MEMO

CONSULTANT TEAM

TO: Energy Efficiency Council
FROM: EEC Consultant Team
CC: Office of Energy Resources
DATE: September 24, 2026
RE: September 24th EEC Meeting Briefing Memo

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING MEMO

The purpose of this briefing memo is to assist members of the Energy Efficiency Council[1] 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. FACILITATED DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE 2027-2029 THREE-YEAR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN

Key Considerations

- Rhode Island Energy and the Council's Consultant Team will facilitate a discussion with the Council members on the final draft 2027-2029 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan with a focus on addressing any new updates to the Plan and the topics of interests of the Council Members before the Council members decide on whether or not to endorse the 2027-2029 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan
- The Plan is largely responsive to the Least-Cost Procurement (LCP) Standards and partially responsive to the Council priorities
- Key concern that remains unaddressed: misalignment between timing of the 2027-2029 Plan and regional Avoided Energy Supply Cost (AESC) Study

Discussion Questions

- What aspects of the Three-Year Plan does the Council still have concerns with?
- How would the Council like to raise outstanding concerns in the Docket for the Three-Year Plan?

[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.

- Are there concerns the Council has but feels are best to be addressed through future collaboration with the Company as opposed to raising directly in the Docket?
- Do Councilors have any questions regarding regulatory review of the 2027-2029 Three-Year EE Plan and/or any Council filings in the docket?

Intended Outcomes

- Vote on whether to endorse the Three-Year Plan (see vote options listed below)

Council Actions

Required Vote Potential Vote No Vote

Recommended Vote Language

1. Endorse the 2027-2029 Plan: A motion to endorse the 2027-2029 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan as presented by the Rhode Island Energy to the Council on September 24, 2026, allowing for non-substantive changes (typos, etc.) to be done prior to filing.

2. Endorse the 2027-2029 Plan with conditions: A motion to endorse the 2027-2029 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan as presented by the Rhode Island Energy to the Council on September 24, 2026 should it meet the following condition(s): *{state conditions(s)}*

3. Not endorse the 2027-2029 Plan: A motion to not endorse, at this time, the 2027-2029 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan as presented by the Rhode Island Energy to the Council on September 24, 2026.

   Furthermore, the Council directs its Consultant Team and legal counsel to document the Council's reasons for not endorsing and to submit those to the PUC for its consideration in final review of the 2027-2029 Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan.

6B. PRESENTATION AND POTENTIAL VOTE ON THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS REPORT FOR THE 2027-2029 THREE-YEAR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN

Key Considerations

- The Council's Consultant Team will present on the development of the Energy Efficiency Plan cost-effectiveness report for the 2027-2029 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan
- Least Cost Procurement Standards require that the Council submit a report on its assessment of the cost-effectiveness of the 2027-2029 Three-Year Plan
- Portfolios and programs within each portfolio must all be cost-effective under the RI Cost Test
- The report must be filed within three weeks of the Three-Year Plan filing
- The Consultant Team will prepare this report for consideration by the Council at the October meeting, which will fall within the three-week deadline

- All programs are cost-effective under the RI Cost Test, and RIE does not anticipate significant quantitative changes to the Plan that would change this result

Discussion Questions

- Are there any changes the Council would like to make to the report compared to prior iterations for annual plans?
- Does the Council's vote on the 2027-2029 Three-Year Plan impact any of the content included in the cost-effectiveness report?
- How might the final quantitative changes to the Plan impact cost-effectiveness results at the program level?

Intended Outcomes

- Discuss and potentially vote on approval of the Energy Efficiency Plan cost-effectiveness report for the 2027-2029 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan

Council Actions

Required Vote | **Potential Vote** | No Vote

6C. PRESENTATION OF THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE 2027-2029 THREE YEAR SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT (SRP) PLAN AND CONNECTEDSOLUTIONS PLAN

Key Considerations

- Rhode Island Energy will present on the second draft of the 2027-2029 Three-Year SRP and ConnectedSolutions Plans, covering core strategies, implementation approaches, projected outcomes, and stakeholder comments
- RIE requests stakeholder comments on this draft (provided one week later than schedule) by today, September 24th. RIE will provide revised final drafts on October 8th in advance of the council's expected vote at the October 15th EEC meeting
- Key takeaways from review of the SRP Second Draft Plan:
    - Consistent with the first draft, RIE has not proposed any changes to the current SRP process, which has not led to any successful non-wires projects
    - The process still relies on the Company self-identifying and bringing forward non-wire alternative (NWA) and non-pipeline alternative (NPA) opportunities
    - No additional opportunity for stakeholder input on identifying and screening for NWS opportunities; some new language on getting stakeholder input prior to issuing RFPs at SRP Technical Working Group, which are not open to the public
    - Less ambitious vision than 2024-2026 SRP plan for using AMI and grid mod investments to target grid constraints and avoid infrastructure investments with demand response
- Key takeaways from the ConnectedSolutions Investment Proposal:

- Increased savings and participation compared to 2024-2026 plan and current actuals across all pathways, with minor reduction to BYOT participation compared to first draft
- Continued reduction of incentives for energy storage to align with avoided energy supply costs, still relying on soon to be replaced 2024 avoided cost values
- Company is not proposing any targeted demand response offerings in constrained areas of the grid like those being implemented by ConnectedSolutions Program Administrators across Massachusetts
- New Background Energy Adjustments Offer captures smaller thermostat savings than existing BYOT program and customers must choose between 2 competing programs

Discussion Questions

- Is the current SRP process producing its intended outcomes?
- Does the ConnectedSolutions program, as currently constructed, rise to meet the increasing needs placed on Rhode Island's electric grid?
- Has the Council had adequate time and information to understand the Company's SRP Plans and Connected Solutions Investment Proposals?
- Between the EE and SRP Plans, has RIE sufficiently coordinated between its demand-side management strategies to satisfy the Council's priorities around integrated energy planning?

Intended Outcomes

- Discuss key highlights and issues for the SRP Second Draft Plan and ConnectedSolutions Investment Proposal
- Provide final input on key issues to better align RIE's SRP Plan and ConnectedSolutions Investment Proposal with Council's priorities
- Understand the Plan development timeline and associated Council responsibilities, in preparation for a vote on the Plan on October 15

Council Actions

Required Vote | Potential Vote | **No Vote**

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

COUNCIL BUDGET TRACKER

OER has provided an update to the 2026 Council budget tracker, which includes spending through Q2 2026 and pending payments for September 2026.

DRAFT OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

OER has provided an initial draft of the meeting agenda for the Council's October 15, 2026 meeting. Councilors are welcome and encouraged to provide feedback.

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 August, relative to plan goals.

Residential Sector Takeaways

1. Through August, Residential electric and gas programs have achieved 40% and 53% of their lifetime savings goals. Income Eligible electric and gas programs have achieved 17% and 25% of their lifetime savings goals.
2. Electric Income Eligible spending is ahead of the pace necessary to meet budget. This is largely due to a steep increase in spending in the Income Eligible Multifamily (IEMF) Program, which has now spent 142% of its budget for the year.
3. While electric IEMF spending has steadily increased since May, savings are still lagging, with only 27% of the lifetime savings goal realized to date.
4. The EnergyWise Multifamily program continues to underperform in both electric and gas portfolios, with just 21% and 8% of the lifetime savings goals realized.
5. Residential New Construction continues to show strong performance, especially for electric savings, with 113% of the lifetime savings goal realized and only 69% of the budget spent through August.

Commercial & Industrial (C&I) Sector Takeaways

1. Through August, C&I electric and gas programs have achieved 53% and 39% of their lifetime electric and gas savings goals, respectively, which is consistent with the estimated performance necessary to meet planned values.
2. C&I electric and gas programs have spent 52% and 46% of the budget to date.
3. C&I Retrofit shows strong performance in both electric and gas portfolios, with 61% and 67% of the lifetime savings goals realized.
4. The Small Business program in the electric portfolio has 50% of the budget spent with only 36% of the lifetime savings goal realized through August.
5. The C&I Multifamily program is underperforming in the gas portfolio with just 9% of the lifetime savings goal realized and only 15% of the budget spent through August.