

# Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council 2018 Priorities

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In 2018, the Council will monitor the last year of 2016-2018 Plan implementation, while turning the bulk of its attention to planning for the 2019-2021 Plan.

The Council has set specific priorities for 2018 that reflect its desire that Massachusetts' energy efficiency activities continue to be aggressive and delivered equitably and cost-efficiently. Additionally, the Council continues to strongly support pursuing new program strategies and measures as a way of readjusting program offerings in response to the decline of claimable lighting savings. In light of these matters of ongoing importance, these priorities also refer to (but do not enumerate) its recommendations for the 2019-2021 Plan.

Additional areas of focus will arise during the 2018 planning year; with that in mind, the Council has set four overarching priorities for 2018. The Council requests that the PAs continue to provide progress updates on these priorities in their 2018 quarterly reports.

## **1. Continue to aggressively pursue 2016-2018 Plan goals—along with new initiatives and strategies—through the last year of the Plan.**

In the final year of the 2016-2018 Plan, the Council supports the PAs in their aggressive efforts to acquire savings via existing program offerings. In addition, the Council asks that the new initiatives and program delivery strategies that were highlighted in the October 26, 2015 Council resolution continue to receive the full attention of the PAs through the end of the Plan period. These include:

- Continued implementation of DPU-approved active demand management demonstrations
- The renter initiative and the moderate income initiative
- Combined heat & power (CHP) installation activities
- Segment-specific approaches in the commercial & industrial (C&I) sector, especially for small business
- Initiatives targeting multifamily buildings

## **2. Integrate the Council's recommendations for the 2019-2021 Plan into the Plan to the Council's satisfaction.**

The EEAC planning workshops that began in September of 2017 will result in a number of recommendations that together express the priorities of the Council for the 2019-2021 Plan.

The Council thanks the PAs for their helpful input and thoughtful participation in the workshops, and asks that:

- The recommendations that result from this collaborative process are integrated into the April 2018 draft of the 2019-2021 Plan in a manner faithful to their intent
- The PAs engage with the Council Consultants on the key drivers process
- The final plan is delivered to the EEAC by the beginning of September to allow appropriate time for EEAC review and consideration

**3. Deliver requests for mid-term modifications (MTMs) to the 2016-2018 Plan to the Council with adequate time for review.**

In the past, it has been necessary for the PAs to make more budgetary modifications and related changes during the last year of the Plan than earlier in the Plan period.

Due to the expected number of these requests in 2018, the work involved in reviewing them, and the demanding work load of the planning year, the Council asks that the PAs provide MTM requests to the Council at least ~~five~~<sup>four</sup> weeks prior to the full EEAC meeting at which a resolution vote can take place.

**4. The PAs provide the Council with a roadmap describing their strategy and timeline for exiting the residential lighting market by April 30, 2018.**

The PAs' waning ability to claim electric savings in the rapidly-transforming residential lighting market has been the subject of much discussion in 2017. This challenge ~~will~~<sup>is sure to</sup> have a substantial influence on the development of the 2019-2021 Plan.

The Council asks that the PAs provide a roadmap by April 30, 2018 that clearly describes their strategy and timeline for winding down residential lighting incentives. This important information will be crucial to the Council's informed engagement in the Plan development process.