



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

CONSULTANT TEAM

EERMC Priorities 2024-2026 Plan Priorities

Presented By: EERMC C-Team

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Priorities Development Process

The Consultant Team presented proposed *2024-2026 EE Plan* Priorities* during the January 2023 EERMC Meeting




The Priorities memo was expanded to include discrete recommendations on implementation strategy for each priority

- This provides clear guidance to the Company on how to fulfill each EERMC priority area

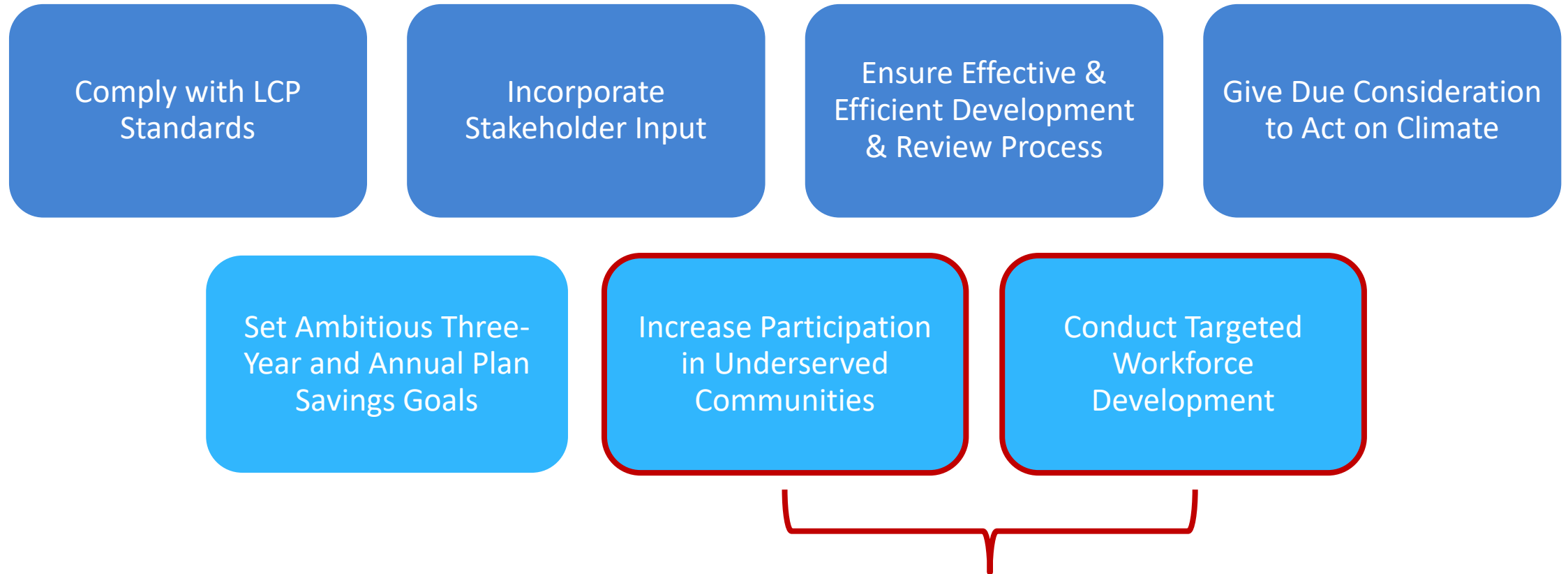
The latest version of the draft Priorities memo *includes Councilor and RI Energy feedback* offered since the January EERMC Meeting

- In recent years, the Company has not provided written comments on the EERMC Priorities for Annual or Three-Year Plans



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Proposed 2024-2026 EE Plan Priorities



Replaces broader “Support Equity and Access” priority from 2023 Plan, alongside equity focused elements within other priorities



Summary of Feedback

Further coordination required to understand how the Company will integrate state/federal funds and offerings into existing EE programs

- Which priority strategies fall under the scope of state/federal offerings?

The Company should look to leverage its other initiatives (e.g., grid modernization, advanced metering) to expand impact of EE and demand response offerings

Requirements for compliance with Act on Climate unclear

- The Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) 2025 Climate Strategy still in development

Specific equity metrics and guidelines for target communities need to be established



Summary of Updates

Directed the Company to meet EERMC-recommended targets or explain gaps, if any, between targets and EE Plan goals

For Priorities related to statewide climate goals or non-ratepayer funding for clean energy offerings, clarified instances where RI Energy should lead coordination

Explicit references to the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) 2025 Climate Strategy and the Company's Electric Resistance to Heat Pump Plan

To convey urgency around equity targets, suggested use of relevant data to inform initial targets where possible, as opposed to deferring all data collection until 2024



Next Steps

February – Council discusses & refines EE Priorities

- Continued opportunity for additional feedback (redlines, written feedback, working sessions with C-Team, etc.) up until March 3rd

March – Council votes on and C-Team presents EE Priorities to EE TWG

April – RI Energy releases 2024-2026 Three-Year Plan Outline Memo

June – RI Energy releases first draft 2024-2026 Three-Year Plan

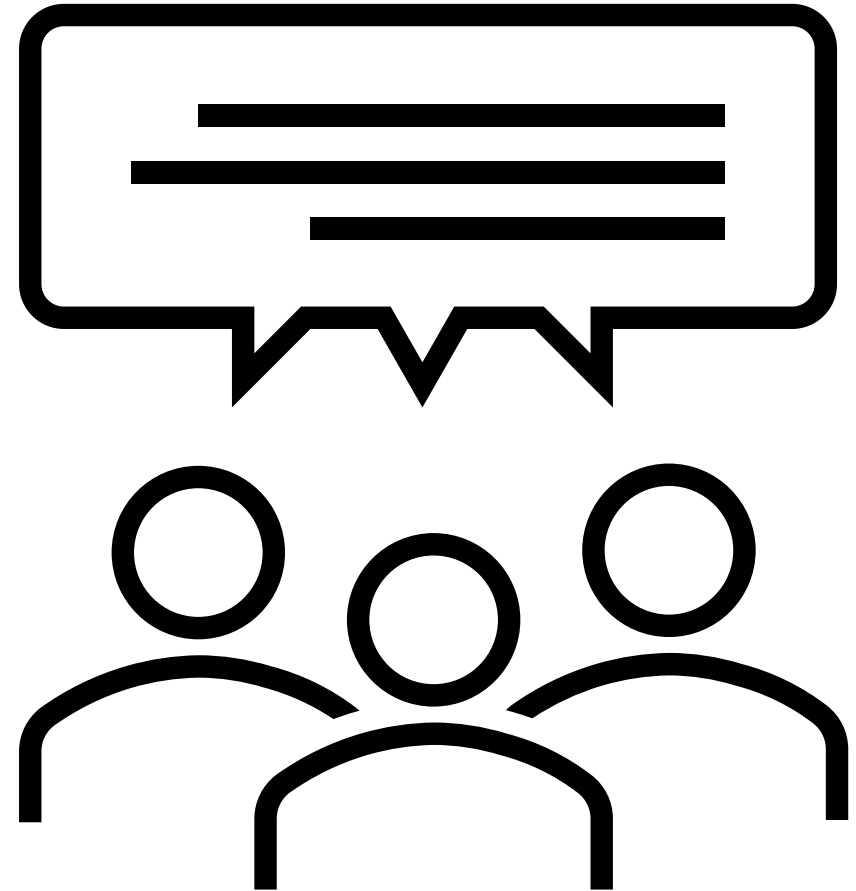


Council Member Discussion

How can the Council Priorities provide the best guidance to the Company?

Does the Council want to rank proposed Priorities in order of importance? If so, how would the order be determined?

Are there specific priority areas where the Council expects regular updates?





APPENDIX





2024-2026 EE/SRP PLAN PRIORITIES





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Comply with LCP Standards






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

- This includes any subsequent updates to the Standards.

Include key metrics to be tracked and reported



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Incorporate Stakeholder Input



Reflect priorities set by Technical Working Group members

Reflect Equity Working Group findings and conclusions throughout Plan

The EERMC, in collaboration with the Company, should host at least two public comment listening sessions on the 2024-2026 EE Three-Year Plan



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Effective 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 2024-2026 EE Plans sufficient to make informed decisions on whether to endorse the Plans



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Due Consideration to Act on Climate



Set Three-Year Plan savings goals to ensure EE programs contribute an appropriate share of carbon emissions reductions

Determine necessary GHG emissions reductions from EE programs required to comply with the Act on Climate, pending release of the 2025 Climate Strategy, by leading coordination with the EC4

Engage in a robust stakeholder process for determining an appropriate carbon pricing approach

Promote EE participation among Rhode Island communities most vulnerable to climate change



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Set Ambitious Savings Goals



Set Three Year and Annual Plan goals for 2024-2026 that meet EERMC-recommended targets or explain any gaps between the targets and EE Plan goals

Ambitious goals should signal to the industry the intent to grow energy efficiency programs and participation



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Increase Participation by Underserved Customers



Engage energy efficiency stakeholders to establish specific criteria for target, underserved, or environmental justice communities as part of the 2024-2026 Three-Year Plan development process

Target each of those communities, in addition to other underserved customer groups, throughout 2024-2026



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Targeted Workforce Development



Develop detailed workforce development plans that target small/MWBE contractors and leverage state/federal funds where available

Provide technical support for small/MWBE contractors seeking to participate as energy efficiency program vendors

Deliver small/MWBE contractor trainings that target underserved communities in Rhode Island



Proposed 2024-2026 SRP Plan Priorities

Rhode Island Energy will be developing a separate System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Three Year Plan for 2024-2026 during 2023. The priorities here relate to the development of that Plan.

Category	The 2023 System Reliability Procurement Plan Should...
Responsiveness	Demonstrate continued responsiveness to Council and other stakeholder input, including during the development of the 2024-2026 SRP Three Year 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 benefit cost analysis and assessment of internal EE and DER solutions to grid needs
Complete Non-Pipes Program Design and other 2021-2023 3YP Commitments	Ensure Non-Pipes Alternative (NPA) program design is complete within 2023. Ensure that the results of this program design work, and any other learnings from the 2021-2023 3YP, are appropriately incorporated and built upon in 2024-2026 3YP.