



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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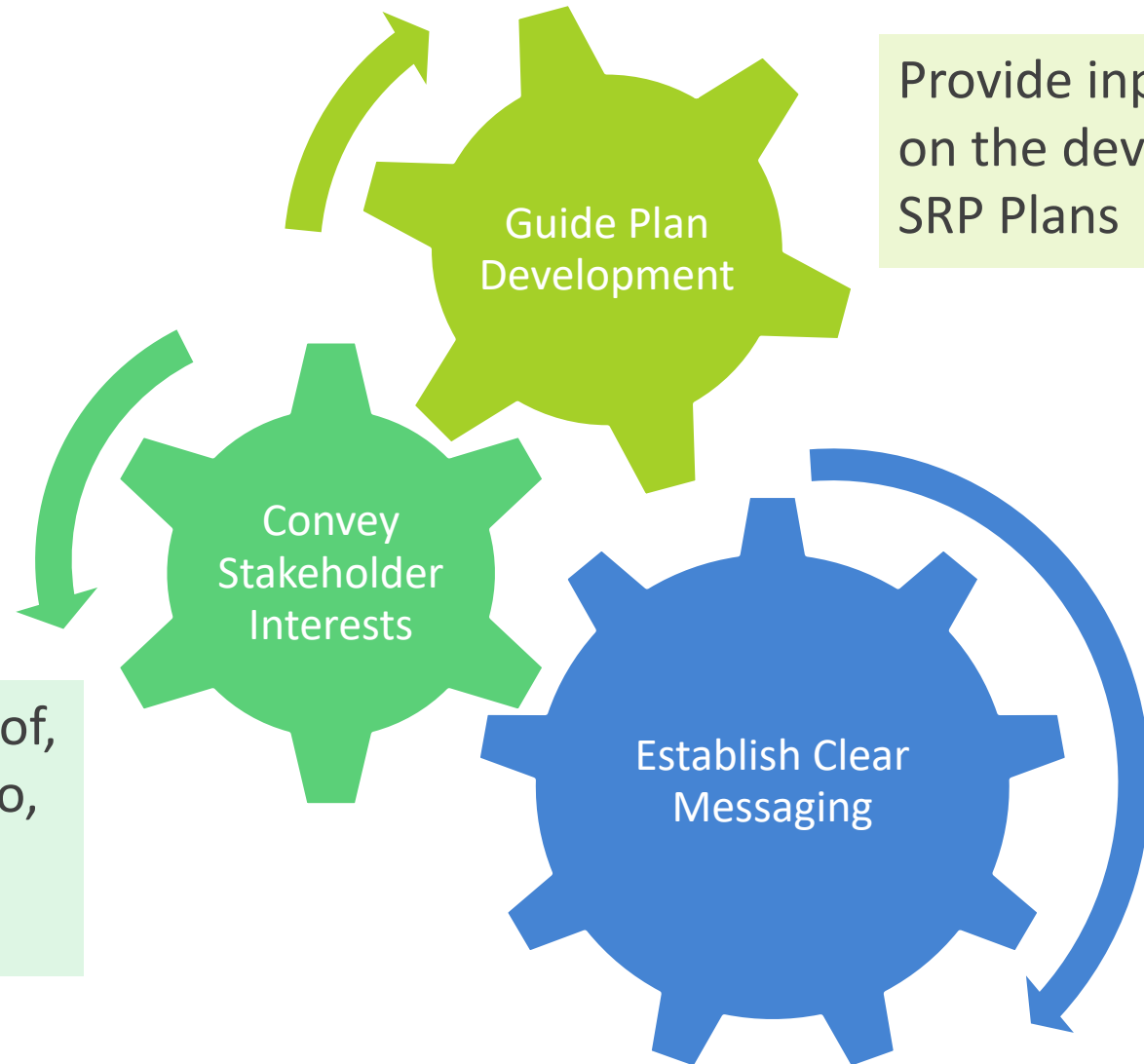
## EERMC Priorities 2022 Energy Efficiency (EE) and System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Planning Process

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# Why set EE and SRP Priorities?



Provide input to National Grid on the development of EE and SRP Plans

Show understanding of, and responsiveness to, stakeholder interests and objectives

Communicate to stakeholders Council expectations for meeting specific outcomes and achieving rate-payer benefits



# Priorities Should...

**SUPPORT**

Support LCP law per EERMC's legislated role

**RESPOND**

Respond to evolving trends

**ALIGN**

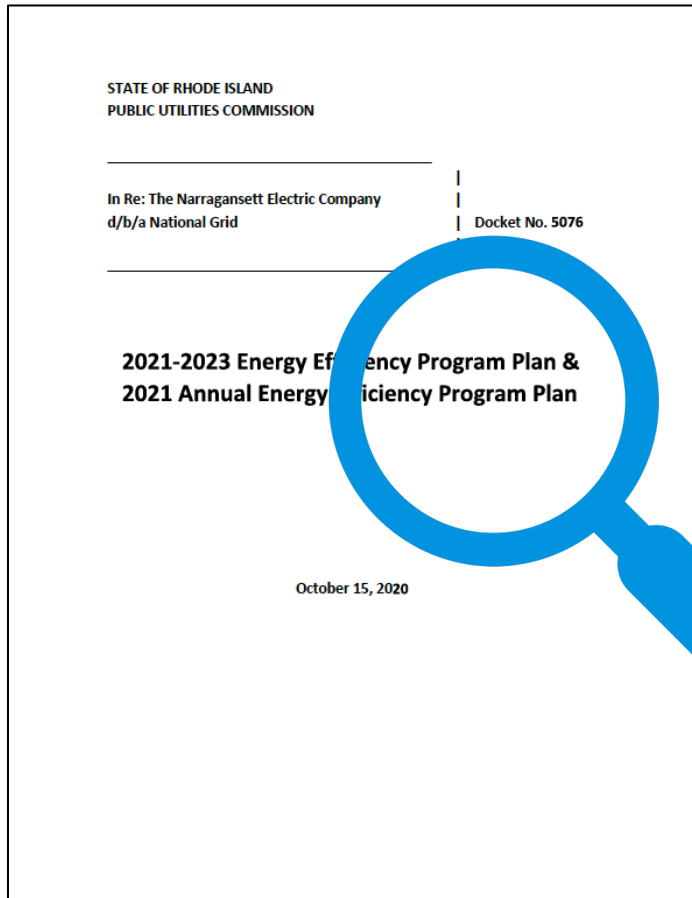
Align with Policy Recommendations

**BALANCE**

Balance "what & why" vs. "how"



# How Are Priorities Used?



- **Stakeholder Communication**
  - Presented to EE Technical Working Group (March 25<sup>th</sup>)
- **Plan Review**
  - Consistently referenced during C-Team review of Plan drafts and final version
- **EERMC Website**
  - Will be featured on EERMC website to promote public understanding of key EE objectives supported by the Council
- **Regulatory Proceedings**
  - Often cited in regulatory proceedings in testimony and written comments



# Last Year's Priority Buckets





# 1. Savings Targets



- **Achieve Savings Targets**
  - Meet Targets proposed by EERMC and approved by RI PUC
- **Acquire Savings Cost-efficiently**
  - Transparently and properly set implementation budgets, rebate & incentive levels, and utility performance incentives
- **Comply with LCP Standards**
  - Ensure all Least Cost Procurement Standards are met
- **Align with Policy Recommendations**
  - Proposed in EERMC Annual Report to the General Assembly



## 2. Stakeholder Engagement



- Create forums for stakeholder involvement that are:
  - Consistent
  - Comprehensive
  - Informed
  - Publicly accountable



# 3. State Objectives



- Support and complement state policy and regulatory objectives
- Especially those relating to greenhouse gas emission reductions and economic issues





# 4. Access & Coordination



- **Ensure Access for All**
  - Ensure all customers and segments of the market have access to the benefits of energy efficiency savings
- **Coordinate with Other Programs**
  - That promote well-being and energy security & affordability for all Rhode Islanders, such as:
    - Renewable energy deployment efforts
    - State health initiatives
    - Resiliency efforts
    - Other relevant state and federal programs



# System Reliability Procurement Plan Priorities



- **Be Responsive**
  - Continued responsiveness to Council and other stakeholder input, including specific points identified in the Council's comments on the SRP Plan
- **Engage Stakeholders**
  - Ensure sufficient opportunities for stakeholder engagement and substantive contributions during SRP planning and implementation



# Brainstorm 2022 Plan Priorities



- What *recent developments* should factor into 2022 Plan design?
  - Ongoing economic issues, primarily driven by COVID
  - PUC rulings on 2021 Annual Plan & 2021-2023 Plan
  - Legislative & policy trends (local, state, federal)
  - 2020 performance (and 2021 to-date) at program, sector & portfolio levels
    - Including status of commitments made in 2021 Plan



# Brainstorm 2022 Plan Priorities

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- What are the *current challenges* facing your constituent group?
- What *new developments* are you seeing?
- Can *energy efficiency play a role* in addressing those challenges and developments?
- How should the 2021 EE & SRP Plans be developed to best *meet the current needs* of your constituent group?



# Next Steps

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- **February – March** – One-on-one meetings
  - Council members can discuss ideas & issues with C-Team & OER
- **March 11** – Council receives draft priorities
- **March 18** – Council discusses, refines & votes
- **March 25** – C-Team presents EE Priorities to EE TWG
- **April 21** – C-Team presents SRP Priorities to SRP TWG