

Acadia Center Responds to Governor McKee (RI)'s Rate Relief Announcement

Calls for Reversal of Energy Efficiency Program Cuts



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The two settlements highlighted in [the Governor's rate relief announcement](#) are examples of our regulatory bodies holding the utility accountable to their obligations and refunding money already owed to ratepayers. Acadia Center thanks the DPUC and PUC for their tireless efforts on this front and appreciates the immediate relief these returns offer for Rhode Islanders struggling with energy costs.

However, **we cannot rely on settlements alone to provide rate relief year after year** in the future. In addition to ongoing regulatory oversight, **Rhode Islanders need long-lasting, renewing tools to help protect against rising energy costs.** Energy efficiency is one such key tool – it lowers energy bills year after year, at the household and business level and across the gas and electric systems by proactively reducing supply and infrastructure costs.

Unfortunately, Rhode Island's energy efficiency programs are facing significant cuts this year, despite cost-effectively providing tangible benefits for Rhode Islanders. Acadia Center urges that proposed program cuts be reversed and the accompanying savings be added to an even more robust and enduring rate relief package from the McKee Administration this fall.

[See Acadia Center's Energy Efficiency Action Alert Regarding Proposed Cuts to the 2026 Rhode Island Programs Reporting by the Providence Journal](#)

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