



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

CONSULTANT TEAM

Overview of Comments from C-Team on 1st Draft of the 2021- 2023 Energy Efficiency Plan

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Primary objectives

“... the expectation was that the first draft of the plan would include every attempt to maximize the proposed savings goals relative to the approved Targets, and clearly indicate which, and to what degree, barriers impacted the savings goals if they were below the Target.

That would serve the objective meeting Least Cost Procurement (LCP) law through procuring all cost-effective savings (and the resulting customer benefits) that are prudent and reliable, AND through identification of the barriers, the ability to create a “roadmap” to address the barriers over time in the pursuit of maximizing savings and benefits.”



Findings

- 1st draft of plan requires significant enhancement to meet those objectives
 - substantially below what was expected for proposed savings and the identification of barriers
 - proposed savings also do not reflect an adequate attempt to address the major end use areas for savings identified in the potential study – HVAC, hot water and envelope
- Where short of Targets, a clear, quantified, justifiable documentation of the barriers that prevent reaching the Targets needs to be included
 - Based on this documentation, a component of the Plan to address each of the barriers with clear timelines, strategies, and deliverables must be included



Findings

- A key priority for the EERMC is a focus on acquiring the Targets as cost-efficiently as possible.
 - All efforts should be made to transparently and properly set implementation budgets, incentive levels, and utility performance incentives to achieve Targets at least cost.
- If near-term economic impacts from COVID may be a factor on next year's budget and resulting system benefit charge, consideration should be made for those most impacted by the economic impacts, including low-to-moderate income customers, small businesses, and community-based non-profits



Next Steps building on previous efforts

- Between receiving 1st draft and providing comments on July 3, C-Team engaged in multiple meetings with Grid's sector teams, OER and the Division to improve 1st draft
 - A matrix of ~30 concepts for each sector was developed by C-Team and shared with groups, in addition to Grid's research
- Over the next few weeks, a series of follow-up meetings with those groups will further vet proposed ideas and explore more ideas and innovation for C&I and Residential
- Cross-cutting areas will also be explored with additional groups to cover Workforce, Financing & Equity
- EM&V activities underway to complete impact and process evaluations to support Planning and savings attribution
- Update on progress will be provided at August EERMC mtg



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

