



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 17-84

May 9, 2017

Petition of the Towns of Aquinnah, Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Eastham, Edgartown, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, Wellfleet, West Tisbury, Yarmouth, and the Counties of Barnstable and Dukes, acting together as the Cape Light Compact, for approval of proposed changes to its demand response demonstration offering and associated budget.

On January 28, 2016, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) approved a three-year energy efficiency plan (“Three-Year Plan”) and associated budget for 2016 through 2018 for the Towns of Aquinnah, Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Eastham, Edgartown, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, Wellfleet, West Tisbury, Yarmouth, and the Counties of Barnstable and Dukes, acting together as the Cape Light Compact (“Compact”). Cape Light Compact, D.P.U. 15-166 (2016). On March 28, 2017, pursuant to the Department’s directives in Cape Light Compact, D.P.U. 16-177 (2017), the Compact filed a petition requesting that the Department approve proposed changes to its Three-Year Plan. The Department docketed the petition as D.P.U. 17-84.

The Compact’s Three-Year Plan includes a demand response offering that is primarily focused on the implementation of demand response activities for residential customers, with limited commercial and industrial (“C&I”) activities. The Compact proposes to modify the residential component of its demand response offering to discontinue use of energy monitoring devices and to add wi-fi thermostats. In addition, the Compact proposes to increase its C&I demand response offering through the deployment of thermal storage units at approximately five to ten commercial locations. To implement these changes to the demand response offering, the Compact proposes to increase its three-year residential sector budget by \$205,602, and to increase its three-year C&I sector budget by \$907,567, for a total increase of \$1,113,169. On March 15, 2017, the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council passed a resolution supporting the Compact’s proposal to expand its demand response offering.

In addition, the Compact states that it will propose, as part of its 2016 Plan Year Report filing, to suspend enrollment in its Residential Behavioral/Feedback core initiative. As a result, the Compact proposes in the instant proceeding to reduce the three-year budget

for its Residential Behavioral/Feedback core initiative by \$508,103. The net increase to the Compact's Three-Year Plan budget, after accounting for the proposed increase in demand response offerings and forthcoming discontinuance of the Residential Behavioral/Feedback core initiative, is \$605,066. The Compact seeks to recover these costs through its energy efficiency surcharges.

If the Department approves the changes to the Compact's Three-Year Plan as proposed, the Compact states that customers will experience the following bill impacts:

- A typical residential customer (rate R-1) using 584 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") of electricity per month will experience a bill increase of \$0.04 per month (or 0.03 percent).
- Residential low-income customers (rate R-2) will not experience any bill impacts related to the Compact's proposal.
- Small C&I customers will experience monthly bill increases between approximately 0.33 percent and 0.49 percent. These customers should contact the Compact for specific bill impact information.
- Bill impacts for medium and large C&I customers will vary. These customers should contact the Compact for specific bill impact information.

A copy of the Compact's filing is available for inspection during regular business hours the Compact's offices, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, Massachusetts, and at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. The filing is also available on the Department's website at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "17-84"). To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact Theresa Kelly at Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Compact's petition on **Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be immediately followed by a procedural conference.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, June 1, 2017**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely unless good cause is shown for

waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and two (2) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the dates noted above. One copy of all comments or petitions to intervene must also be sent to counsel for the Compact, Jo Ann Bodemer, Esq., BCK Law, P.C., 271 Waverly Oaks Road, Suite 203, Waltham, Massachusetts 02452.

All documents must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the Hearing Officer, Jeffrey Leupold, jeffrey.leupold@state.ma.us; or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-84); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

For further information regarding the Compact's petition, please contact counsel for the Compact, Jo Ann Bodemer, Esq., BCK Law, P.C., 271 Waverly Oaks Road, Suite 203, Waltham, Massachusetts 02452, 617-244-9500. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Jeffrey Leupold, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, 617-305-3500.

Reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact Theresa Kelly at Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.