



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

CONSULTANT TEAM

EERMC Priorities 2023 Planning Priorities

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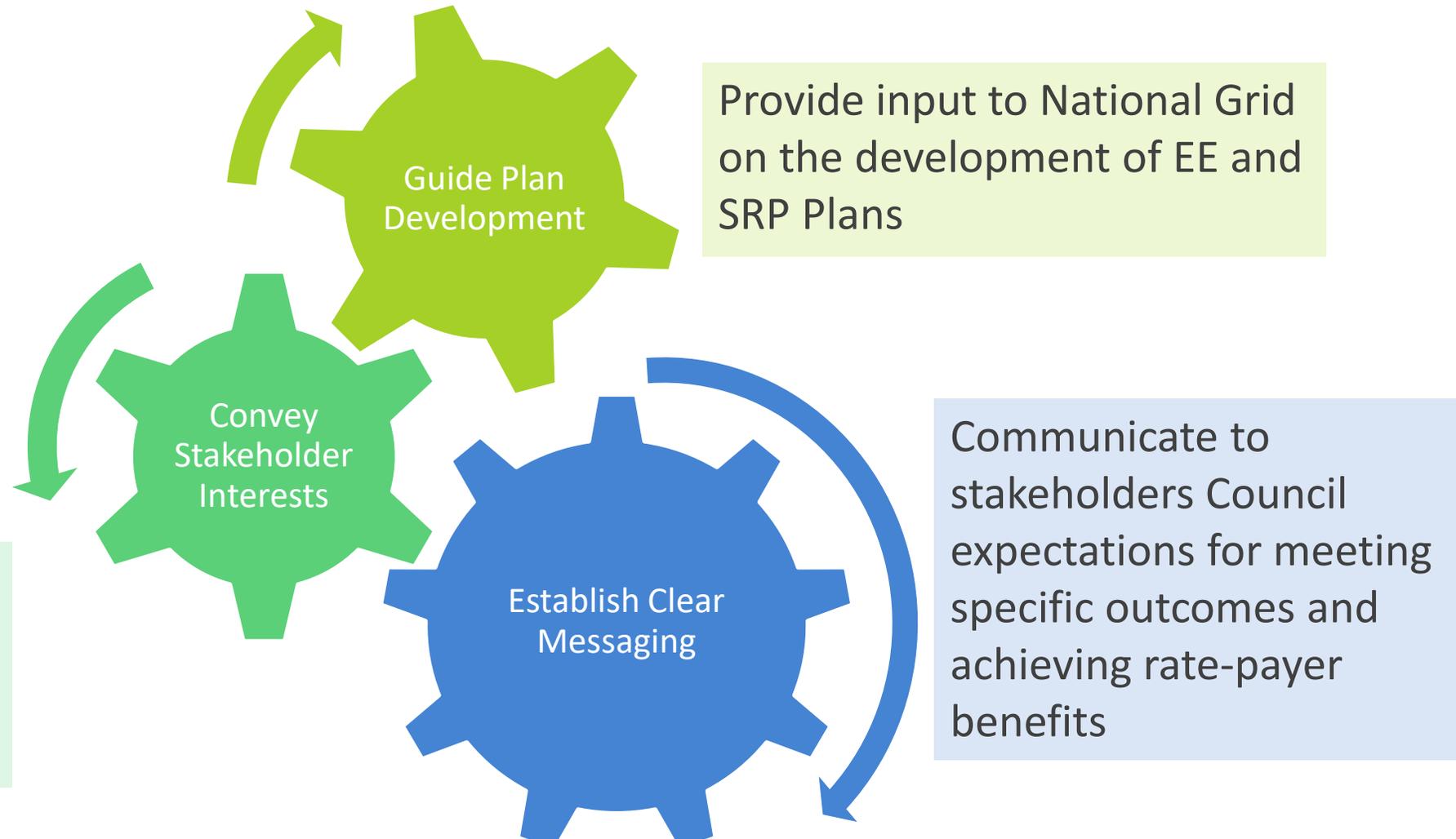


BACKGROUND





Why set EE and SRP Priorities?



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

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

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



Why set EE and SRP Priorities?

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

Plan Review

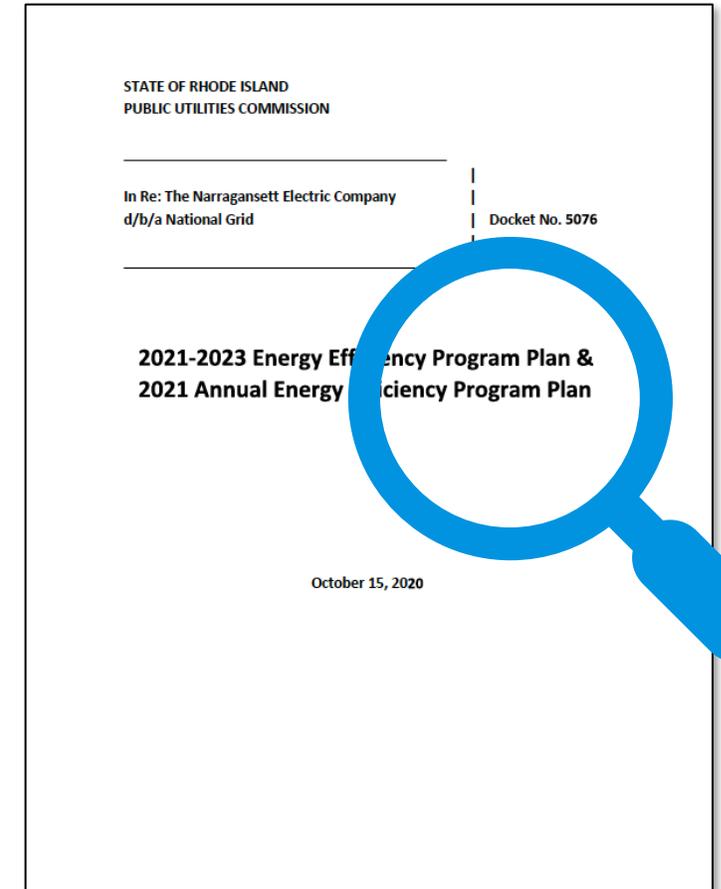
- Consistently referenced during C-Team review of Plan drafts and final versions

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





2023 PROPOSED EE PLAN PRIORITIES





Reference Points

- 1 2021-2023 Plan and Compliance Filing
- 2 LCP Standards
- 3 Stakeholder Input
- 4 2022 Annual Plan
- 5 EERMC's Summary Report



Key Priority Buckets

Align with Three-Year Plan

Comply with LCP Standards

Incorporate Stakeholder Input

Support Equity & Access

Ensure Effective & Efficient Development & Review Process



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Identify how each of the “5 Key Priorities” will apply in the 2023 Plan

Reference “Base” and “High” Scenarios for savings and benefits goals

Pursue cost-efficiency to deliver maximum savings and benefits

Align mix of savings with Market Potential Study (MPS)



2. Comply with LCP Standards



Apply the clear, outcome-oriented direction provided in the LCP Standards section on General Plan Design and Principles for annual planning

Include key metrics to be tracked and reported



3. Incorporate Stakeholder Input



Reflect priorities received through National Grid Survey and Technical Working Group member input

Incorporate input from robust and actionable Customer Feedback Activities



4. Support Equity & Access



Fulfill and apply results to 2023 Plan from the 2022 Plan commitments, including:

- Nonparticipant Market Barriers Study (May 2022)
- Participation and Multifamily Census Study (May 2022)
- Enhancements stemming from recommendations of the Equity Working Group (EWG)

Demonstrate progress on – and build upon – enhancements in 2022 Plan related to EWG recommendations

Include clear, detailed remediation strategies to assure corrective action on underperforming programs



5. Development Review Process



Adhere to *Key Deliverables and Schedule*

- Assure necessary time is afforded to the EERMC and stakeholders to participate in, review and reach clear understanding of the content of the 2023 EE Plan sufficient to make informed decisions on whether to endorse the Plan



2023 PROPOSED SRP PLAN PRIORITIES





2023 SRP Plan Priorities

Category	The 2023 System Reliability Procurement Plan Should...
Responsiveness	Demonstrate continued responsiveness to Council and other stakeholder input, including specific points identified in the Council's comments on the SRP Plan
Stakeholder Engagement	Ensure sufficient opportunities for stakeholder engagement and substantive contributions during SRP planning and implementation
Continued Methodological Development	Actively pursue further development of the NPA program and other methodological refinements, including in the context of benefit cost analysis and assessing internal EE and DER solutions to grid needs



BRAINSTORM 2023 PLAN PRIORITIES





Brainstorming 2023 Plan Priorities



What *recent developments* should factor into 2023 Plan design?

- Ongoing economic issues, primarily driven by COVID
- PUC rulings on 2022 Annual Plan
- Legislative & policy trends (local, state, federal)
 - Includes additional program funding opportunities
- 2021 performance (and 2022 to-date) at program, sector & portfolio levels
 - Including status of commitments made in 2022 Plan



Brainstorming 2023 Plan Priorities



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 2023 EE & SRP Plans be developed to best *meet the current needs* of your constituent group?



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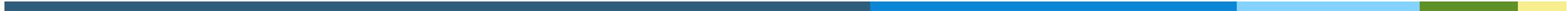


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COUNCIL DISCUSSION



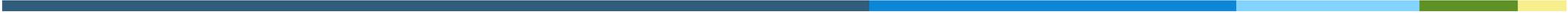


Council Member Discussion





APPENDIX



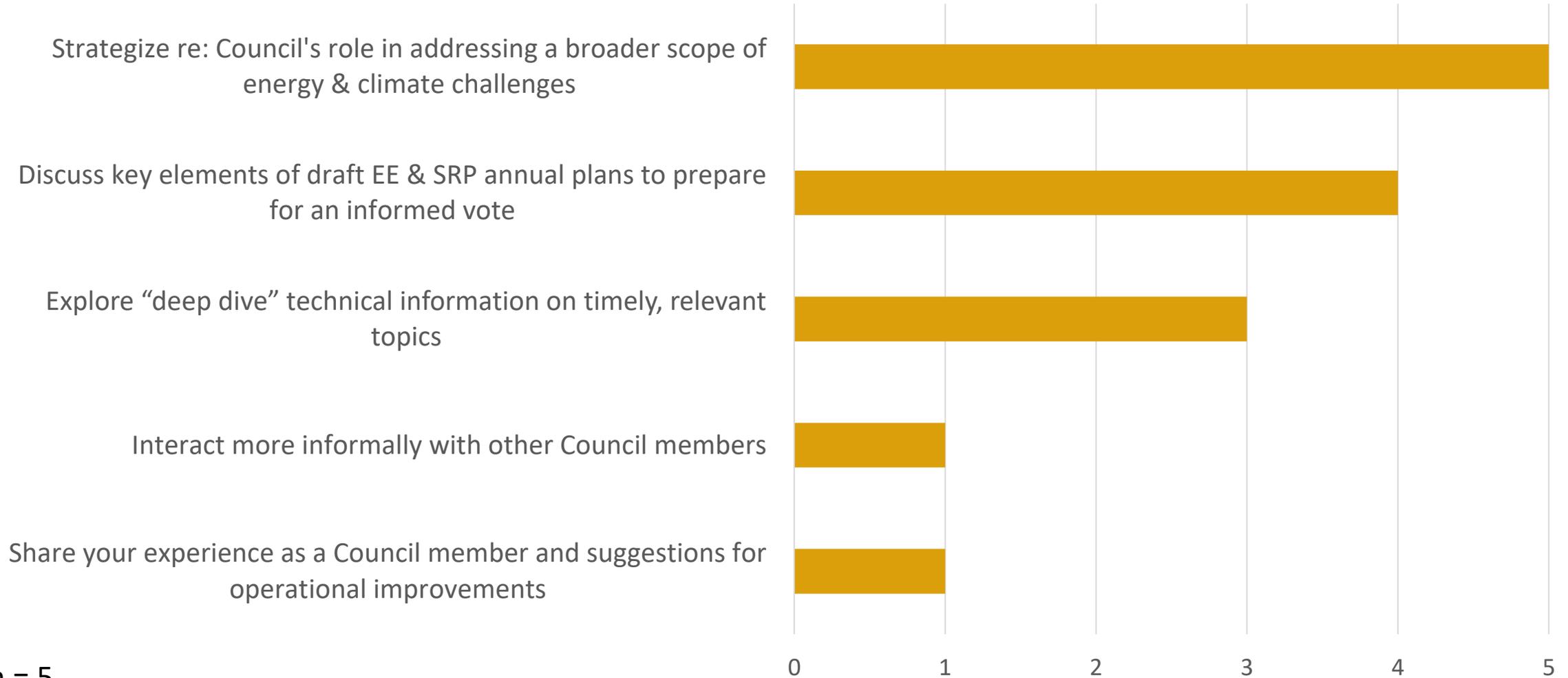


2022 MEMBER RETREAT SURVEY RESULTS





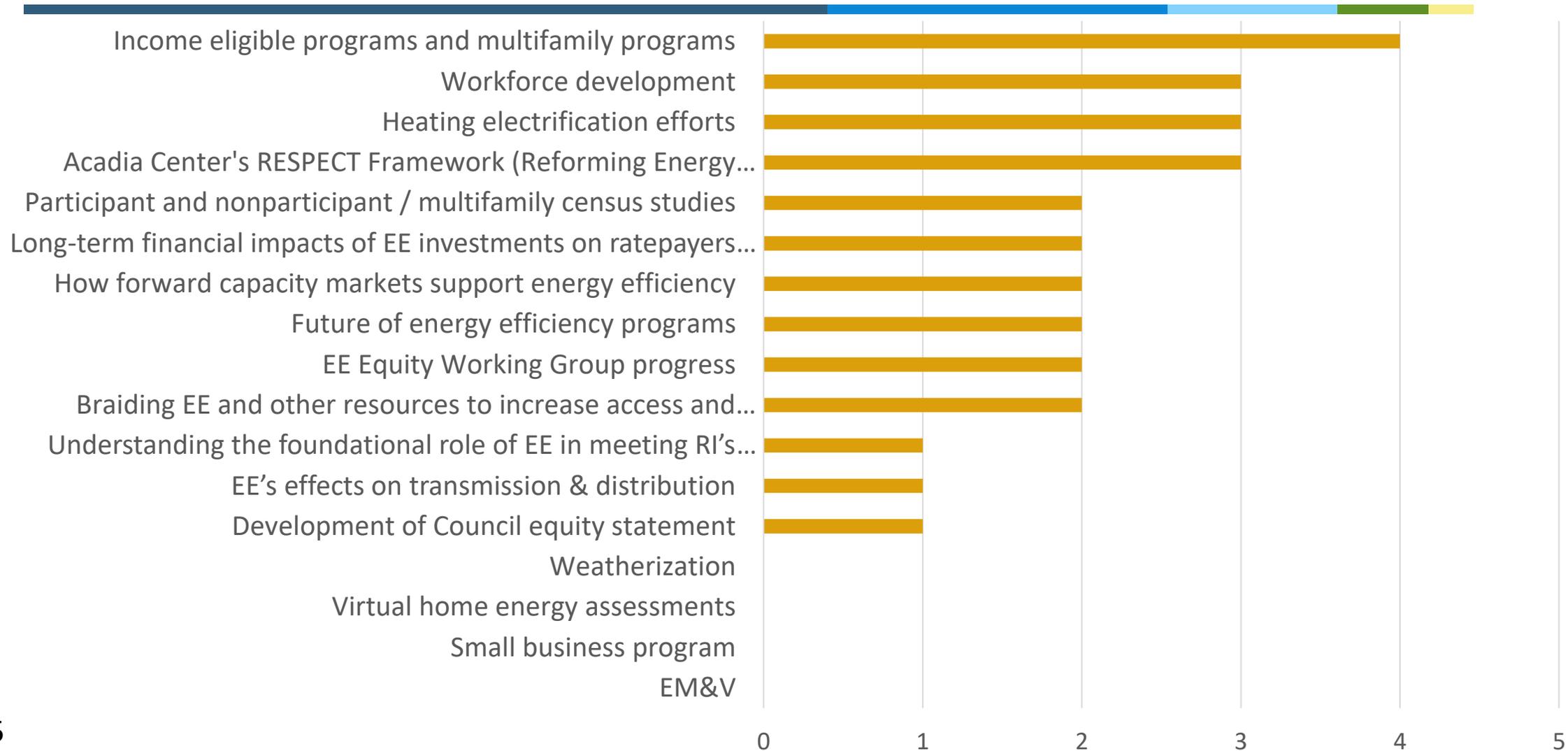
1. Which types of **activities** would you like to engage in at this year's retreats?



n = 5



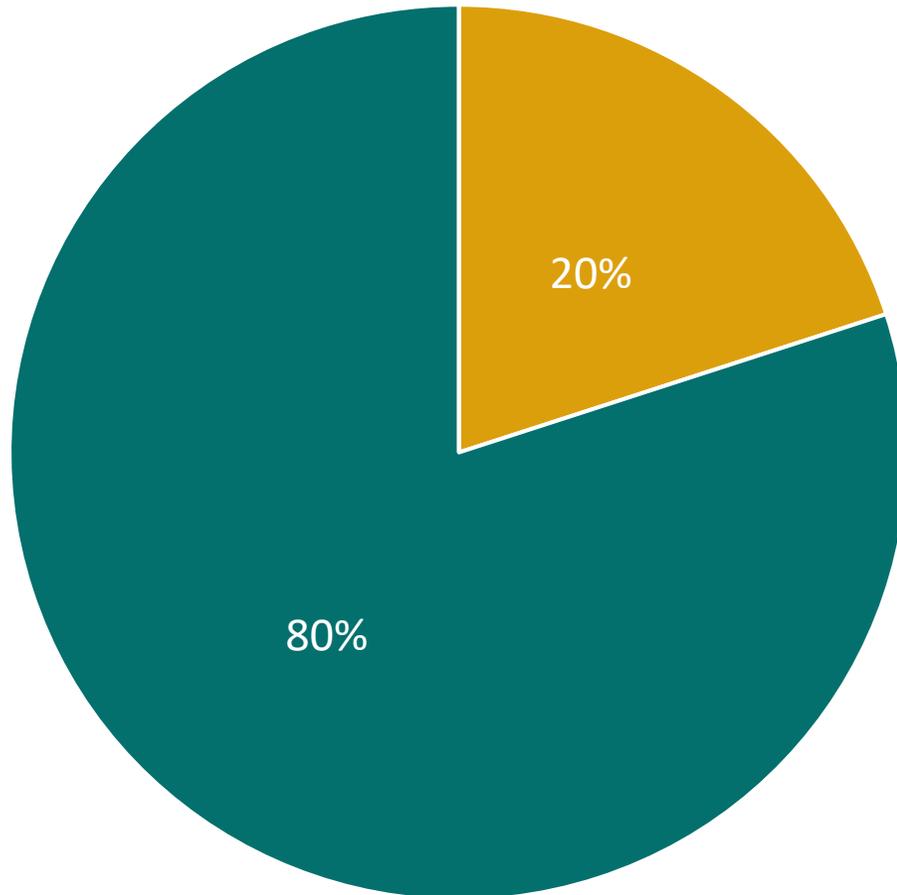
2. Which **topics** would you be interested in exploring more deeply at a retreat?



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3. How would you like to see the **breakdown of time** between technical presentations and discussion-based topics?

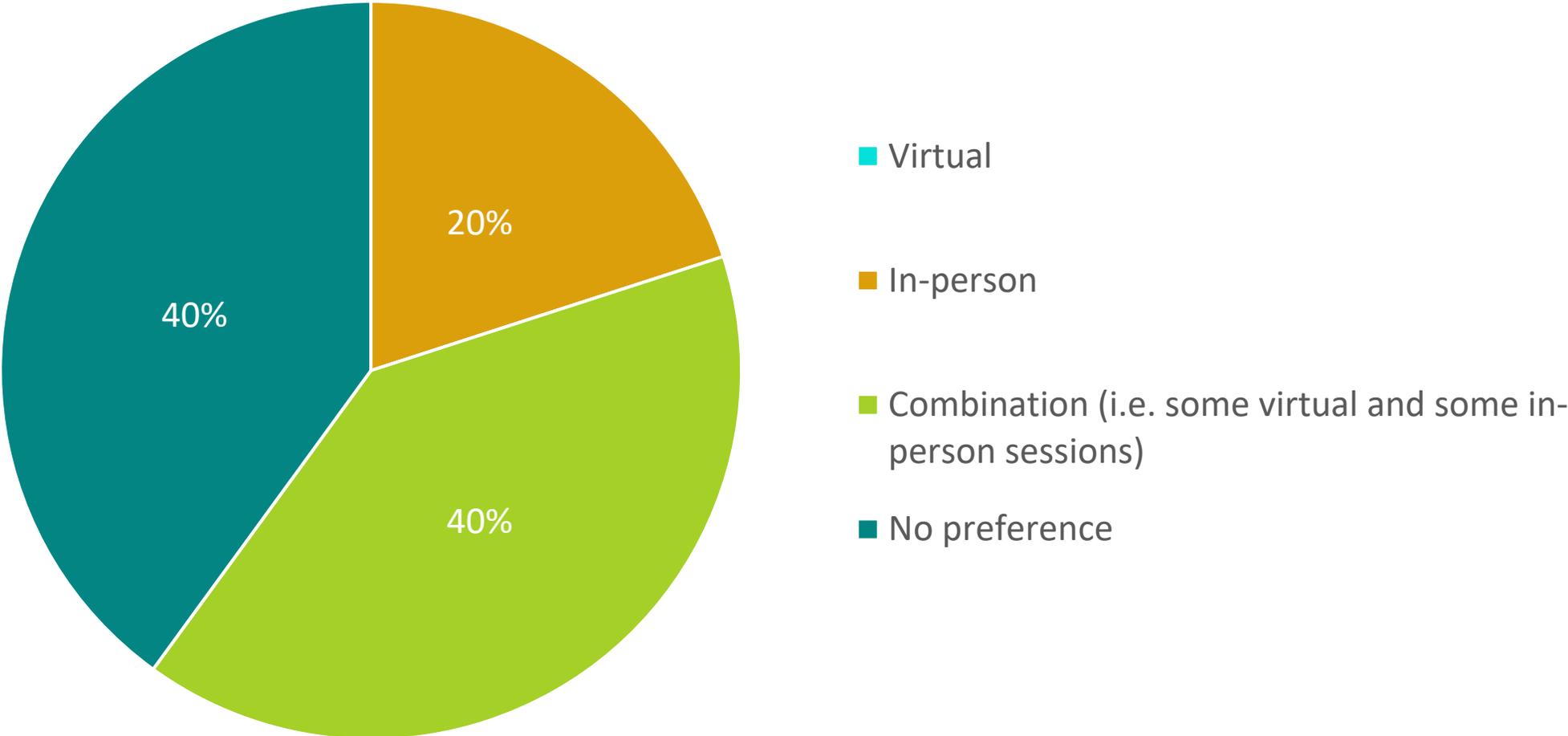


- More time for technical presentations than discussion based topics
- About equal time for each
- More time for discussion based topics than technical presentations

n = 5



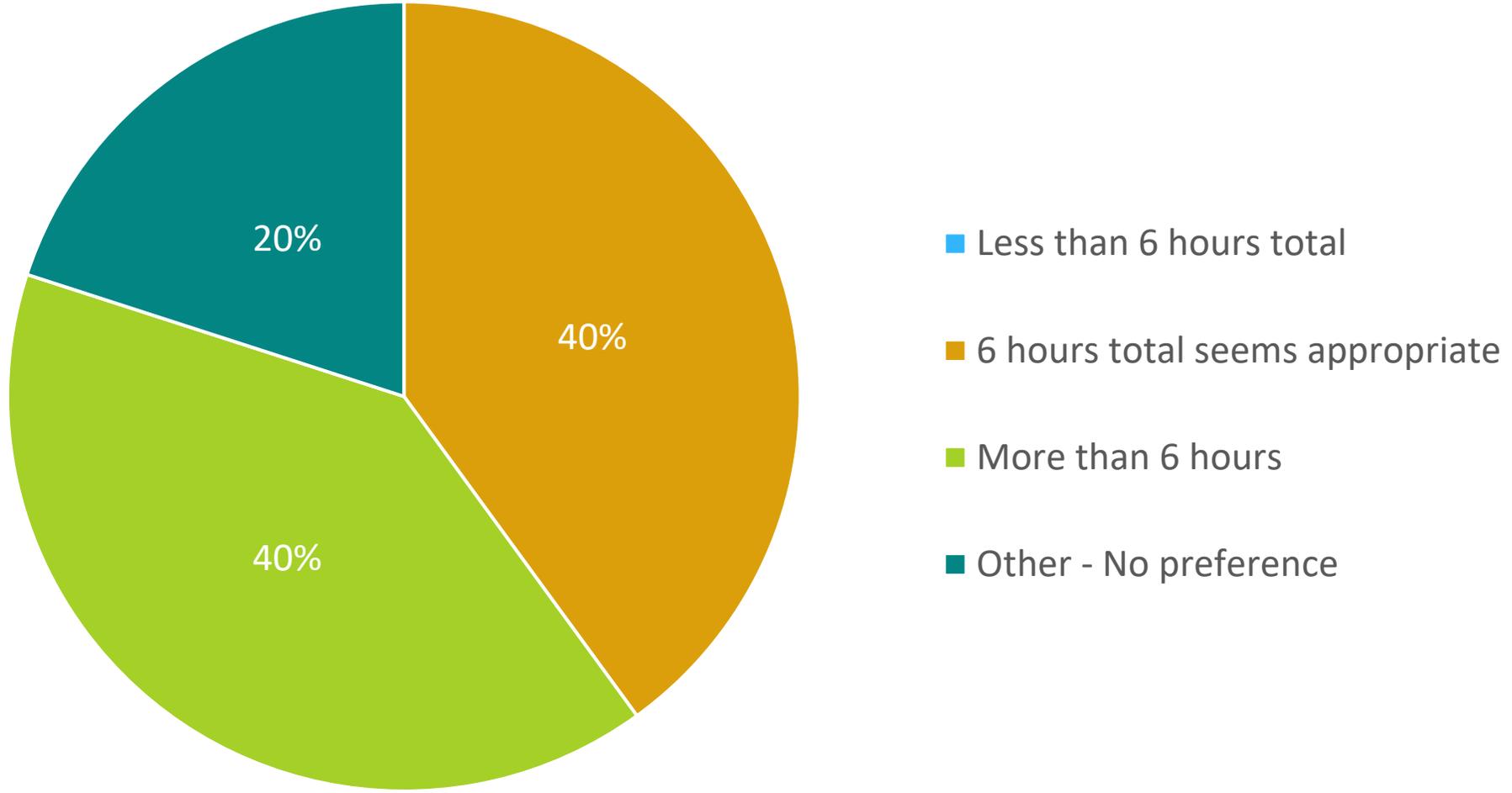
4. If the Council has the option to meet virtually, which **format** would you prefer?



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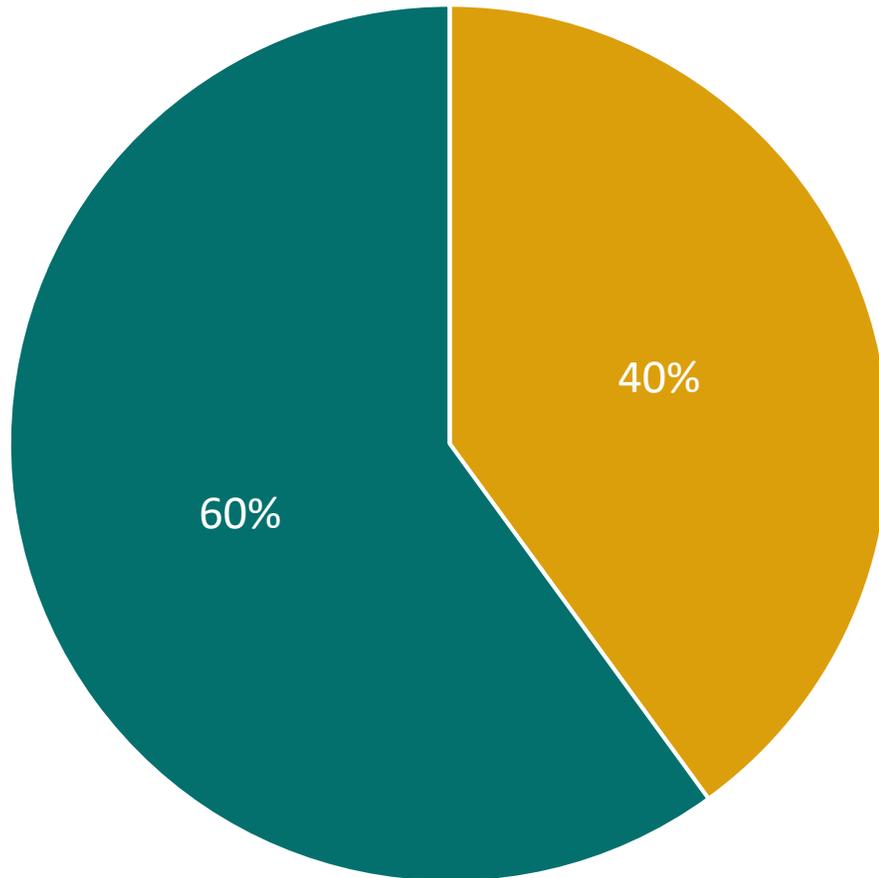
5. How much **total time** would you like to see allocated to 2022 retreat sessions?



n = 5



6. Assuming multiple retreat sessions, which would you prefer?



- Spread out over a couple days (e.g. one today, one tomorrow)
- Spread out over a couple weeks (e.g. one this week, one next week)
- Spread out over several months (e.g. one in May, one in September)
- No preference

n = 5

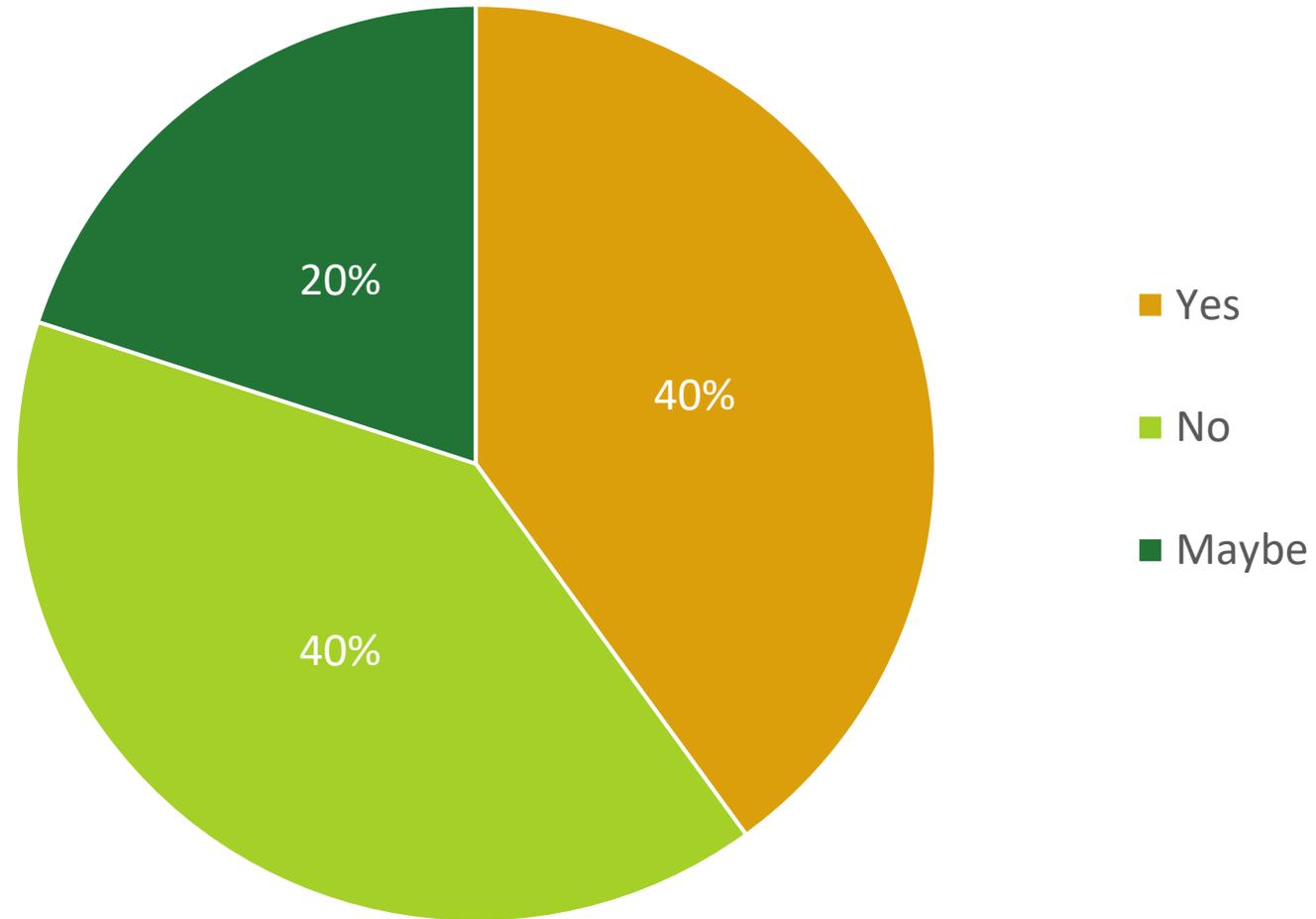


Other thoughts?

- *“I really enjoyed the retreat we had in Warwick. (I can't remember where it was) and would like to see that duplicated. No games please.”*
- *“The presentations at Save the Bay were excellent, but I felt there wasn't enough time to connect with fellow Council members to debrief and discuss the presentations and other topics. With the scrutiny on Council interchanges being so intense, I highly value any chance for informal conversations with my peers.”*



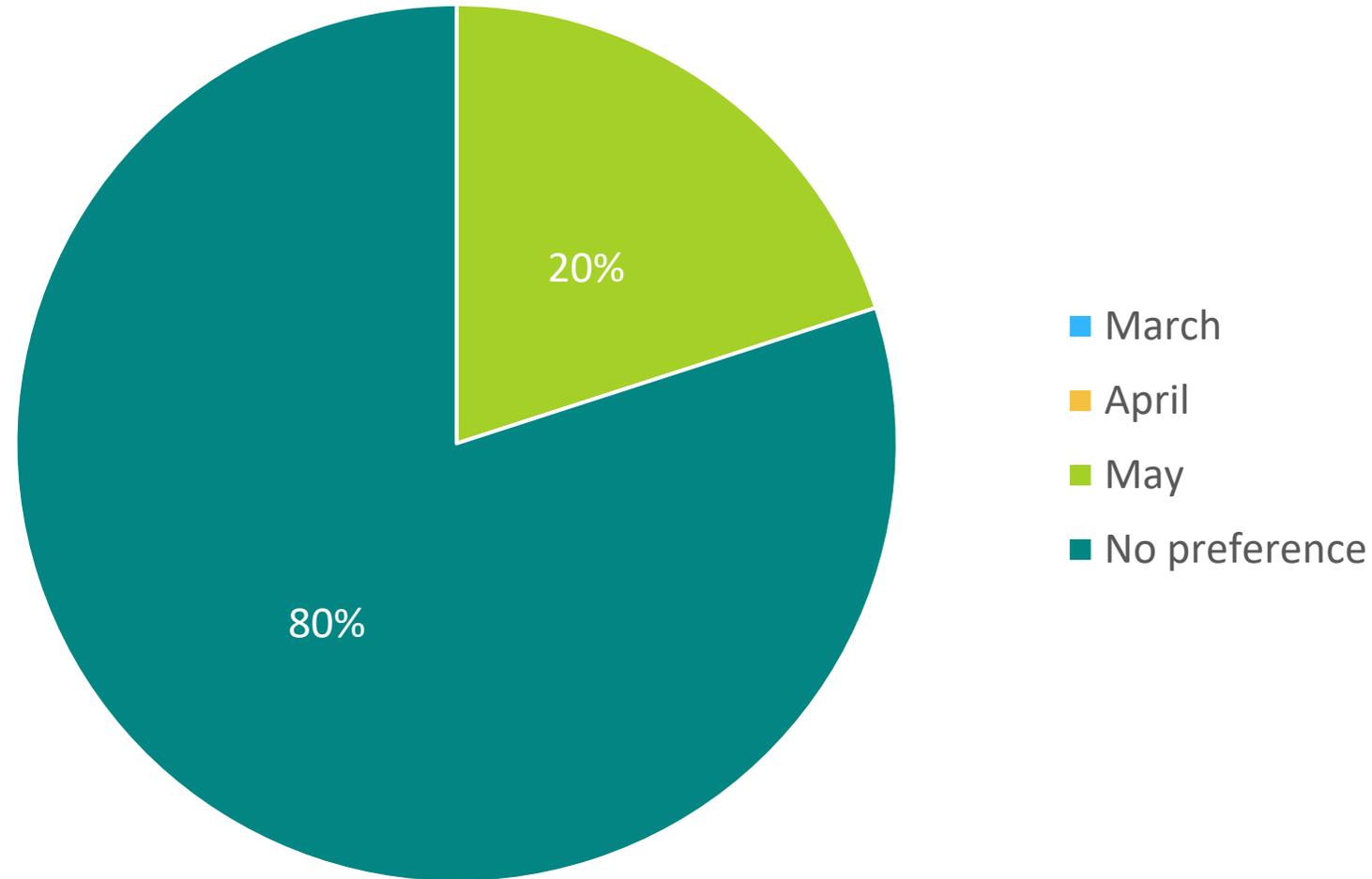
8. Are you interested in participating in a technical session on energy efficiency with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC)?



n = 5



9. What is your preferred timing for a PUC technical session?



n = 5



Topics from Retreat Survey



1 out of 5 votes

- Development of Council equity statement
- Understanding the foundational role of EE in meeting RI's decarbonization and clean energy goals
- EE's effects on transmission & distribution



2 out of 5 votes

- Braiding EE and other resources to increase access and streamline program participation across silos
- EE Equity Working Group progress
- Future of energy efficiency programs
- How forward capacity markets support energy efficiency
- Long-term financial impacts of EE investments on ratepayers – rate & bill impacts
- Participant and nonparticipant / multifamily census studies



3 out of 5 votes

- Acadia Center's RESPECT Framework (Reforming Energy System Planning for Equity and Climate Transformation)
- Heating electrification efforts
- Workforce development



4 out of 5 votes

- Income eligible programs and multifamily programs