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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

D.P.U. 23-20-B

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Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Revisions to the Single Parcel Rule Pursuant to the Acts of 2022, c. 179, § 55.

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## I. INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 11, 2022, Governor Baker signed into law Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind (“2022 Clean Energy Act” or “Act”), which, among other things, established five exceptions to the Department of Public Utilities’ (“Department”) Single Parcel Rule.<sup>1,2</sup> Specifically, Section 55 of the 2022 Clean Energy Act prescribes five circumstances where more than one Net Metering facility can be located on a single parcel of land (“Statutory Exceptions”). On November 29, 2024, the Department issued Statutory Exceptions to the Single Parcel Rule, D.P.U. 23-20-A (2024), establishing the Self-Certification Process whereby applying Host Customers may demonstrate eligibility for a

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise defined in this Order, capitalized terms have the same meaning as provided in the Net Metering Regulations, 220 CMR 18.00. Throughout this Order, the Department sets forth some definitions of capitalized terms to offer informative context.

<sup>2</sup> The Single Parcel Rule defines a Net Metering facility as “the energy generating equipment associated with a single parcel of land, interconnected with the electric distribution system at a single point, behind a single meter.” Net Metering and Distributed Generation, Definitions of Unit and Facility, D.P.U. 11-11-C at 23 (2012). The Department established the Single Parcel Rule as part of a series of Orders that set administrative rules governing the availability, eligibility, and means for Host Customers to receive Net Metering services and the requirements for Distribution Companies to provide Net Metering services.

Statutory Exception by submitting a Self-Certification Form (“Form”)<sup>3</sup> and supporting documentation to Cadmus in its capacity as Reviewer.<sup>4,5</sup> D.P.U. 23-20-A at 2.

With this Order, the Department: (1) sets the filing fees for processing the Forms and Multiple Technologies Blanket Exception (“Multiple Technologies Exception”)<sup>6</sup> applications; (2) establishes a revised filing fee for an application for cap allocations (“ACA”)<sup>7</sup> with the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility (“System of Assurance”);<sup>8</sup> (3) establishes the

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<sup>3</sup> If a question of Statutory Exception eligibility arises prior to the submission of a Form to the Reviewer, applicants shall send a single email copying both the Cadmus Group, Inc. (“Cadmus”), [help@massaca.org](mailto:help@massaca.org), and the Department’s Net Metering team, [dpu.netmetering@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.netmetering@mass.gov). Cadmus and the Department’s Net Metering team will coordinate to resolve such eligibility questions as soon as practicable.

<sup>4</sup> The Reviewer examines the Form for accuracy and completeness and will either (a) accept the Form, in which case the Host Customer is eligible for the Statutory Exception, or (b) reject the Form, in which case the Host Customer is not eligible for the Statutory Exception. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 12.

<sup>5</sup> Given the creation of the five Statutory Exceptions, the Department finds that the issues raised by stakeholders in The Solar Coalition, D.P.U. 16-117, are no longer relevant. Therefore, we closed the docket through a Hearing Officer Memorandum. D.P.U. 16-117 Hearing Officer Memorandum (February 25, 2025).

<sup>6</sup> The Multiple Technologies Exception allows only one type of each technology per parcel of land (*i.e.*, only one solar facility, only one wind facility, and/or only one anaerobic digestion facility). Single Parcel and Subdivision Rules, Blanket Exceptions, and Streamlining Process, D.P.U. 17-22-A at 22-29, 35-36 (2018).

<sup>7</sup> Under the Department’s Net Metering Program, a Host Customer with a Net Metering facility intending to interconnect to an electric distribution company’s electric power system must submit an ACA to determine eligibility for an allocation of Net Metering capacity. System of Assurance at 4. See footnote 8 for a description of the System of Assurance.

<sup>8</sup> The Department established the System of Assurance pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 139A(g) to provide certain Net Metering facilities with an assurance of Net Metering eligibility (often referred to as a “net metering queue”). Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, Order Adopting System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility,

Guidelines for Compliance with the Eligibility Requirements of the Self-Certification Process in Applying for a Statutory Exception (“Self-Certification Guidelines”); and (4) sets forth a revised Form.

## II. COSTS AND APPLICATION FEES

### A. Introduction

On July 8, 2024, the Department issued a Hearing Officer Memorandum that, among other things, requested that Cadmus provide a filing fee proposal to offset costs associated with its responsibilities in the Self-Certification Process (Hearing Officer Memorandum at 2 (July 8, 2024)). On August 2, 2024, Cadmus submitted a proposal (“Cadmus Initial Cost Proposal”) designed to recover all costs associated with reviewing the Form except those associated with the information technology development of a potential application portal (Cadmus Initial Cost Proposal at 2). Its proposal presented cost scenarios and time estimates for a standalone Self-Certification portal, as well as a portal integrated with the existing System of Assurance (Cadmus Initial Cost Proposal at 2). On September 10, 2024, the Department issued a Hearing Officer Memorandum requesting that Cadmus provide an updated scope of filing fee proposal to process the Form, Multiple Technologies Exceptions, and ACAs that captures in

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D.P.U. 11-11-A at 1 (2012). Because the Legislature has established public and private caps on overall Net Metering capacity, the System of Assurance: (1) assures customers that they will be able to receive Net Metering services when their Net Metering facility is ready to interconnect; and (2) facilitates more efficient planning and development of distributed generation resources within Massachusetts. D.P.U. 11-11-A at 1. The Department initially established the System of Assurance as Appendix A to D.P.U. 11-11-A (2012). Prior to this Order, the System of Assurance was set forth at Appendix A to The Cadmus Group, Inc., D.P.U. 15-32-A (2020).

The Department selected Cadmus to serve as Administrator of the System of Assurance, D.P.U. 11-11-D (2012).

detail all costs that the Reviewer (and Administrator related to ACAs) will incur, including information technology development costs (Hearing Officer Memorandum at 16 (September 10, 2024)). On September 30, 2024, Cadmus provided an updated proposal reflecting these costs (“Cadmus Updated Cost Proposal”). In D.P.U. 23-20-A, the Department directed Cadmus to provide by December 9, 2024 a scope of filing fee proposal or filing fee structure to process Statutory Exceptions, Multiple Technologies Exceptions, and ACAs (“Cadmus Final Cost Proposal”) that: (1) captures all the costs that the Reviewer (and Administrator related to ACAs) will incur; and (2) is funded solely by the applicants submitting the Form or other related application materials. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 63. The Department directed Cadmus to minimize the cost of applying for the exceptions while ensuring that: (1) the Form is straightforward for applicants to complete and submit; (2) review of the Form is efficient; (3) additional functionality described in the Self-Certification Process is incorporated (e.g., publishing relevant information about the applicants to a website); and (4) Cadmus will accept and process the Forms as soon as possible. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 63. The Department sought comments on Cadmus’s Final Cost Proposal by December 24, 2024.<sup>9</sup>

#### B. Cadmus’s Final Cost Proposal

Cadmus estimates its annual costs based on a projected average of reviewing/processing 70 ACAs and 300 Self-Certification Forms per year (Cadmus Final Cost Proposal at 2). Cadmus calculated its estimated annual ACA volume by reviewing recent historical averages and adjusting for policy changes resulting from the Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Creating a

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<sup>9</sup> The Department did not receive comments on Cadmus’s Final Cost Proposal.

Next-Generation Roadmap For Massachusetts Climate Policy (“2021 Climate Act”) and the 2022 Clean Energy Act, which resulted in cap-exempt status for many facilities that historically would have applied for a cap allocation (Cadmus Final Cost Proposal at 2).<sup>10</sup>

Cadmus proposes the following filing fees for processing the estimated 370 ACAs and Self-Certification Forms per year, in addition to the Multiple Technologies Exceptions:

**Table 1: Filing Fee Proposal for ACAs, Statutory Exceptions, and Multiple Technologies Exceptions**

<b>Fee Structure</b>	<b>ACA Filing Fee</b>	<b>Statutory Exception Filing Fee</b>		<b>Multiple Technologies Exception Filing Fee</b>
<b>Current</b>	\$100 per application + \$3.15 per kW-AC <sup>11</sup>			N/A <sup>12</sup>
<b>Proposed</b>	\$150 per application + \$3.15 per kW-AC	\$750 per application		\$750 per application

<sup>10</sup> Cadmus calculates that, from 2019 through 2023, Nameplate Cap Exempt Facilities constituted 87 percent of ACAs while Cap-Exempt Facilities Serving On-site Load constituted four percent. Thus, Cadmus decreased the historical average ACA volume by 91 percent to calculate its proposed updated fee structure (Cadmus Final Cost Proposal at 2).

<sup>11</sup> This filing fee has been in place since January 24, 2013, when the System of Assurance first started accepting ACAs. The Cadmus Group Inc., D.P.U. 15-32, at 32 (2020); Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-D, App. A (2012).

<sup>12</sup> Historically, because of the low number of applications, Department staff have reviewed Multiple Technologies Exception applications. As such, there has not previously been a fee associated with the processing of Multiple Technology applications. Since the Multiple Technologies Blanket Exception was established in May 2018, the Department has received four applications. Two of the applications were approved by the Department, and two were withdrawn by the applicants.

Cadmus explains that with this fee proposal, it expects to recover approximately \$78,000 through ACA filing fees, and \$225,000 through Statutory Exception filing fees (Cadmus Cost Proposal at 3). Cadmus provides an itemization of the costs that it expects to incur, which includes costs related to: (1) implementation (customer/applicant support and project management, regulatory engagement and reporting, process and program updates); (2) application review; (3) contracted services for outside legal support; and (4) information technology and database support (Cadmus Final Cost Proposal at 2).

Given the historically low volume of applications for Multiple Technologies Exceptions, Cadmus proposes to treat any future applications for a Multiple Technologies Exception similarly to the Statutory Exceptions for the purpose of the filing fee structure (Cadmus Updated Cost Proposal at 5). That is, future Host Customers seeking a Multiple Technologies Exception would pay the same filing fee as a Host Customer seeking a Statutory Exception (Cadmus Updated Cost Proposal at 5). Further, given that Statutory Exceptions and Multiple Technologies Exceptions serve the same purpose, i.e., to allow Host Customers with permissible configurations to Net Metering multiple facilities on a single parcel, the Department finds that, consistent with D.P.U. 17-22-A, Host Customers granted a Statutory Exception are not required to aggregate the capacity of multiple Net Metering facilities on a single parcel of land for the purpose of calculating Net Metering credits. D.P.U. 17-22-A at 10.

Cadmus states that it developed its estimates in its best professional judgment but acknowledges that, because this is a new process, there is a high degree of uncertainty in the anticipated volume of Forms (Cadmus Updated Cost Proposal at 3). As a result, Cadmus requests the flexibility to revisit and adjust the fee structure in the future to either: (1) increase

application fees to continue adequately serving its roles as Administrator and Reviewer; or  
(2) reduce application fees if application volume exceeds expected levels (Cadmus Final Cost Proposal at 3).

B. Summary of Comments

The Department did not receive responsive comments on Cadmus's Final Cost Proposal during the comment period.<sup>13</sup>

C. Analysis and Findings

The Department has previously held that the costs of the System of Assurance should be borne by participants. D.P.U. 11-11, at 14-15; D.P.U. 11-11-A at 33-34; D.P.U. 11-11-D at 8. The Department has also found similarly that it is appropriate and reasonable for applicant fees to fund the development and review of costs associated with the Forms. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 62.

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<sup>13</sup> As stated above, comments on the Cadmus Initial Cost Proposal were due August 7, 2024. Comments on the Cadmus Updated Cost Proposal were due October 7, 2024. Comments on the Cadmus Final Cost Proposal were due December 24, 2024. On January 13, 2025, Harvest Sun Solar ("Harvest Sun") submitted comments in response to the Department's request for comments on the revised Self-Certification Guidelines. Although Harvest Sun has not submitted any timely comments on any of the Cadmus costs proposals, in its January 13, 2025 comments, Harvest Sun commented that the \$750 application fee could increase the cost to install a solar photovoltaic system by five percent (Harvest Sun Comments at 3). The Department considers these comments to be out of time due to the previous opportunities to comment on the issue. Any late-filed request will be disallowed as untimely unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). Given the March 14, 2025 deadline for implementation of the Self-Certification Process, the Department must adhere to the established schedule and will not reopen comment on this issue. Accordingly, we find that Harvest Sun has not established good cause for filing its comments on this issue nearly three weeks after the deadline for public comments, and the Department therefore does not consider the late-filed comments of Harvest Sun in ruling on Cadmus's Final Cost Proposal. See Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, Commencing a Rulemaking, D.P.U. 16-64-C at 3 n.2 (2016); Joint Petition for Approval of Merger between NSTAR and Northeast Utilities, D.P.U. 10-170-B at 7 n.4 (2012).

Cadmus estimates that the cost of developing and implementing the Self-Certification Process, in conjunction with its continued role as Administrator, is \$302,004 per year (Cadmus Final Cost Proposal Comments at 2). This amount provides the basis for the proposed fee structure, which covers all costs that Cadmus will incur as both the Reviewer of the Forms and Administrator of the System of Assurance (Cadmus Final Cost Proposal at 2). Therefore, we find that Cadmus's cost proposal complies with the Department's directives as stated above.

After review and consideration of Cadmus's Final Cost Proposal, we find that Cadmus's assumptions in developing the proposed application fees are reasonable, in that they consider anticipated application volumes and complexity in light of statutory changes and reflect Cadmus's significant experience as Administrator. We further find that the fees are appropriate because the expected benefits for Host Customers (e.g. quick and efficient review) and distribution customers (e.g., minimizing gaming of the Net Metering program and the unwarranted costs that may flow to customers as a result) outweigh the costs. Moreover, the fees result from a proposal that complies with the Department's directives. Accordingly, the Department accepts Cadmus's proposed fees of \$750 per Form and \$750 per Multiple Technologies Exception application. We further accept Cadmus's updated ACA filing fee of \$150 per application.<sup>14</sup> As Cadmus recommends, the Department may review and reset the fees at any time if we determine that they are not appropriate. Therefore, we incorporate the fees in

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<sup>14</sup> Prior to this Order, the non-refundable ACA filing fee was \$100. System of Assurance, § 5(D). The current Reservation Fee of \$3.15 per kilowatt remains in effect. System of Assurance, § 5(E).

the Self-Certification Guidelines as set forth in Attachment A<sup>15</sup> to this Order and in the revised System of Assurance as set forth in Attachment C<sup>16</sup> to this Order. The updated fees for ACAs shall be effective five business days from the date of this Order.

The Self-Certification Process and Form are, in part, designed to enable a cost-efficient review process. To that end, the Department clarifies that multiple facilities on the same parcel may apply using a single Form, thus allowing Host Customers the opportunity to share the cost of the fee. So long as each Host Customer completes the certifications, acknowledgements, and signature sections of the Form, a single Form containing multiple facilities on the same parcel belonging to multiple Host Customers shall be a valid means to claim a Statutory Exception.

### III. SELF-CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

#### A. Introduction

In D.P.U. 23-20-A, the Department stated that establishing a guidance document is necessary to facilitate the Reviewer's role and to clarify the rules and requirements of the Self-Certification Process to applicants. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 63. The Department also noted that we envision that this guidance document will function as a common reference point, similar to the System of Assurance. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 63, citing D.P.U. 15-32-A, App. A (2020).

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<sup>15</sup> A redlined version of the Self-Certification Guidelines that indicates changes from the December 31, 2024 Hearing Officer Memorandum is attached hereto as Attachment B.

<sup>16</sup> The Department further updates the System of Assurance to revise the term “grandfathered” to “legacy” to denote the same concept. See D.P.U. 17-22-A n.9; Comstock v. Zoning Board of Appeals of Gloucester, 98 Mass. App. Ct. 168, n.11 (2020). We have also made clerical, non-substantive edits throughout.

On December 31, 2024, Department staff issued a Hearing Officer Memorandum requesting comments on the Self-Certification Guidelines. The Department sought comments on: (1) the definitions in Section 3; (2) the cure period in Section 6.3.4; and (3) any additional revisions to the Self-Certification Guidelines. Initial comments (“Guidelines Initial Comments”) were due January 13, 2025.<sup>17</sup> The Distribution Companies<sup>18</sup> and Harvest Sun submitted initial comments. No stakeholder submitted reply comments, which were due January 21, 2025.

B. Section 3 – Definitions<sup>19</sup>

1. Summary of Comments

Harvest Sun disagrees with the definitions for “Self-Certification Form” and “Self-Certification Process” in Section 3 and states these definitions are “erroneous” (Harvest Sun Comments at 1). Harvest Sun argues that the Form cannot be defined as a

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<sup>17</sup> Harvest Sun’s comments lack pagination, which impedes the Department’s review and consideration of its contents. Previously, we adopted the rule in the Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rule 20(a)(4)(A) regarding consecutive page numbering for the submission of comments to address this issue. See NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 22-22, at 256 n.127 (2022) (Department adopts pagination requirements for motions and briefs). We expect any future comments to include page numbers to increase efficiency for Department staff and other commenters seeking to respond to those comments.

<sup>18</sup> The Distribution Companies are Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Unitil”), NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“NSTAR Electric”), and Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”).

<sup>19</sup> Harvest Sun also provided comments on the type of information that should be collected in the Form, the method for submitting the Form, and the process for submitting changes to the Host Customer or Net Metering facility (Harvest Sun Comments at 2-3). This commentary is beyond the scope of the comments on the Self-Certification Guidelines requested in the December 31, 2024 Hearing Officer Memorandum. Further, these issues have already been resolved in D.P.U. 23-20-A and will not be revisited here.

“Self-Certification Form” if: (i) a Host Customer must conduct a detailed survey of every Net Metered facility that exists on the parcel upon which it wishes to construct another Net Metering facility to fill out a Form; and (ii) the Form is then subject to a lengthy review process and a \$750 filing fee (Harvest Sun Comments at 1). Further, Harvest Sun contends that the process established by the Department for a Host Customer to claim a right that exists by enacted statute cannot be considered “Self-Certification,” inasmuch as the process for claiming that right requires providing private information from other owners of Net Metering facilities on the same parcel (Harvest Sun Comments at 1). Harvest Sun suggests that the Form and Self-Certification Process would better be defined as “Exemption Claim Form” and “Exemption Claim Process” (Harvest Sun Comments at 1).

The Distribution Companies suggest that the Department clarify that the definition of “Statutory Exception,” as set forth in Section 3.47, applies only to Solar Net Metering Facilities (Distribution Companies Comments at 1).

## 2. Analysis and Findings

Harvest Sun requests that the Department replace the definitions of “Self-Certification Form” and “Self-Certification Process” (Harvest Sun Comments at 1). The Distribution Companies did not offer feedback on the definitions for “Self-Certification Form” or “Self-Certification Process.” Upon review, the Department notes that, while Harvest Sun’s arguments reflect a dissatisfaction with the Self-Certification Process as established in D.P.U. 23-20-A, the proposed definitions accurately reflect our findings and are not erroneous. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 12-13. Accordingly, the Department establishes the definitions set forth in the Self-Certification Guidelines.

We find that the Distribution Companies' suggestion to clarify that a Statutory Exception as defined in Section 3.47 applies only to Solar Net Metering Facilities will support administrative efficiency by reducing the number of impermissible facilities attempting to seek a Statutory Exception. Therefore, we revise Section 3.47 of the Self-Certification Guidelines to include the phrase "available only to Solar Net Metering Facilities."

C. Section 4 – Eligibility for Statutory Exceptions

1. Summary of Comments

As in Section 3.47, the Distribution Companies suggest clarifying that Section 4 applies only to Solar Net Metering Facilities (Distribution Companies Comments at 1).

2. Analysis and Findings

Consistent with our finding above, we revise the Self-Certification Guidelines to clarify that only Solar Net Metering Facilities are eligible for a Statutory Exception. As such, we add the term "Solar" under each relevant Statutory Exception in Section 4.

D. Section 5.1.2 – Loss of a Statutory Exception

1. Summary of Comments

The Distribution Companies request the Department include process in the Self-Certification Guidelines requiring the Reviewer to notify the applicable Distribution Company in the event of a loss of a Statutory Exception under Section 5.1.2 (Distribution Companies Comments at 1).

2. Analysis and Findings

To suspend Net Metering services for the relevant Host Customer account of a facility that is no longer eligible for a Statutory Exception, the Distribution Companies will need to know when a facility loses its eligibility for a Statutory Exception. Thus, we find that the

Distribution Companies' request for notification in the event of a loss of a Statutory Exception is necessary in ensuring appropriate allocation of Net Metering Credits. As such, we revise Section 5.1.2 to include the following information: "If a Statutory Exception is revoked through the process described in Section 5, the Reviewer will notify the appropriate Distribution Company to cease Net Metering Services for the relevant Solar Net Metering Facility."

E. Section 6 – Duties of the Reviewer and Fees

1. Introduction

In the December 31, 2024 Hearing Officer Memorandum, the Department asked stakeholders whether Section 6.3.4. of the Self-Certification Guidelines outlines a sufficient process to cure any deficiencies in Self-Certification Form submissions (December 31, 2024 Hearing Officer Memorandum at 4-5).

2. Summary of Comments

Harvest Sun states that the 15-day response period may be sufficient to allow for Host Customers to correct Forms that the Reviewer deems incomplete (Harvest Sun Comments at 1).

3. Analysis and Findings

Other than Harvest Sun, no stakeholder provided comments on this issue. In considering an appropriate cure period, we find instructive that 15 business days is the same timeframe allowed for Host Customers to cure deficiencies with their ACAs under the System of Assurance. See System of Assurance, § 5(C). Accordingly, as part of the Self-Certification Process, the Department establishes a period of 15 business days for Host Customers to provide supplemental information to the Reviewer to cure any deficiencies. Self-Certification Guidelines, § 6.3.4.

F. Conclusion

To consolidate information in an easily accessible, single document, the Department incorporates certain findings from D.P.U. 23-20-A into the revised Self-Certification Guidelines. See Attachments A and B.

IV. THE FORM

In D.P.U. 23-20-A, the Department established the Form to implement the provisions of G.L. c. 164, § 139(l). D.P.U. 23-20-A at 13, 67. We also noted that the Form was the Department's best attempt to date at identifying the type of information to collect, and that we would continue to work with the Reviewer to ensure that the Form is clear and straightforward. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 56.

As the Reviewer prepares to accept submitted Forms,<sup>20</sup> the Reviewer and Department staff have identified the need for minor revisions to the Form to improve clarity and efficiency in the application and review processes. The Department finds that these minor revisions are reasonable and consistent with the orderly implementation of the Self-Certification Process. Accordingly, the Department establishes a revised Form, which is included as Attachment D to this Order. Attachment E sets forth a redline version of the Form. It is important to note that the Department may make changes to the Form as additional unforeseen implementation issues and efficiency opportunities arise. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 56.

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<sup>20</sup> In D.P.U. 23-20-A, the Department established March 14, 2025 as the date on which the Reviewer will begin accepting and reviewing Form submissions from Host Customers. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 63.

V. CONCLUSION

Based on certain clarifications and interpretations addressed in this Order, the Department issues final Self-Certification Guidelines as set forth in Attachment A. Further, the Department establishes a revised System of Assurance as set forth in Attachment C. Finally, the Department makes minor updates to the Form as set forth in Attachment D.

VI. ORDER

Accordingly, after notice, opportunity for comment, and due consideration, it is

ORDERED: That the filing fee for a Statutory Exception and a Multiple Technologies Blanket Exception to the Single Parcel Rule shall be \$750 as provided herein; and it is

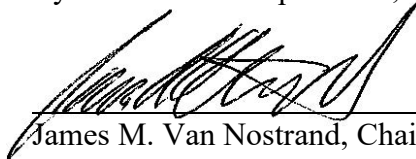
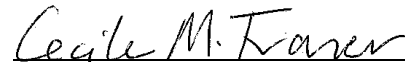
FURTHER ORDERED: That the filing fee for an application for a cap allocation for the System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility shall be \$150 as provided herein; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Guidelines for Compliance with the Eligibility Requirements of the Self-Certification Process in Applying for a Statutory Exception as set forth in Attachment A is established to further implement the provisions of G.L. c. 164, § 139(l); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That the updated Self-Certification Form set forth in Attachment C is established to further implement the provisions of G.L. c. 164, § 139(l); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That The Cadmus Group, Inc., Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil shall comply with all directives contained in this Order.

By Order of the Department,

  
James M. Van Nostrand, Chair  
Cecile M. Fraser, Commissioner  
Staci Rubin, Commissioner

An appeal as to matters of law from any final decision, order or ruling of the Commission may be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court by an aggrieved party in interest by the filing of a written petition praying that the Order of the Commission be modified or set aside in whole or in part. Such petition for appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission within twenty days after the date of service of the decision, order or ruling of the Commission, or within such further time as the Commission may allow upon request filed prior to the expiration of the twenty days after the date of service of said decision, order or ruling. Within ten days after such petition has been filed, the appealing party shall enter the appeal in the Supreme Judicial Court sitting in Suffolk County by filing a copy thereof with the Clerk of said Court. G.L. c. 25, § 5.