

Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (and Goals)

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- **Hawaii:** HRS § 269-96 et seq., HI PUC Order, Docket 2010-0037
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- **Iowa:** Iowa Code § 476.6.16, IAC 199-35, IAC 199-36, Iowa Utilities Board orders
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- **Massachusetts:** M.G.L. ch. 25, § 21, DPU orders
- **Maryland:** Md. Public Utility Companies Code § 7-211
- **Michigan:** MCL § 460.1071 et seq., several PSC orders
- **Minnesota:** Minn. Stat. § 216B.241
- **Missouri:** R.S. Mo. § 393.1075, 4 CSR 240-20.094, several PSC orders
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- **New Jersey:** N.J. Rev. Stat. § 48:3-87.9
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- **Rhode Island:** R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7, R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-2-1.2, several RIPUC orders
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A Note Regarding DSIRE's Definition of An Energy Efficiency Resource Standard

The DSIRE glossary provides the following definition of an “energy efficiency resource standard”:

“Energy efficiency resource standards (EERS) are state policies that require utilities to meet specific targets for energy savings according to a set schedule. EERS policies establish separate reduction targets for electricity sales, peak electric demand and/or natural gas consumption. In most cases, utilities must achieve energy savings by developing demand-side management (DSM) programs, which typically provide financial incentives to customers to install energy-efficient equipment.”

Thus, the states categorized as having a “standard” are the ones with a policy that fits all of the following elements of a four-part test:

- 1) The policy was adopted by the state legislature or regulatory body***
- 2) The policy features a binding requirement***
- 3) The policy includes specific targets for energy savings***
- 4) The policy includes a set schedule for meeting the targets.***

If a state is otherwise categorized (e.g. as having a statewide goal as opposed to having a standard), it is because our review of each state’s policy did not meet at least one of the parts of the above four-part test.