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

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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 **final 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 **Connected**Solutions 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 final draft reflects stakeholder feedback received throughout the review process and Rhode Island Energy's 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.

This version finalizes the proposed program design, participation and peak-load reduction targets, budgets, benefit-cost analysis, and implementation approach for the 2027–2029 period, subject to regulatory review and approval.

Key Revisions in the Final Draft

- **Coordination and customer experience:** Continued refinement of the AMF discussion, Background Energy Adjustments, and Winter Demand Response.
- **Incentive and funding transparency:** Added clarifying language explicitly limiting the Multiyear Incentive Rate offering to Daily Dispatch battery participants.
- **Incentive and funding transparency:** Refined C&I dual-enrollment incentives and incentive-cap language, and reduced the three-year programmatic implementation budget from approximately $32.19M in the initial draft to $31.14M in the final draft—a reduction of approximately $1.05M.

- **Operations and accountability:** Refined the BCA scaling factor, inflation rate, peak-reduction targets, and enrollment targets.
- **Operations and accountability:** Expanded the C&I mid-season enrollment adjustment process and added an Unplanned Outage Report opportunity.

Review & Next Steps

The final draft is being circulated to the Division and Council for review in accordance with the Least-Cost Procurement Standards. The remaining proposal schedule includes:

- October 15, 2026: Council discussion and vote
- November 20, 2026: Anticipated filing of the SRP Investment Proposal with the RIPUC and inclusion as an appendix to the 2027–2029 SRP Three-Year Plan

Questions & Comments

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Rhode Island Energy appreciates stakeholder engagement and looks forward to continued collaboration as the 2027–2029 **Connected**Solutions Investment Proposal proceeds through Council consideration and regulatory review.