

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-122

November 18, 2020

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 2021 Energy Efficiency Surcharges for effect January 1, 2021.

On October 30, 2020, 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 2021 energy efficiency surcharges ("EES") for effect January 1, 2021. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 20-122.

The Compact's current three-year energy efficiency plan was approved by the Department in Cape Light Compact JPE 2019-2021 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan, D.P.U. 18-116 (2019). Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19(a), an EES collects additional funds for approved energy efficiency programs when the cost of implementing those programs exceeds other funding sources. Through its proposed EES, the Compact seeks to (1) collect costs associated with the implementation of its energy efficiency programs in 2021 in excess of other funding sources, and (2) reconcile over- and under-recovery of costs by customer sector from the previous year's program implementation.

The Compact proposes the following 2021 EES for effect January 1, 2021: (1) 2.579 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for residential customers; (2) 0.148 cents per kWh for low-income residential customers; and (3) 1.085 cents per kWh for commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers.

If the Department approves the Compact's 2021 EES as proposed, the average residential (R-1) customer using 516 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$2.15, or approximately 1.8 percent. The average low-income residential customer (R-2) customer using 488 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$(0.06) or approximately (0.09) percent. C&I customers will experience

decreases to monthly bills in the ranges of (0.84) percent to (0.37) percent. For specific bill impacts, customers should contact the Compact as shown below.

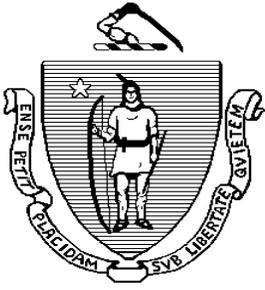
The bill impacts listed above are as compared to the Compact's 2020 EES approved by the Department subject to reconciliation after further investigation in Cape Light Compact JPE, D.P.U. 19-136 (2019). The Compact, however, has requested that the Department approve the use of different allocation factors that would increase the level of shared costs allocated to its energy efficiency programs in both 2020 and 2021. Should the Department approve the Compact's use of different allocation factors, the bill impacts identified above would increase.

The Department will accept written comments on the Compact's proposed 2021 EES. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 9, 2020**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies. On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued a state of emergency related to COVID-19 for the entire Commonwealth. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

All comments must be submitted to the Department in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to peter.ray@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. 20-122) (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. In addition, written comments should be sent to the Compact's attorneys, Jeffrey Bernstein, Esq. at jbernstein@bck.com, and Audrey Eidelman, Esq. at aeidelman@bck.com.

To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities contact Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us.

The Compact's filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at [https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber \(insert 20-122\)](https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber (insert 20-122)). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department due to the state of emergency. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Audrey Eidelman at (617) 244-9500 or aeidelman@bck.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at krista.hawley@mass.gov.



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The Compact's service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest. Finally, the Compact shall prominently display the notice on its website from three business days following receipt of the notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. The Compact shall make return of service at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Mark D. Marini, Secretary