



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-51

May 10, 2024

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 and Yarmouth, and Dukes County, organized and operating collectively as Cape Light Compact JPE, for approval of revised 2024 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors for effect July 1, 2024.

On April 12, 2024, 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 revised 2024 energy efficiency reconciling factors (“EERFs”) for effect July 1, 2024. The Department docketed the Compact’s petition as D.P.U. 24-51.

An EERF collects additional funds for approved energy efficiency programs when the cost of implementing those programs exceeds other funding sources. See G.L. c. 25, § 19(a). The EERFs are designed to: (1) collect costs associated with the Compact’s energy efficiency program implementation in excess of other funding sources; and (2) reconcile expenses and revenues from the previous year’s program implementation.

The Department approved the Compact’s Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan (“Three-Year Plan”) and associated budget in 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plans, D.P.U. 21-120 through D.P.U. 21-129 (2022). On December 27, 2023, the Department approved the Compact’s 2024 EERFs for effect January 1, 2024, subject to reconciliation after further investigation. Cape Light Compact JPE, D.P.U. 23-135 (2023). The Compact now proposes to revise its 2024 EERFs to incorporate an \$6,178,996 increase in its Three-Year Plan budget associated with the Department’s approval of the Compact’s request for a mid-term modification in Cape Light Compact JPE, D.P.U. 23-58, Stamp-Approved Filing (March 14, 2024).

The Compact proposes the following revised EERFs for effect July 1, 2024:
(1) 3.898 cents per kilowatt-house (“kWh”) for its Residential and Income-eligible sectors;
and (2) 1.558 cents per kWh for its Commercial and Industrial (“C&I”) sector.

If the Department approves the revised 2024 EERFs as proposed, a typical residential customer (R-1) using 530 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$9.58 (or approximately 5.31 percent). A typical low-income residential (R-2) customer using 475 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$4.98 (or approximately 5.27 percent). C&I customers will experience increases to monthly bills ranging from 1.33 percent to 2.26 percent. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Compact as shown below.

Any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024**. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email using the methods described below. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission is sufficient. 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 documents must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and krista.hawley@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-51); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. In addition, a copy of all comments should be sent to the Compact's attorney, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., at akiernan@kolawpc.com.

All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-51") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>. 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.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Andrea.R.Casul@mass.gov. For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Compact's attorney, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., at akiernan@kolawpc.com or (617) 644-7681. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at krista.hawley@mass.gov.