



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Electronic Distribution List in D.P.U. 17-146

FROM: Staci Rubin, Hearing Officer

RE: Net Metering, Energy Storage Systems, and Forward Capacity Market Inquiry, D.P.U. 17-146, Agenda and Notice of Technical Conference To Be Held on January 31, 2018

DATE: January 16, 2018

CC: Mark Marini, Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

The Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) opened an inquiry to investigate two issues: (1) the eligibility of energy storage systems to net meter, pursuant to 220 CMR 18.00; and (2) the qualification and bidding of certain net metering facilities in the Forward Capacity Market (“FCM”) administered by ISO New England Inc. (“ISO-NE”), pursuant to Net Metering Tariff, D.P.U. 09-03-A (2009). Net Metering, Energy Storage Systems, and Forward Capacity Market Inquiry, D.P.U. 17-146, at 1 (2017). Following receipt of initial comments regarding the eligibility of energy storage systems to net meter on November 17, 2017, and reply comments on December 8, 2017, the Department has determined that it will hold a technical conference on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Hearing Room A, Boston, Massachusetts**. In case of a weather emergency, the Department will postpone the technical conference to Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The Department has provided conference call instructions in Section III below for those individuals that are unable to attend the technical conference in person and want to listen to the discussion. In anticipation of the technical conference, the Department provides the following information about the purpose, format, and agenda.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the technical conference is to engage interested persons in a discussion that identifies the: (1) technical requirements of energy storage systems paired with net metering facilities; and (2) the process to certify and enforce customer compliance for energy storage systems paired with net metering facilities. Department staff does not intend to discuss policy questions during the technical conference. Department staff will not address issues regarding qualification and bidding of certain net metering facilities in the FCM at the January 31, 2018 technical conference

III. FORMAT AND LOGISTICS

The technical conference is intended to foster discussion about specific technical solutions to safeguard against gaming and manipulation of the net metering rules and regulations while allowing operational flexibility for the energy storage system. To encourage an open exchange of ideas, there will not be a stenographic record of this technical conference. Department staff will facilitate a focused discussion. Department staff does not intend for any stakeholder to make a formal presentation.

The Department will allow remote listening via conference call. The Department's technology limits callers from actively participating and does not guarantee that all comments will be audible. For individuals that seek to actively participate in the discussion, the Department expects such individuals to attend the technical conference in person. To listen to the technical conference remotely, dial: 1-877-820-7831, then enter the participant access code: 647933. Please note that all conference call listeners may mute their lines, but should not use the "hold" function, as it will cause listeners to hear music and disrupt the technical conference. If one or more conference call listeners disrupt the technical conference, the Department may terminate the conference call connection prior to the end of the technical conference.

In the event of a weather emergency, the Department requests that all stakeholders hold a back-up date on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. If the Department intends to postpone the January 31, 2018 technical conference, I will e-mail the electronic distribution list to notify them that the technical conference will be on February 7, 2018, and the Department will post such notice on its website at <https://www.mass.gov/net-metering> under "Upcoming Events" and on the online file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (insert 17-146).

Reasonable accommodations at technical conferences for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way for the Department to contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests

will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

IV. AGENDA

- A. Introduction
- B. Technical solutions to prevent gaming and manipulation
 - 1. Solutions to manage charging
 - 2. Solutions to manage exports
- C. Process to certify and enforce customer compliance
 - 1. Potential modification(s) to existing process(es)
 - 2. Additional process(es)
- D. Next steps
- E. Adjourn

To assist Department staff in planning for the technical conference, please notify Staci Rubin, Hearing Officer, at staci.rubin@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3592, if you intend to provide oral comments. For further information regarding this memorandum or to request addition to or removal from the electronic distribution list, please contact Staci Rubin, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3592.