



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 22-137

November 4, 2022

Petition of the Cape Light Compact JPE for Approval of a Strategic Electrification and Energy Optimization Demonstration Project Pursuant to St. 2022, c. 179, § 87A.

On October 27, 2022, 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”) to implement a strategic electrification and energy optimization demonstration project and associated budget pursuant to St. 2022, c. 179, § 87A, as part of its current 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan that was approved by the Department in Cape Light Compact JPE, D.P.U. 21-126 (2022). Through the proposed demonstration project (referred to as the “Cape and Vineyard Electrification Offering” or “CVEO”), the Compact proposes to enable 100 low- and moderate-income residential customers to convert their oil, propane, or electric resistance heat to cold climate heat pumps and install solar photo-voltaic systems to support electrification of their heating systems. For a subset of these customers, the Compact also proposes to install battery energy storage. To implement the CVEO, the Compact proposes a budget of \$5,931,509 for 2023 through 2024. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-137.

If the Department approves the Compact’s request as proposed, the average residential (R-1) customer using 516 kilowatt-hours (“kWh”) of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of approximately \$0.61 in 2023 and \$1.49 in 2024. The average low-income residential (R-2) customer using 488 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of approximately \$0.12 in 2023 and \$0.29 in 2024. The average residential space heating (R-3) customer using 740 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of approximately \$0.87 in 2023 and \$2.14 in 2024. Finally, the average low-income residential space heating (R-4) customer using 874 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of approximately \$0.22 in 2023 and \$0.51 in 2024.

Due to certain ongoing safety measures and precautions relating to in-person events as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Compact's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89554093437>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at **(646) 558-8656 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID# 895 5409 3437**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **Friday, December 9, 2022**, to stephanie.mealey@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **Friday, December 9, 2022**, at (617) 305-3582 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on the Compact's filing may also submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 17, 2022**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. 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 petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission's June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. 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. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or a petition to intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to stephanie.mealey@mass.gov and sarah.smegal@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-137); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic file name should identify the

document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Compact's attorney, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., at akiernan@kolawpc.com.

At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Compact's offices or the Department due to certain ongoing safety measures and precautions related to COVID-19. The filing and all other documents submitted in electronic format will be available on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "22-137") 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 DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

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 Sarah Smegal or Stephanie Mealey, Hearing Officers, Department of Public Utilities, at sarah.smegal@mass.gov or stephanie.mealey@mass.gov.