

## Zilgme, Katie (DPU)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 4:44 PM  
**To:** Stock, Katherine E (DPU)  
**Cc:** Doug Pope; DPU Efiling (DPU); Zilgme, Katie (DPU); Mahony, Elizabeth (AGO); Tepper, Rebecca (AGO)  
**Subject:** Re: D.P.U. 20-75 Order on Attorney General Notice of Retention of Experts and Consultants  
**Attachments:** D.P.U. 20-75 Order on AGO Retention of Experts.pdf; POPE ENERGY AGO RETENTION OF EXPERTS DPU 20-75 Jan 25, 2022 final.pdf

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Katherine,

An annual savings of twenty-million (\$20,000,000) per \$1-billion dollars spent in EDC upgrades benefiting ratepayer will be experienced if tax-exempt rates are used in comparison to the “status quo” 144 corporate bonds used by the EDC’s currently to finance St. 2021 c.8 Next-Gen Roadmap requirements. The delta between tax-exempt rates and 144 corporate bonds is approximately 2% or 200 basis points.

Since tens of billions will be spent over the next 30 years, how is our request for the AGO to hire outside experts to inform the Department in DPU 20-75, outside the examination responsibility of the AGO as the ratepayer advocate?

Best Regards,

Doug



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On Feb 8, 2022, at 3:13 PM, Stock, Katherine E (DPU) <[Katherine.E.Stock@mass.gov](mailto:Katherine.E.Stock@mass.gov)> wrote:

All,

Attached please find an Order in connection with the above-referenced matter. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Zilgme at [Katie.Zilgme@mass.gov](mailto:Katie.Zilgme@mass.gov).

Thank you ,  
Katherine Stock  
Hearing Officer

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