

PROPOSED TOPICS FOR UPCOMING SESSION

1. **Heat Pump Rate Case & Demand-Side Management** – Learn about the proposed heat pump electric rate and the broader role of demand-side management in supporting beneficial electrification, affordability, and state climate goals, and discuss what role the Council might play in this work.
2. **The Future of Energy Efficiency Planning** – Explore how the transition to a more electrified energy system is changing the relationship between energy efficiency, grid planning, and demand-side strategies. Discuss the role of advanced metering infrastructure (AMI), load flexibility, customer programs, and emerging opportunities for the Council to engage in this evolving landscape.
3. **Energy Affordability & the Value of Energy Efficiency** – Explore how energy affordability is defined and measured, examine the costs that drive customer energy bills, and discuss how energy efficiency and demand-side management contribute to affordability, avoided infrastructure costs, and long-term customer value.
4. **Making the Most of Three-Year Planning** – Explore what opportunities may emerge from the transition from annual to three-year planning (e.g. increased focus on program implementation, evaluation and long-term strategy) and how to realize the full potential of a longer planning cycle.
5. **Discussion with Contractors** – Interact with Rhode Island residential energy efficiency contractors to hear frontline perspectives on program implementation, customer needs, and opportunities to improve program design and delivery.
6. **State Climate Efforts** – Update on Rhode Island's Climate Action Strategy implementation, opportunities, and challenges – including the critical role of energy efficiency and where the Council can contribute.
7. **Legislative Updates & Education Opportunities** – Reflect on outcomes from the recent legislative session, look ahead to emerging policy issues, and discuss opportunities for the Council to provide objective information and technical expertise to policymakers.
8. **Council Effectiveness (Continued)** – Ongoing discussion to reflect on Council processes, assess progress on previously identified improvements, and explore additional opportunities to strengthen engagement, deliberation, and overall Council effectiveness.

PRIOR LEAD SESSION TOPICS

Monday, June 8, 2026

- Least Cost Procurement Standards
- Opportunities for Council Process Improvements

Monday, November 3, 2025

- Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice – Results & Recommendations
- 2026 Energy Efficiency Plan Docket

Monday, May 5, 2025

- 2025 ACEEE State Scorecard: Overview & Results
- PUC Discussion: Electricity Costs & Performance Incentive Mechanism

Monday, October 28, 2024

- Energy Efficiency Legislation: Current Challenges & Opportunities
- Legislator Education on Energy Efficiency
- Market Potential Study

Monday, April 29, 2024

- Future of Gas Docket Update
- EE & Climate Public Awareness Campaign
- Building Decarbonization Bill & Potential Vote to Support Letter

Monday, October 30, 2023

- Opportunities for Council Process Improvements
- PUC Regulatory Process for Energy Efficiency Plans
- Advanced Metering Deep Dive

Monday, May 1, 2023

- EERMC Brand & Communications Focus Group
- EC4 Activities Update
- Upcoming EERMC RFPs & Budgeting Process
- Updates to Least Cost Procurement Standards

Monday, November 28, 2022

- 2024-2026 Three-Year Plan – Overview & Market Potential Study
- MA Energy Efficiency Equity Targets, Metrics & Reporting
- RI & MA Energy Efficiency Equity Targets, Metrics & Reporting
- 2024-2026 Three-Year Plan – EERMC Priorities & Strategy

Wednesday, June 30, 2022

- Facilitated Discussion on Councilor Experience
- Presentation & Discussion on the “*Nonparticipant Market Barriers Study*” and the “*Participation & Multifamily Census Study*”

- Facilitated Discussion on Current EE Issues Related to EERMC Work

Monday, November 8, 2021

- PUC Proceedings Update
- Deep Dive: Strategic Electrification
- Deep Dive: HVAC Market Transformation
- On the Horizon: 2022 and Beyond

Friday, May 28, 2021

- Council Purposes, History & Resources
- Discussion on Council Member Experience
- Advancing Equity in RI Energy Efficiency Programs
- Regulatory Overview with the RI Public Utilities Commission

POTENTIAL TOPICS FROM JAN 2023 MEMO

- Future of gas & advanced metering
 - Docket update from RI Energy
 - Other clean energy infrastructure - smart homes, virtual power plants, etc.
- Energy storage
 - Docket update from RI Energy
- EC4 activities
 - Update & discussion
 - Opportunities to better align/coordinate efforts between EERMC & EC4
 - Tie in to priority on Act on Climate
- Equity efforts
 - Equity Working Group update & discussion re: how EERMC can support
 - Discussion with someone “on-the-ground” (ClearResult, CAPs??)
 - Tie in to priority around supporting MWBE workforce – task force idea
- Carbon pricing approach
 - Deep dive on cost tests & BCR model
- Education / communication / messaging
 - Update on EERMC education efforts
 - Presentation from RI Energy marketing team
 - EERMC branding focus group led by vendor
 - How can the Council strengthen narrative around energy efficiency benefits
 - Tie in to priority around program messaging and new opportunities to engage customers
- "Resource Management"
 - How can the Council’s work be more inclusive of this aspect of its name
- Third party program administration(??)
- Three-Year SRP Plan
 - Presentation by RI Energy (Oct)

Survey Results – Jan 2022

(4/5) Income eligible programs and multifamily programs
(3/5) Acadia Center's RESPECT Framework (Reforming Energy System Planning for Equity and Climate Transformation)
(2/5) EE Equity Working Group progress
(2/5) Participant and nonparticipant / multifamily census studies
(1/5) Development of Council equity statement

V (3/5) Workforce development
V (3/5) Heating electrification efforts

V (2/5) Braiding EE and other resources to increase access and streamline program participation across silos
V (2/5) Long-term financial impacts of EE investments on ratepayers – rate & bill impacts
(2/5) How forward capacity markets support energy efficiency
V (2/5) Future of energy efficiency programs
(1/5) Understanding the foundational role of EE in meeting RI's decarbonization and clean energy goals
(1/5) EE's effects on transmission & distribution
(0/5) Virtual home energy assessments
(0/5) Small business program
(0/5) Weatherization
(0/5) EM&V