



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-154

November 14, 2025

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 its 2026 Energy Efficiency Reconciliation Factors, for effect January 1, 2026.

On October 31, 2025, 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 2026 Energy Efficiency Surcharges ("EES") for effect January 1, 2026. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 25-154.

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, 2026: (1) \$0.03488 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for the residential and low-income residential sector; and (2) \$0.02682 per kWh for the commercial and industrial ("C&I") sector.

If the Department approves the 2026 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 \$1.13 (or 0.61 percent);

- a typical low-income residential (R-2) customer using 475 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.59 (or approximately 0.61 percent); and
- C&I customers will experience increases to monthly bills ranging from a 0.77 percent increase (Rate G-2 Medium General Service) to a 1.06 percent increase (Rate G-4 General Power). For specific bill impacts, C&I customers should contact the Compact as shown below.

Any person interested commenting on this matter may also submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, December 1, 2025**.

The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Peter A. Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, 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. In addition, all documents should be emailed to the Compact's attorney Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., by email attachment to akiernan@kolawpc.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-154); (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 "25-154") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/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. As such, 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 eeadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282. For further information regarding the Compact's filing, please contact the Compact's attorney, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., at akiernan@kolawpc.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at krista.hawley@mass.gov.