residential thermostat and EV DR customers
 - New C&I performance factors to more accurately measure customer load reductions
 - Re-evaluation of incentives levels for cost-effectiveness and long-term sustainability
 - Implement fossil fuel permitting requirements to limit participation by fossil-fuel driven energy resources for load curtailment

Discussion Questions

- How is the value of RIE demand reduction evolving since RIE’s last investment proposal?
- How can ConnectedSolutions provide even more value through targeted load curtailments in constrained areas of the grid?

- How is ISO New England's Capacity Market restructuring for 2028 impacting RIE's planning and strategy?²

Intended Outcomes

- Provide Council input on the SRP Three-Year Plan and Connected Solutions Investment Proposal
- Understand changes to the current ConnectedSolutions program design
- Discuss opportunities to further utilize flexible demand resources to address grid constraints and seasonal loads (winter DR)
- Encourage mechanisms to integrate EE and demand response programs to maximize customer and utility system benefits

Council Actions

Required Vote

Potential Vote

No Vote

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Council may vote to enter an Executive Session (also referred to as a closed meeting) pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-4(a) to discuss the Council budget as described in Agenda Item #8.a. and Agenda item #8.b. The business to be discussed and the statutory purpose of entering into an Executive Session, is R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(7): "A matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest."

8A. DISCUSSION ON EEC BUDGETING PROCESS AND PLANNING

Key Considerations

- OER will present on the Council's budgeting practices, including past trends and recent developments.
- The Council's 2027 budget proposal must be finalized and submitted to the Company for inclusion in its 2027-2029 Energy Efficiency Plan filing, which is currently proposed for September 1, 2026.
- It is important to establish a process for setting the Council budget that aligns with a binding three-year plan framework.
- The Council should plan to work towards a vote on its proposed 2027 budget in July.

Discussion Questions

- How will a three-year binding plan change the Council's budgeting process?

² In 2028, ISO NE will move the capacity market from an auction three years in advance of commitment period to prompt auctions held shortly before commitment periods and seasonal (summer and winter) prices. Info available at: <https://www.iso-ne.com/committees/key-projects/capacity-auction-reforms-key-project>

- What public education activities would the Council like to pursue in 2027?
- Are there Dockets or regulatory activities on the horizon in which the Council may want to participate in 2027?
- Are there any modifications or additional information that you would like regarding Council services (consultants, legal, etc.)?
- Are there sponsorship opportunities of interest for 2027?
- Is there other information that would help the Council shape its budget proposal for 2027?

Intended Outcomes

- Develop process for Council budget development that aligns with a binding Three-Year Plan framework
- Understand each component of the Council’s budget proposal for 2027
- Identify any items that may be added to, or removed from, the Council's 2027 budget proposal
- Discuss justification of items included in the budget proposal
- Refine the budget proposal to prepare for a Council vote in July to ensure timely inclusion in the 2027-2029 Plan

Council Actions

Required Vote Potential Vote **No Vote**

8B. REVIEW AND POTENTIAL VOTE TO ISSUE CONSULTANT SERVICES RFP

Key Considerations

- OER will present an RFP for Consultant Services for the Council’s review and feedback.
- The Council may propose revisions and amend the RFP.
- The Council may vote to issue the RFP and assign members to a technical working group.

Council Actions

Required Vote **Potential Vote** No Vote

Recommended Vote Language

- **Issue the RFP for Consultant Services**
 - A motion to issue an RFP for Consultant Services as presented by the Office of Energy Resources on June 18th, 2026.
- **Issue the RFP for Consultant Services with amendments**
 - A motion to issue an RFP for Consultant Services as presented by the Office of Energy Resources on June 18th, 2026, with the following amendments {state amendments}.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCIL PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS MEMO

The Consultant Team has provided a memo summarizing the opportunities for improving the Council's processes and effectiveness that were identified during the Spring 2026 Learning, Education, and Advancement Discussion (LEAD) Session meeting on June 8th, 2026. The memo includes current challenges with existing Council processes, priority areas for improvement, guiding principles for improving Council operations, and initial implementation steps.

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 May, relative to plan goals.

Residential Sector Takeaways

1. While spending for the electric portfolio is on pace to meet budget, the Income Eligible Sector is lagging significantly. Concerningly, while spending is lagging (just 16% of budget spent to date), savings are lagging even more significantly, with just 8% of lifetime savings goal realized to date.
2. On the gas side, the Income Eligible Sector shows the same performance trend – just 13% of budget spent and only 10% of the lifetime savings goal realized.
3. Notably, Income Eligible Multifamily (IEMF) program performance is further behind for both electric and gas. The IEMF gas program has realized 0 MMBtus in lifetime savings and spent 2% of the planned budget; for IEMF electric, 4% of the lifetime savings goal has been realized while 7% of the budget has been spent.
4. The EnergyWise Multifamily program is significantly underperforming on both the gas and electric side as well, with just 3% of the lifetime savings goals realized for both fuels.
5. Residential New Construction continues to show strong performance, especially for electric savings, with 52% of the lifetime savings goal realized with only 40% of the budget spent through May.

Commercial & Industrial (C&I) Sector Takeaways

1. C&I electric programs are behind in terms of estimated year-to-date savings needed to meet planned values. Through May 2026, lifetime electric savings are about 20% behind while gas

lifetime savings are about 30% behind the likely minimum achievement needed to “on pace” to meet goals.

2. Simultaneously, electric spending is about 40% higher than what could be considered on pace to meet planned budgets; gas spending is on pace with planned budgets, but this is coupled with a notable lag in lifetime savings achievement to date.
3. The total cost to achieve savings through May is about 45% higher than planned for 2026; however, it is not uncommon for C&I programs to incur costs for things like technical assistance before those costs result in savings (i.e., completed and closed projects).
4. Lighting remains the top end use in terms of magnitude of actual electric savings.
5. Top-saving electric measures include interior LEDs with integrated controls, HVAC fans, interior LEDs without integrated controls, custom HVAC, and custom motors & drives. Together, these five measures account for 70% of year-to-date C&I electric savings.
6. Top-saving gas measures include HVAC insulation, spray valves and nozzles, steam trap repair and replacement, efficient cooking equipment, and HVAC controls. These five measures account for 86% of year-to-date C&I gas savings.

DRAFT JULY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

OER has provided an initial draft of the meeting agenda for the Council’s June 18th, 2026 meeting. Councilors are welcome and encouraged to provide feedback.