



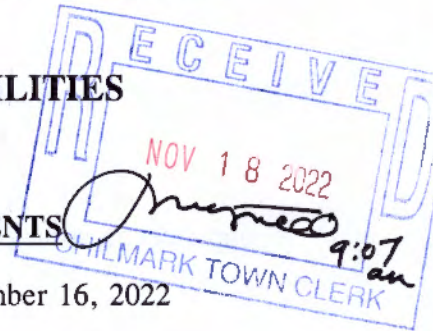
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-135

November 16, 2022



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 2023 Energy Efficiency Surcharges for effect January 1, 2023.

On November 1, 2021, 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 2023 energy efficiency surcharges ("EES") for effect January 1, 2023. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-135.

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 proposed energy efficiency programs in 2023 in excess of other funding sources, and (2) reconcile an overcollection of costs from the previous year's program implementation.

The Compact proposes the following 2023 EES for effect January 1, 2023: (1) 3.029 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for residential customers; (2) 0.201 cents per kWh for low-income residential customers; and (3) 1.372 cents per kWh for commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers.

If the Department approves the Compact's 2023 EES as proposed, the average residential (R-1) customer using 516 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$5.28, or approximately 2.95 percent due to the change in the EES. The average low-income residential customers (R-2) customer using 488 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$0.07 or approximately 0.07 percent due to the change in the EES. C&I customers will experience decreases to monthly bills in the

range of 0.78 percent to 1.43 percent due to the change in the EES. For specific bill impacts, customers should contact the Compact as shown below.

The 2023 EES listed above do not include costs associated with Compact's proposal to implement a strategic electrification and energy optimization demonstration project and associated budget, referred to as the "Cape and Vineyard Electrification Offering" or "CVEO," and currently under review by the Department in D.P.U. 22-137. If the CVEO is approved in that proceeding, the 2023 EES and associated bill impacts may increase. Additional information about those potential bill impacts is included in the Compact's EES filing (D.P.U. 22-135) and the CVEO filing (D.P.U. 22-137), which are available in the Department's online File Room at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>.

Any person or entity interested in commenting on the Compact's filing may submit written comments not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 2, 2022**. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

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 comments 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 comments should be submitted 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. 22-135); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; (3) a brief descriptive title of the document; and (4) the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. The electronic file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that **do not exceed 20 MB**.

At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Compact's offices or the Department. The filing and other documents submitted in electronic format will be posted as soon as practicable at on the Department's website through our

online File Room at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "22-135").

To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact 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.

