



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

CONSULTANT TEAM

EERMC 2025 EE Plan and 2024-2026 SRP Plan Priorities Update

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Outline

- Background
- New Approach
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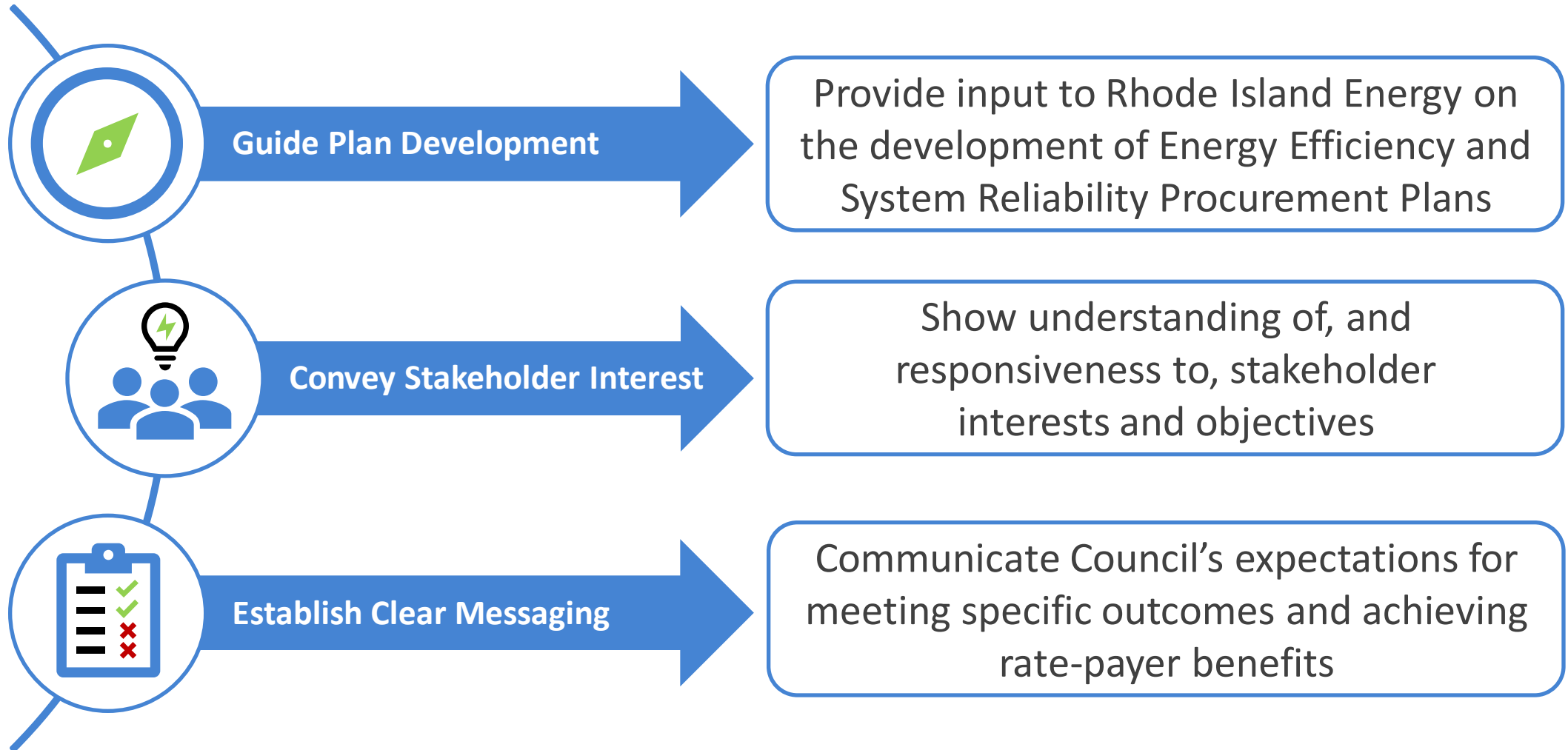


BACKGROUND





Why Set Plan Priorities?





How Are Priorities Used?

Stakeholder Communication

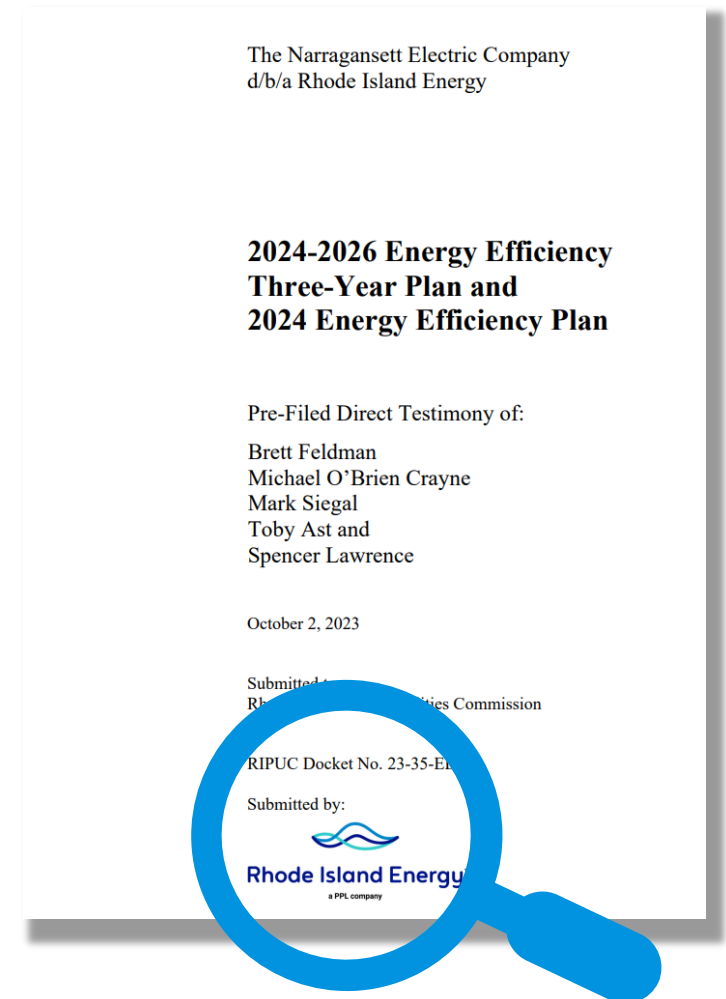
- Presented to Rhode Island Energy’s stakeholder engagement groups, known as Technical Working Groups

Plan Review

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

Regulatory Proceedings

- Often cited in regulatory proceedings in testimony and written comments





A NEW APPROACH





Two Groups of Priorities

Ongoing
Priorities

New
Areas of
Focus



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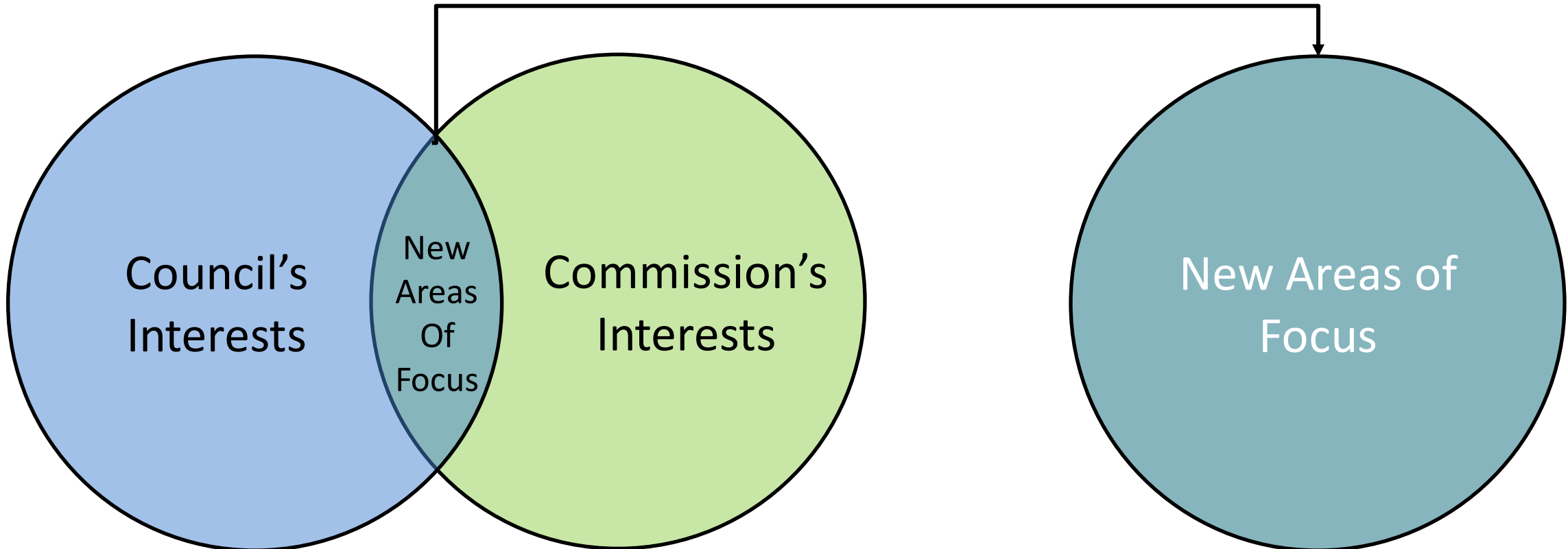
Based on priorities from the
2024-2026 Three-Year and 2024
Annual EE Plans

Priority content updated where
warranted



New Areas of Focus

Assess opportunities to drive progress on priorities that are at the intersection of Council and Commission interests





Implementing the New Approach

Finalize list of already identified new areas of focus for 2025 Plan Development (see later slides)

Identify specific measures, programs or implementation strategies that support both Council and Commission interests

- Company’s forthcoming filing on federal funding and existing program overlap is engaging in this to some extent already
- Support with C-Team analysis to identify measures with net utility system benefits that support other Council priorities



2025 PRIORITIES





Ongoing EE Priorities

Comply with Least Cost Procurement Standards (LCP)

Give Due Consideration to Act on Climate

Incorporate Stakeholder Input

Ensure Effective & Efficient Development & Review Process

Set Ambitious Three-Year and Annual Plan Savings Goals

Increase Participation in Underserved Communities

Conduct Targeted Workforce Development



New Areas of Focus for EE Priorities

Cost of Supply Methodology

Framework for how programs that exceed cost of supply but support other areas of LCP Standards will be justified

Company coordination with OER on Federal funding opportunities

Carbon Accounting Methodology



Updates to SRP Priorities

Priorities for 2024-2026 SRP Plan set **prior** to updates to LCP Standards that pulled Demand Response out of EE Filings

Category	Updates
Responsiveness	Ensure the Company submits any draft SRP Investment Proposals to the Council at least six weeks prior to the Company’s intended filing date for any such proposals
Stakeholder Engagement	Ensure opportunity for stakeholder feedback on SRP Investment Proposals
Continued Methodological Development	Add language around sharing Company analyses, including methodology and results, of Non-Wire and Non-Pipe Alternative opportunities
Ensure Robust Non-Pipes Program Implementation	Updated priority from completing NPA design to ensuring NPA implementation is robust
Ensure robust ongoing active demand management programs	New priority category to reflect active demand response program priorities given that these are now part of SRP and no longer part of EE



NEXT STEPS & COUNCIL DISCUSSION





Next Steps

February to March: One-on-one meetings

- Council members can discuss potential priorities with the C-Team and provide written comments as updates are being drafted

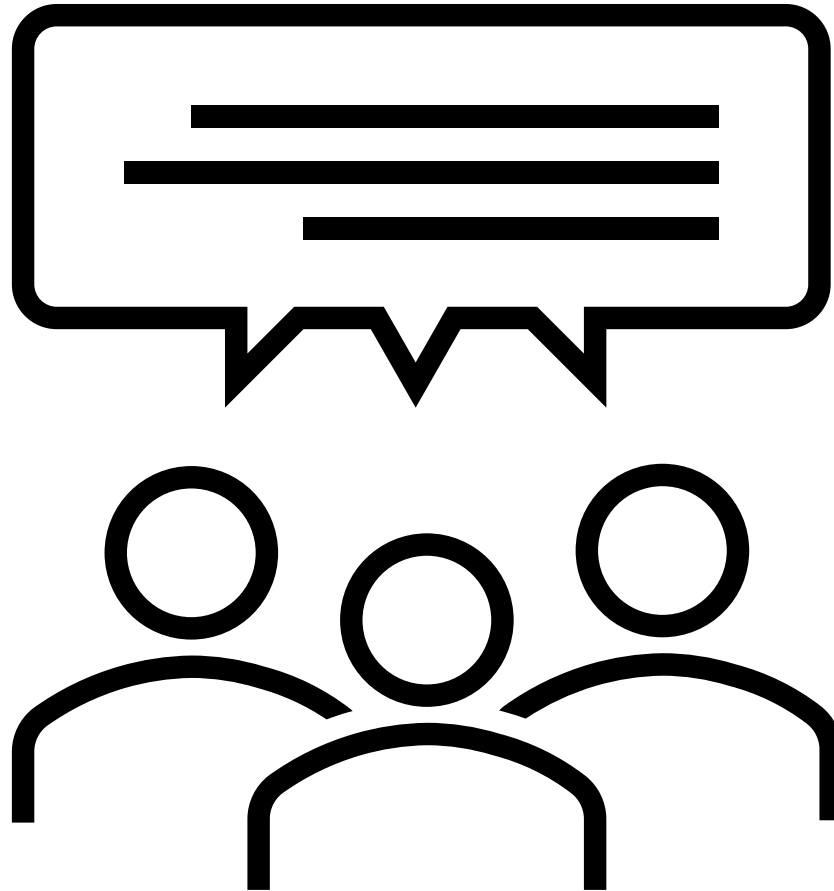
March 21st: Council discusses, refines and votes on 2025 EE and SRP Plan Priorities

March 28th: C-Team presents Council EE Priorities to EE Technical Working Group

April 17th: C-Team presents Council SRP Priorities at SRP Technical Working Group



Council Member Discussion





APPENDIX





2024-2026 EE PLAN PRIORITIES





Appendix Section Summary

The following slides present the Council's priority categories, and select descriptions of priorities from the 2024-2026 Three-Year and 2024 Annual EE and SRP Plans.

These are provided here to serve as a helpful reminder of how the Council structured its priorities in the past.



2024-2026 EE Plan Priorities

Council's Priorities for the 2024-2026 Energy Efficiency Plan

Comply with Least Cost
Procurement
Standards
(LCP)

Give Due Consideration
to Act on Climate

Incorporate
Stakeholder Input




Ensure Effective &
Efficient Development
& Review Process

Set Ambitious Three-
Year and Annual Plan
Savings Goals

Increase Participation
in Underserved
Communities

Conduct Targeted
Workforce
Development



-  Prior Plan Priority
-  New Plan Priority
-  Equity-focused Priority

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



- Prior Plan Priority
- New Plan Priority
- Equity-focused Priority

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



- Prior Plan Priority
- New Plan Priority
- Equity-focused Priority

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



- Prior Plan Priority
- New Plan Priority
- Equity-focused Priority

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 actively coordinating with the EC4 and other parties.

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



-  Prior Plan Priority
-  New Plan Priority
-  Equity-focused Priority

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



- Prior Plan Priority
- New Plan Priority
- Equity-focused Priority

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



- Prior Plan Priority
- New Plan Priority
- Equity-focused Priority

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



2024-2026 EE Plan Priorities

Council's Priorities for the 2024-2026 System Reliability Procurement Plan

Category	The 2024-2026 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 Energy Efficiency and Demand Energy Reduction 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 the planned timeline and 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.