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RE: Cape Light Compact Municipal Aggregation Plan

Dear Attorneys:

As you know, G.L. c. 164, § 134 requires municipalities aggregating the electric loads of their residents to have a plan approved by the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") that describes the aggregation program's structure, operations, and funding. City of Lowell Municipal Aggregation, D.P.U. 12-124, Interlocutory Order on the Attorney General's Motions to Compel Discovery at 16 (April 4, 2013). As part of our analysis of pending municipal aggregation plans, the Department has reviewed the Cape Light Compact's ("Compact") municipal aggregation plan and notes that the plan, originally approved by the Department in Cape Light Compact, D.T.E. 00-47 (2000), may no longer fully and accurately reflect the Compact's current operation of its municipal aggregation program. Please review the municipal aggregation plan and determine whether the Compact should file a revised plan to reflect the municipal aggregation program's current structure and operations. In order to minimize customer confusion and ensure that the municipal aggregation plan adequately describes the program, the Compact, at a minimum, should consider removing references to standard offer service and Commonwealth Electric Company.

Prior to filing a revised municipal aggregation plan with the Department, the Compact should complete any required consultation with the Department of Energy Resources and obtain any necessary governing board approvals, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134(a). The revised

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municipal aggregation plan must comply with any applicable laws, regulations and Department precedent, including the Department's Orders in <u>City of Lowell Municipal Aggregation</u>, D.P.U. 12-124. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

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