



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Service List in Department Investigation on Distributed Generation Interconnection, D.P.U. 11-75.

FROM: Mike Wallerstein, Hearing Officer

RE: Request for Reply Comments

DATE: December 13, 2012

CC: Mark D. Marini, Secretary

On September 14, 2012, the distributed generation working group¹ (“Working Group”) issued its final report, Proposed Changes to the Uniform Standards for Interconnecting Distributed Generation in Massachusetts (“Report”) and submitted it to the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”). The Report contains many recommendations for changes in the Uniform Standards for Interconnection Standards for Distributed Generation (“Tariff”) and additional recommendations that do not fall squarely within the Tariff. On October 24, 2012, the Department held a technical conference the Report. On October 31, the Working Group filed with the Department its recommended changes to the Tariff (“Redlined Tariff”). On November 26, 2012, the Department requested comments on both the Report and the Redlined Tariff. On December 7, 2012, the Department received comments from the Working Group, Cape Air, the Interstate Renewable Energy Council, the Solar Energy Industries Association, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and joint comments from

¹ On January 23, 2012, the Department convened the Working Group and tasked it with (1) determining what issues should be resolved regarding the current distributed generation interconnection standards and application procedure to ensure an efficient and effective interconnection process; and (2) deliberating with the goal, to the extent possible, of reaching a consensus on a resolution of such issues for Department review and approval. D.P.U. 11-75-A at 4, 7 (January 23, 2012).

NSTAR Electric Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil. The Department now seeks reply comments.

Any interested person may submit written reply comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, December 28, 2012**. One original and one copy of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. All documents must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the hearing officer, Mike Wallerstein at mike.wallerstein@state.ma.us; or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 11-75); (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: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Copies of the Report, Redlined Tariff and all comments are available on the for public viewing during regular business hours at the offices of the Department, One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Copies of the Report, Redlined Tariff and all comments are also available on the Department's website. If you have any questions please contact me at (617) 305-3500.