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Timothy Carroll Town Administrator Town of Chilmark PO Box 119 Chilmark, MA 02535 RECEIVED

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Chilmark Select Board Town Hall - Front Desk

Dear Timothy Carroll,

As you may already know, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Public Utilities has opened an inquiry, DPU 24-15, to examine energy burden with a focus on energy affordability for residential ratepayers. The DPU has posed a series of questions related to the following areas: (1) Low-Income Discount Rate; (2) Arrearage Management Programs; (3) Disconnection Protection; and (4) Percentage-of-Income Payment Plans. The DPU is requesting comments from interested parties by March 1, 2024.

The Cape Light Compact (Compact) will be participating in the inquiry and would like to offer an opportunity for you to provide input into the Compact's written comments. The Compact would like to invite all interested parties to join us for a zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 6 from 8:30am to noon. At this meeting, we will discuss the DPU investigation and address the questions raised in the attached DPU Order 08-4.

If you are interested in attending, please call Melissa Allard at 508-744-1278, or melissa.allard@capelightcompact.org to confirm your attendance. As well, please let us know your first, second, and third choices for the following areas of interest:

- (1) Arrearage Management Programs
- (2) Low Income Discount Rate
- (3) Disconnection Protection
- (4) Percentage of Income Payment Plans

We look forward to your input on these programs, and we are confident that your participation will be valuable for shaping these programs and their funding.

Sincerely,

Margaret T. Downey

Cape Light Compact Administrator

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