



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-167

November 21, 2024

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 Reconciliation Factors, for effect January 1, 2025.

On October 31, 2024, 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 (“the Compact”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a petition seeking approval of its 2025 Energy Efficiency Surcharges (“EES”) for effect January 1, 2025. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-167.

The Compact is a municipal aggregator that has received Department approval to act as the energy efficiency Program Administrator for electric customers in its member municipalities pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. An EES 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 EES is designed to: (1) collect costs associated with the Compact’s energy efficiency program implementation which are in excess of other funding sources; and (2) reconcile expenses and revenues from the previous year’s program implementation.

The Compact proposes the following EES for effect January 1, 2025: (1) \$0.05468 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for the residential and low-income residential sector; and (2) \$0.03223 per kWh for the commercial and industrial (“C&I”) sector.

If the Department approves the Compact’s 2025 EES as proposed, the Compact states that customers will experience the following bill impacts:

- a typical residential customer (R-1) using 530 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$8.33 (or 4.68 percent);
- a typical low-income residential (R-2) customer using 475 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$4.33 (or approximately 4.65 percent); and

- C&I customers will experience an increase to monthly bills ranging from a 6.28 percent increase (Rate G-1 Small General Service) to an 8.98 percent increase (Rate G-3 Large General Service). For specific bill impacts, please contact the Compact as shown below.

The Compact's 2025 EES incorporates its proposed energy efficiency program budget for 2025, which is currently under investigation by the Department as part of the Compact's 2025-2027 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan filing in Cape Light Compact JPE, D.P.U. 24-146. The proposed 2025 budget incorporates, among other things, a proposal by the Program Administrators to allocate certain electrification costs amongst gas and electric Program Administrators. Actual customer bill impacts will vary depending on the outcome of the investigation in D.P.U. 24-146.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, December 13, 2024**. 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 methods 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.

To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission is sufficient. All comments must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and elizabeth.c.mcnamara@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-167); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company'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 "24-167") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov or 617-626-1282. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact the Company's attorney, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., at akiernan@kolawpc.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Elizabeth McNamara, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at elizabeth.c.mcnamara@mass.gov.