



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Electronic Distribution List in D.P.U. 19-55

FROM: Kate Tohme, Hearing Officer

RE: DG Interconnection, D.P.U. 19-55, Notice of Technical Conference Agenda and Request for Public Comments

DATE: June 27, 2019

CC: Mark Marini, Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

On May 22, 2019, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) opened an inquiry to investigate the interconnection of distributed generation (“DG”) in Massachusetts, pursuant to the Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation tariff (“DG Interconnection Tariff”) and Distributed Generation Interconnection, D.P.U. 11-75-E (2013). In its Vote and Order, the Department provided notice of a technical conference on July 18, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts and indicated it would provide additional information, including a detailed agenda, in advance of July 18, 2019. The Department also sought advanced registration for the technical conference online [here](#), on or before July 1, 2019. This memorandum sets forth an agenda for the July 18, 2019 technical conference and seeks limited scope public comments to inform discussions at the technical conference.

II. AGENDA

- Introduction to D.P.U. 19-55 Inquiry
 - Purpose/Goals
 - Expected process and timeline
 - Stakeholder input on initial phase topic priority and associated timeline
- Affected System Operator Study Investigation
 - Topic summary
 - Department directed process
 - Department interim guidance discussion
 - The Department intends to issue an interim guidance document in this docket to direct process related to affected system operator studies from the date of issuance of the guidance document until further resolution is found through this investigation, or otherwise directed by the Department.
 - The Department will facilitate a discussion to obtain stakeholder recommendations of items to be included in the interim guidance document. Please come prepared with concise and specific suggestions. This discussion will be limited to no more than one hour.
- Lunch
- Interconnection of Energy Storage Systems - Breakout Sessions
 - Based on information received from MassCEC/DOER stakeholder events and through public comment, the Department will identify and facilitate discussions concerning 2-3 key issues related to interconnection of energy storage systems.
- Next Steps

III. LOGISTICS

The Department will allow remote observation via conference call at the July 18, 2019 technical conference. The Department's technology limits callers from actively participating and does not guarantee that all comments will be audible. For individuals that seek to actively participate in the discussion, the Department expects such individuals to attend the technical

conference in person. To observe the technical conference remotely, dial: 1-877-820-7831, then enter the participant access code: 647933. Please note that all conference call observers may mute their lines, but should not use the “hold” function, as it will cause listeners to hear music and disrupt the technical conference.

Reasonable accommodations at technical conferences for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way for the Department to contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

IV. SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS

The Department seeks written comments on the following limited scope topic, no later than **5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2019**. Comments provided outside of the below limited scope may be subject to exclusion at the discretion of the Department. The Department will seek comments on other initial phase topics at a later date.

1. Identify **three** topics related to interconnection of energy storage systems that you believe should be addressed immediately in this docket. For each of the three topics, provide:
 - a) A one paragraph description of the existing issue;
 - b) Your proposed resolution/s, if any; and
 - c) A suggested method to implement your proposed resolution/s, including timeline, such as:
 - i. DG Interconnection Tariff revisions;
 - ii. Department Order;
 - iii. Guidance materials issued by the Department;
 - iv. Guidance materials issued by the Massachusetts Technical Standards Review Group; or
 - v. Working group convened by the Department.

For further information regarding this memorandum or to request addition to or removal from the electronic distribution list, please contact Kate S. Tohme, Hearing Officer, at (617) 305-3500. If you have already registered for the technical conference and can no longer attend, please email kate.tohme@mass.gov with your cancellation as soon as possible.