

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: D.P.U. 19-07 Distribution List

FROM: Lauren Morris and Timothy Federico, Hearing Officers

RE: Investigation into Initiatives to Promote and Protect Consumer Interests in the

Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market, D.P.U. 19-07

Reconvening Stakeholder Working Group

DATE: April 2, 2025

CC: Mark Marini, Secretary

In a D.P.U. 19-07 Hearing Officer Memorandum (February 25, 2025), the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") announced that it will convene a meeting of the D.P.U. 19-07 Stakeholder Working Group on **Wednesday**, **April 16**, **2025**, **at 10:00 a.m.**¹ The Department stated that the meeting will focus on stakeholders' responses to the proposal presented by staff at the March 6, 2025 meeting of the Stakeholder Working Group. The Department directed stakeholders that seek to make a presentation at the April 16, 2025 meeting to inform the Hearing Officers no later than March 28, 2025, with a high-level description of their presentations.

The following stakeholders informed the Hearing Officers that they seek to make a presentation:

• Arbor Energy Brokerage Services, LLC states that it will present (1) a broker's perspective on the Staff's proposal, particularly regarding how the proposed enrollment framework and related measures may affect broker-managed customer relationships, and (2) how the approach could be implemented or modified to accommodate broker participation while advancing the Department's consumer protection goals.

The meeting will be held in person at the Department's office, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts.

- Boston Climate Action Network and the Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative state that they will present perspectives from a diverse set of Boston residents on how competitive suppliers have affected city residents.
- **Department of Energy Resources** states that it will present on voluntary renewable energy certificates as it relates to competitive supply and the Energy Switch website.
- **Green Energy Consumers Alliance** states that it will present ways in which staff's proposed approach can proceed with and without legislation.
- NRG states that it will make two presentations: (1) NRG's thoughts on staff's proposal, including ideas for optimizing Energy Switch for consumer protection, customer convenience, and energy affordability; and (2) an overview of the focus group method for researching consumer preferences, including answering questions from stakeholders about the process and mechanics of focus groups.
- Retail Energy Supply Association ("RESA") and Retail Energy Advancement League ("REAL") state that they will present additional and alternative market reform proposals.
- **Dr. Anna Goldman, Medical Director of Sustainability, Boston Medical Center** states that she will present her experience reviewing patient electricity bills and the impact of competitive supply on patients.

The Department requests that stakeholders limit each presentation to 20 minutes. Stakeholders should distribute their presentation(s) to the D.P.U. 19-07 distribution list no later than Friday, April 11, 2025.

The Department will distribute an agenda for the meeting at a later date. Please contact Hearing Officers Lauren Morris or Timothy Federico with any questions.