



EERMC Councilor Learning, Education & Advancement Discussion 2023 Session #2 Agenda

Monday, October 30, 2023 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM

President’s Dining Room, Donovan Dining Center
 Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI 02908

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PROPOSED 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

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.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

Opportunities for Council Process Improvements *(Please refer to one-pager in meeting materials)*

- 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?

PUC Regulatory Process for Energy Efficiency Plans

- 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?

Advanced Metering Deep Dive

- 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 **Energy Efficiency Plans**?

RESOURCES

Opportunities for Council Process Improvements

- Council Process Improvements Briefing Memo *(To be posted with meeting materials)*
- [EERMC Bylaws Draft 10-17-23](#)
- [EERMC Member Handbook](#)

PUC Regulatory Process for Energy Efficiency Plans

- [Least Cost Procurement Standards](#)
- [EERMC Enabling Legislation](#)

Advanced Metering Deep Dive

- RI Energy Presentation & Reference Materials *(To be posted with meeting materials)*
- [RI PUC Docket 22-49 EL](#) - "The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's Advanced Metering Functionality ("AMF") Business Case"