



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 23-135

November 21, 2023

Petition of the Towns of Aquinnah, Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Edgartown, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, West Tisbury, Wellfleet and Yarmouth, and Dukes County organized and operating collectively as Cape Light Compact JPE, for Approval of its 2024 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors, for effect January 1, 2024.

On November 1, 2023, 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 and Yarmouth, and Dukes County, organized and operating collectively as Cape Light Compact JPE ("Compact"), filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition seeking approval of its 2024 energy efficiency surcharges ("EES") for effect January 1, 2024. The Compact submitted a supplemental filing on November 17, 2023. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 23-135.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19(a), an EES collects additional funds for approved energy efficiency programs when the cost of implementing those programs exceeds other funding sources. Through its proposed EES, the Compact seeks to (1) collect costs associated with the implementation of its proposed energy efficiency programs in 2023 in excess of other funding sources; and (2) reconcile an overcollection of costs from the previous year's program implementation.

The Compact's proposed EES are based on energy efficiency program budgets for 2022 through 2024 as approved by the Department in 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plans, D.P.U. 21-120 through D.P.U. 21-129 (2022). Separately, the Compact has submitted a request for proposed mid-term modification of its Department-approved energy efficiency budget for 2024, which was docketed as D.P.U. 23-58 and is currently under investigation. The proposed EES described below do not include any costs related to the Compact's proposed mid-term modification in D.P.U. 23-58.

The Compact proposes the following EES for effect January 1, 2024: (1) 2.091 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for residential customers; (2) 2.091 cents per kWh for

low-income residential customers; and (3) 1.179 cents per kWh for commercial and industrial (“C&I”) customers.

If the Department approves the Compact’s EES as proposed, customers will experience the following bill impacts:

- An average residential (R-1) customer using 530 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$2.60 (or 1.54 percent).
- An average low-income residential customers (R-2) customer using 475 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$1.35 (or 1.52 percent).
- C&I customers will experience increases to monthly bills in the range of 1.95 percent to 2.65 percent. For specific bill impacts, customers should contact the Compact as shown below.

Any person or entity interested in commenting on the Compact’s filing may submit written comments not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 6, 2023**. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

The filing and other documents submitted in electronic format will be posted as soon as practicable at on the Department’s website through our online File Room at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter “23-135”). Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. Therefore, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments.

The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email using the method described below. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All comments must be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [krista.hawley@mass.gov](mailto:krista.hawley@mass.gov). In addition, all comments should be submitted to the Compact’s attorney, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., by email attachment to [akiernan@kolawpc.com](mailto:akiernan@kolawpc.com). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-135); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; (3) a brief descriptive title of the document; and (4) the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

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