



# 2013 Rhode Island Energy Efficiency Programs - Updates

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- The Office of Energy Resources (OER) and the Energy Efficiency Resource Management Council (EERMC) are currently working with National Grid in finalizing the 2013 Energy Efficiency Program Plan.
- The plan needs to be submitted to the RI Public Utility Commission on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- The area within the energy efficiency program plan that has resulted in a number of interesting discussions, is around Combined Heat and Power (CHP) investments.
- Legislation was introduced during the 2012 legislative session that required a greater look at CHP investments, and in addition to looking at the energy savings (Benefit/Cost Test) attributes, the law required that economic development (direct and indirect job creation) benefits, air quality, and system reliability benefits be incorporated into the review of eligible CHP projects.

# RI Public Energy Partnership

- The OER will develop the Rhode Island Public Energy Partnership (RI PEP) to help State agencies and local governments attain high levels of energy savings and improved building operations. Over the 3-year project, an inventory of state-owned and managed facilities, and municipal facilities, will identify electricity and natural gas efficiency opportunities.
- The OER secured approximately \$750,000 from the Department of Energy (DOE) over the next 3 years.
- The State will begin with water supply facilities, schools, and State buildings. The RI PEP will provide highly skilled technical assistance and well-coordinated business approaches to help facilities managers prioritize and implement energy efficiency projects.
- The State's utility (National Grid) will provide matching grants to perform this work.

# Questions/Comments

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