

Information Request DPU-Comm 5-3

Refer to Exhs. BGC-2, Att. A at Tabs Electrification, Electric & Gas; Eversource Energy-2, Att. A at Tabs Electrification, Electric & Gas; FGE-2A at 4-5; LU-2, Att. A at Tabs Electrification, Electric & Gas; NG-Gas-2, Att. A at Tabs Electrification, Electric & Gas; Compact-2, Att. A at Tabs Electrification, Electric & Gas; and NG-Electric-2, Att. A at Tabs Electrification, Electric & Gas. Please explain in full and complete detail why the Program Administrators intend to offer the following non-cost-effective measures:

- (a) GA2c070;
- (b) GA2c071;
- (c) GA2c072;
- (d) GA2c073;
- (e) GC2a075; and
- (f) EB1a275.

Response

All measures referenced in DPU-Comm 5-3 are being offered because these measures deliver significant energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. These gas-to-electric offerings are part of a comprehensive effort by the PAs to meet the statewide GHG emissions reductions targets as set by the Secretary of the EEA on July 15, 2021. By creating an offering that allows all potential customers to participate, the PAs aim to create a program that best aligns with the Commonwealth's policies and simplifies participation by all customers. There will be residents of the Commonwealth who seek to displace natural gas (partially or fully), even if it may not be in their short-term economic interests, for a variety of reasons, such as because they want to decrease their carbon footprint. There is evidence of adoption of said measures within the Commonwealth through the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's offerings and the Department of Energy Resource's Home MVP pilot. The PAs design their programs to support all customers seeking to reduce energy and to meet all statutory obligations under the GCA and the Climate Act, and therefore the PAs believe these measures are appropriate and necessary to offer during the upcoming term. The PAs will continually review the measures' effects on core initiative, program, and sector cost-effectiveness throughout the term.