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Subject: Comments of Rep. David Linsky on D.P.U. 20-69, *Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into the Modernization of the Electric Grid – Phase Two*

Dear Secretary Marini, Hearing Officer Chin, Hearing Officer Spruce, and Paralegal Ray,

I write to offer comments on **D.P.U. 20-69**, *Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into the Modernization of the Electric Grid – Phase Two*, specifically **Question 8**:

Please discuss whether the Department should require all new service meters to be capable of providing advanced metering functionality when installed to replace an existing meter that reaches the end of its useful life or otherwise needs to be replaced.

My office was contacted by a concerned constituent regarding deployment of advanced metering functionality and infrastructure that is under consideration in D.P.U. 20-69. This individual is particularly concerned about the impacts requiring the replacement of current meters with those capable of advanced metering functionality will have for those who are medically vulnerable or immune-compromised.

I understand that as we look towards transitioning to renewable and sustainable energy sources it is critically necessary to update our electric grid, including our meters, to ensure Massachusetts has the infrastructure to support our energy goals. In commenting on D.P.U. 20-69, I would like to respectfully request that as

the D.P.U. considers full or targeted deployment of advanced metering functionality, an opt-out provision under certain circumstances for individuals be included as part of the investigation.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David P. Linsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David P. Linsky
State Representative
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