



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

D.P.U. 24-146

November 4, 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, acting together as the Cape Light Compact JPE, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21, for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2025 through 2027.

On October 31, 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, acting together as the Cape Light Compact JPE (“Compact”), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) seeking approval of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2025 through 2027 (“Three-Year Plan”). The proposed Three-Year Plan also incorporates the Compact’s Residential Conservation Service filing pursuant to G.L. c. 164, App. § 2-7(h). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-146.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21, all Massachusetts electric and gas distribution companies, and municipal aggregators with certified efficiency plans (together, “Program Administrators”), are required to develop, in consultation with the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (“Council”), plans that provide for the acquisition of all available energy efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost effective or less expensive than supply. In addition, the Three-Year Plans must achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals set by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Statewide, the Program Administrators together propose to invest approximately \$5 billion in energy efficiency and decarbonization efforts over the Three-Year Plan term that they state will deliver \$13 billion in total benefits to Massachusetts customers. The Compact’s proposed Three-Year Plan includes energy efficiency programs for residential, low-income, and commercial and industrial (“C&I”) customers.

The Compact’s proposed total budget for the 2025-2027 Three-Year Plan Term is \$296,034,407 (i.e., \$93,398,152 in 2025, \$94,678,892 in 2026, and \$107,957,363 in 2027). If the Compact’s Three-Year Plan is approved as proposed, the Compact states that customers could experience the following bill impacts:

- A typical residential customer (R-1) using 530 kWh per month could experience a monthly bill increase of \$8.33 or 4.68 percent in 2025; a monthly bill decrease of \$2.14 or 1.15 percent in 2026; and a monthly bill increase of \$4.83 or 2.62 percent in 2027.
- A typical low-income customer (R-2) using 475 kWh per month could experience a monthly bill increase of \$4.33 or 4.65 percent in 2025; a monthly bill decrease of \$1.11 or 1.14 percent in 2026; and a monthly bill increase of \$2.51 or 2.61 percent in 2027.
- Bill impacts for C&I customers will vary. These customers should contact the Compact as indicated below for specific bill impact information.

Finally, the Department will incorporate the investigation of D.P.U. 24-32, the Compact's request for a waiver of certain provisions regarding the calculation of interest in NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy's Energy Efficiency Charges Tariff (M.D.P.U. No. 50E), as part of the current investigation in D.P.U. 24-146.

The Department will conduct the following public hearings to receive comments on the Compact's petition, as follows:

- **In-person hearing on December 3, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in Worcester at the Hogan Campus Center, Suite B/C 4th, College of the Holy Cross, 1 College Street, Worcester, MA 01610. Interpretation services (Spanish, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], and Vietnamese) will be available at this in-person public hearing.**
- **In-person hearing on December 4, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in New Bedford at Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740. Interpretation services (Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese) will be available at this in-person public hearing.**
- **Virtual public hearing on December 5, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. using Zoom videoconferencing using the link provided below. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese) will be available at this virtual public hearing.**
- **In-person hearing on December 5, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in Boston at the Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, Russian, and Vietnamese) will be available at this in-person public hearing.**

Attendees can join the December 5, 2024 virtual public hearing by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89518573642>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the virtual public hearing, attendees can dial in at (646) 558-8656 or (309) 205-3325 (**not toll free**) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 895 1857 3642**. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese) will be available over the Zoom platform by

clicking the “Interpretation” button on the menu at the bottom of the Zoom application screen and selecting your language (i.e., Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese).

If you anticipate providing comments during any of the public hearings, please send an email by **Friday, November 29, 2024**, to [krista.hawley@mass.gov](mailto:krista.hawley@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address.

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 6, 2024**. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to the Department’s 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.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. The Department has established two procedural tracks for review of the Three-Year Plans, referred to as “General Track” and “Alternate Track.” Order Approving Revised Energy Efficiency Guidelines, D.P.U. 20-150-A (2021) (“Guidelines”). Guidelines § 3.7.2(a). A General Track participant is a party whose interests are represented on the Council pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 22(a). An entity that was previously granted intervention as a full party or a limited participant will be considered a General Track participant for future Three-Year Plan proceedings. An Alternate Track participant is any entity found by the Department, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 10, to be substantially and specifically affected by these proceedings but: (1) did not participate in or whose interests were not adequately represented in the Council process; and (2) has not previously participated in a Three-Year Plan proceeding as a full party or limited participant.

General Track persons/entities who desire 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 on **Friday, November 1, 2024**. Alternate Track persons/entities and all other persons/entities who desire 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 on **Thursday, November 14, 2024**. 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to General Track Petitions to Intervene must be filed by the close of business on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. All responses to Alternate Track Petitions to Intervene must be filed by the close of business on **Monday, November 18, 2024**.

To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or a petition to intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission is sufficient. All comments or petitions to intervene 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 or petitions to intervene should be submitted to the Compact's attorney, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., KO Law, P.C., 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. 24-146); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-146") 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](mailto:eeadiversity@mass.gov) or 617-626-1282. Any person desiring further information regarding the Three-Year Plan should contact counsel for the Compact, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., KO Law, P.C., at [akiernan@kolawpc.com](mailto: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](mailto:krista.hawley@mass.gov) or visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/energy-efficiency-dockets-and-filings>.

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