

Memorandum

To: Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council
From: Mike Guerard, Optimal Energy / EERMC Consultant Team
Date: February 18, 2019
Subject: Setting EERMC Priorities for the 2020 Energy Efficiency & System Reliability Plans

To support the EERMC's pending resolution to provide clear Priorities for National Grid, the Collaborative / Technical Advisory Group and other key stakeholders for the development of the 2020 Annual Program Plans for Energy Efficiency (EE) and System Reliability (SRP), the Consultant Team (C-Team) has developed the attached initial draft document covering the rationale, historical context and potential priorities for EERMC consideration. The EERMC has not, in the past, formalized via vote such a set of Priorities ahead of a planning cycle. The proposal to commence this activity now, which is consistent with councils' in other jurisdictions, affords the Council as a whole and each council member, an opportunity to set clear expectations for the content of draft and final plans as they will be presented for review and approval later this year.

At the February council meeting, members will have an opportunity to provide feedback and additional considerations to inform the next draft of Priorities. This initial draft is provided as a conversation starter, and we look forward to capturing everyone's valuable input. In order to support the timely delivery of the final Priorities ahead of the EE and SRP planning cycle, council members will be asked to vote on the final Priorities list at the March meeting. This document will then be provided to the Collaborative / Technical Working Group to support the work of that group's monthly meetings commencing in April (when 2020 planning becomes the core focus of their activities through October 15th when the Plans are filed with the Public Utilities Commission).

In addition to the edits and enhancements that will be made to the attached document based on feedback from the February Council meeting, the C-Team has also initiated individual meetings with council members and other key stakeholders. The subject of Priorities will be a key agenda item and follow-up task for each of these meetings. The C-Team (Mike Guerard by email or phone @ 401-378-7422) and OER (Becca Trietch by email or phone @ 401-574-9125) are also available for any direct contact from individual members regarding thoughts, background and issues relating to 2020 Priorities.