

2027-2029 System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Investment Proposal for Electric Demand Response (**ConnectedSolutions**)

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Dear SRP Technical Working Group Members, Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council members, and Stakeholders,

Rhode Island Energy is pleased to provide the **second draft** of the **2027–2029 System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Investment Proposal for Electric Demand Response**, which outlines the proposed continuation and evolution of the Company's **ConnectedSolutions** demand response program.

ConnectedSolutions is designed to reduce regional coincident peak demand through customer participation and technology-enabled load management. By reducing demand during peak periods, the program aims to lower electricity supply costs, defer infrastructure investments, improve system reliability, and create value for Rhode Island customers.

The second draft reflects consideration of stakeholder feedback received on the first draft and Rhode Island Energy's ongoing efforts to develop a demand response portfolio that is cost-effective, reliable, prudent, and environmentally responsible while maintaining a positive customer experience and supporting evolving system needs.

The proposal remains in draft form as Rhode Island Energy continues discussions with the Implementation Vendor to identify potential cost-saving opportunities and finalize certain administrative assumptions.

Key Revisions in the Second Draft

- **Stakeholder feedback and customer clarity:** Expanded explanations of program design, customer experience, consent, enrollment, and customer control, particularly for Background Energy Adjustments.
- **Advanced Meter Functionality (AMF):** Expanded discussion on how AMF data and customer-facing tools may be used to identify participation opportunities, support targeted customer outreach and education, and evaluate participation gaps.
- **Incentive transparency:** Refined battery and Daily Dispatch incentive schedules to provide additional clarity regarding the multi-year incentive rates.

- **BYOT Target Enrollments:** Updated BYOT target enrollment levels to reflect actual 2026 enrollment levels and revised growth assumptions. Growth assumptions remained the same; the starting level of devices was changed.
- **Daily Dispatch:** Revised the proposed Performance Factor, including a 2027 grace period, and a mid-season nomination adjustment opportunity intended to improve enrollment accuracy and participant accountability.
- **Benefit-Cost Analysis:** Updated to reflect revised BYOT assumptions, budget, and Regional Network Services (RNS) values.

Review & Next Steps

The second draft is being circulated in advance of continued discussions with the Council, the SRP Technical Working Group, and stakeholders. The current proposal schedule includes:

- September 24, 2026: Opportunity for discussion at the EEC Meeting
- October 15, 2026: Council discussion
- November 20, 2026: Anticipated regulatory submission to the RIPUC

Questions & Comments

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Rhode Island Energy appreciates stakeholder engagement and looks forward to continued collaboration throughout development of the 2027-2029 **Connected**Solutions Investment Proposal.