



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

CONSULTANT TEAM

2023 EERMC LEAD Session

Learning, Education & Advancement Discussion

Session #2

Monday, October 30, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 PM





Objectives

- Council members will share, brainstorm, and discuss potential ways to improve **Council operations and processes** to increase Council efficiency and effectiveness.
- As a follow-up to the EERMC's approval of the Annual and Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plans, the RI Public Utilities Commission will walk through its **regulatory process** for reviewing and approving the Plans. Council members will have the opportunity to discuss the process with PUC staff to ensure understanding of the PUC's responsibilities, steps, and timeline.
- Rhode Island Energy will present a deeper dive on the concept of **advanced metering** and recent activity related to the RI Public Utilities Commission's ongoing advanced metering docket to improve Council member familiarity with the subject and its implications for Rhode Island.

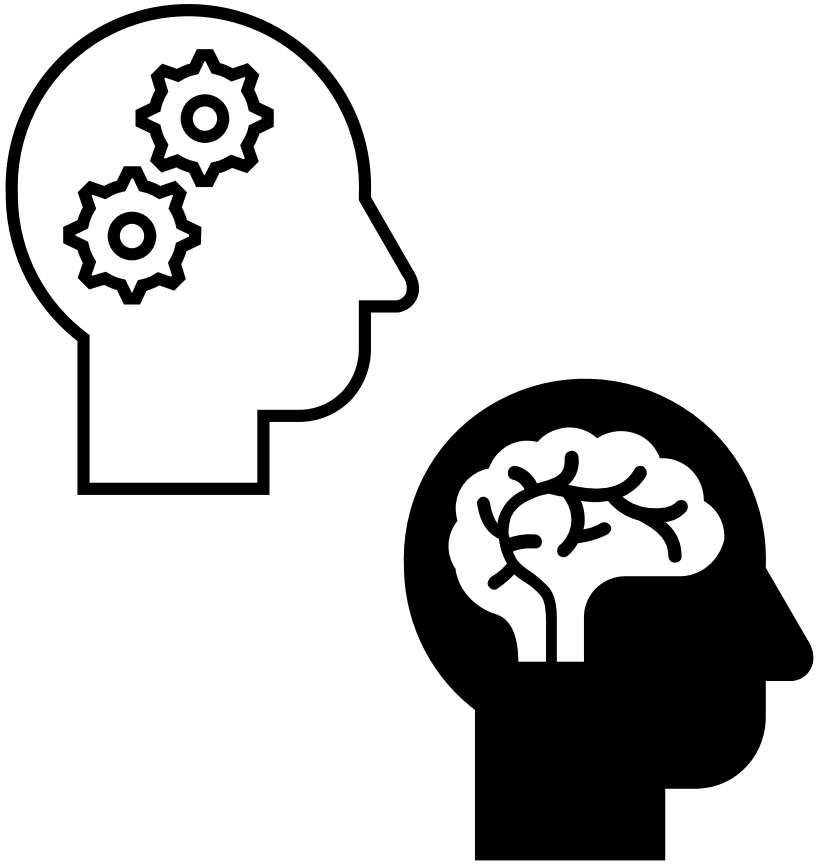


Agenda

12:45 – 1:00 PM	15 min	Arrival, Refreshments & Welcome
1:00 – 1:15 PM	15 min	Introductions & Icebreaker
1:15 – 2:10 PM	55 min	Opportunities for Council Process Improvements
1:15 – 1:20 PM	5 min	- Discussion Framing by Consultant Team & Council Chair
1:20 – 2:10 PM	50 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
2:10 – 2:25 PM	15 min	Break & Refreshments
2:25 – 3:10 PM	45 min	PUC Regulatory Process for Energy Efficiency Plans
2:25 – 2:45 PM	20 min	- Presentation by RI Public Utilities Commission
2:45 – 3:10 PM	25 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team & RI Energy
3:10 – 3:55 PM	45 min	Advanced Metering Deep Dive
3:10 – 3:30 PM	20 min	- Presentation by RI Energy
3:30 – 3:55 PM	25 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team & RI Energy
3:55 – 4:00 PM	5 min	Public Comment



Keep in Mind



- We want to hear from you!
- More conversational than formal
- Respect each other's thoughts, perspectives and opinions
- Keep discussion forward-looking
- Tend to your own comfort as needed



QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GET STARTED?

15 MINUTES



INTRODUCTIONS & ICE BREAKER





Chair Oakley's Ice Breaker



55 MINUTES



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCIL PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team & Council Chair



Meeting Logistics

Time of Month: Is the third Thursday of the month the right point in the month for the Council, or would a different day of the week and/or point in the month make more sense?

Time of Day: Is the afternoon towards the end of business hours the right time of day for the Council to conduct its meetings, or would a morning or early afternoon time slot make more sense?

Length and Frequency: Is two hours, once per month, the right amount of time that the Council needs to conduct its business, or is more time needed?

Location: Is the Department of Administration the right place to conduct Council meetings, or would a different or varying location benefit the Council's work?



Meeting Agendas

Announcements: Chair and Executive Director Comments

Special Presentations: Presentations not from RI Energy and/or the C-Team

Reports: Summary of recently received resources and materials and ones to expect upcoming

Program Oversight: Presentations from RI Energy and/or the C-Team

Council Business: Necessary and/or potential votes and Council discussion

Public Comment



Additional Learning Opportunities

What would be the **right format** for additional learning opportunities?

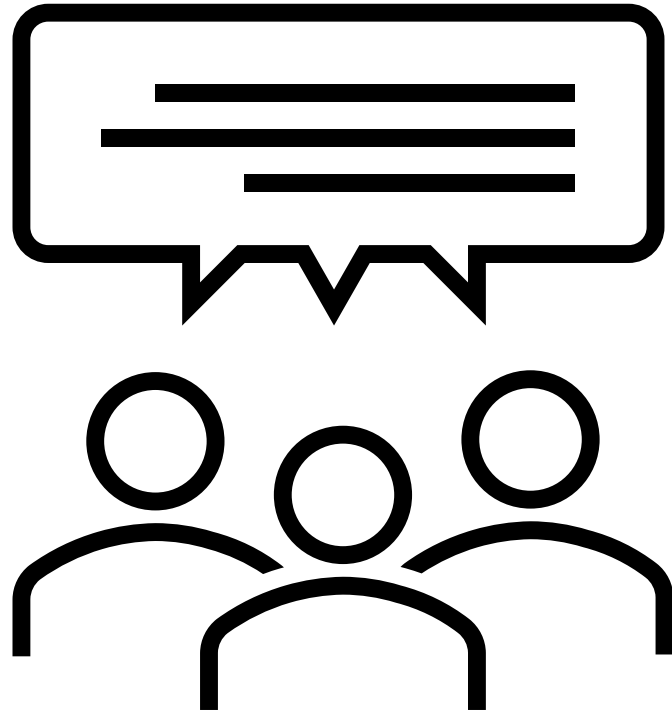
- Optional one-hour meetings prior to standard Council meetings on a semi-regular basis (e.g. quarterly) where no Council business would be conducted.
- Pre-Recorded Webinars
- One-Page memos
- Other ideas?

What **type of content** would the Council like for these additional learning opportunities to contain?

- Pre-meeting briefing material(s)
- Primers on EE 101 topics like Performance Incentive Mechanisms, EM&V, individual programs, etc.



Council Member Discussion



- In what ways do you feel the **Council's operations** could be adjusted to improve effectiveness or efficiency?
- What would make it easier to fulfill your **Council member responsibilities**?
- How could the **Consultant Team** better support you as a Council Member?
- Are there any additional updates to the **EERMC Bylaws** that would improve the Council's functionality or effectiveness?
- How could the **Council Member Handbook** be updated to better support to you?



15 MINUTES



BREAK & REFRESHMENTS



45 MINUTES



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REGULATORY PROCESS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLANS

Presentation by RI Public Utilities Commission

Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team & RI Energy



Topics

Overview of Least Cost Procurement Statute and Standards

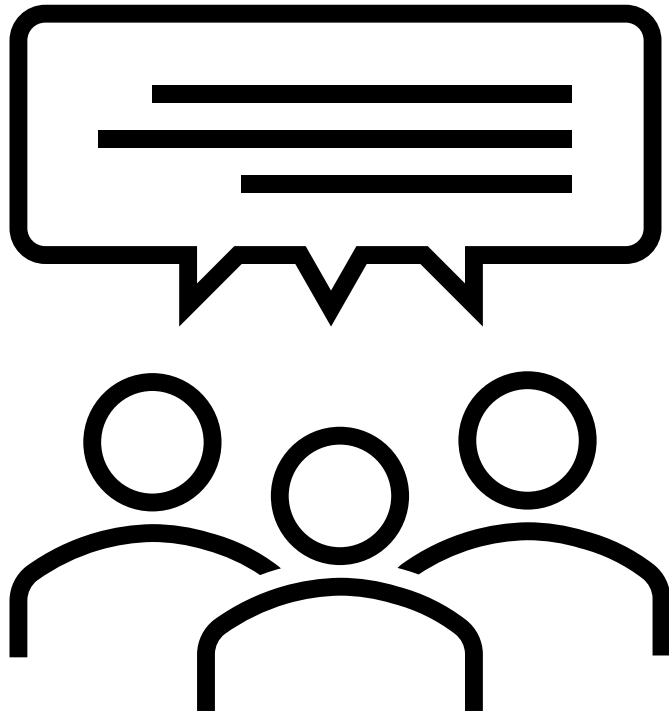
Commission's Regulatory Process

Council's Opportunities for Engagement

Q&A



Council Member Discussion



- What **new understanding** do you have about the regulatory process for EE plans? What is still **unclear**?
- What **type of relationship** would the Council like to have with the PUC? What can the Council do to foster that relationship?

45 MINUTES



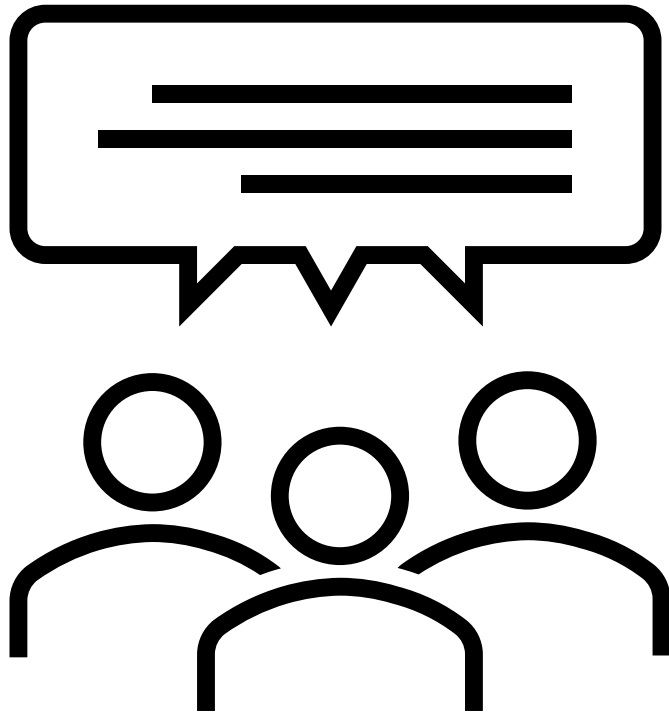
ADVANCED METERING DEEP DIVE

Presentation by RI Energy

Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team & RI Energy



Council Member Discussion



- What short- and/or long-term **outcomes** would you like to see for advanced metering in Rhode Island?
- What **challenges and/or opportunities** relating to advanced metering do you see or anticipate from the perspective of the constituents and interests you represent?
- What do you see as the **Council's role**?
- How would you like to see this addressed in future **Energy Efficiency Plans**?



5 MINUTES



PUBLIC COMMENT

