



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: Service List
Via Electronic Mail

FROM: Shaela McNulty Collins, Hearing Officer

RE: Inquiry into Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation,
D.P.U. 11-11
Request for Revised Straw Proposals for Net Metering Queue

DATE: March 31, 2011

cc: Mark D. Marini, Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

On October 15, 2010, Governor Patrick signed into law Chapter 359 of the Acts of 2010, An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 to Provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain Other Activities and Projects ("Act"). The Act requires the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") to adopt a system that provides an assurance of eligibility for a proposed Net Metering Facility of a Municipality or Other Governmental Entity ("governmental net metering facility"), whose aggregate capacity may not exceed two percent of a distribution company's highest historical peak load. St. 2010, c. 359, §§ 27, 29-30. The Department recognizes that there continues to be interest in developing a system that provides an assurance of eligibility for proposed non-governmental net metering facilities, whose aggregate capacity under the Act may not exceed one percent of a distribution company's highest historical peak load. On March 23, 2011, the Department held a technical conference to discuss proposed straw proposals related to developing a system that provides an assurance of eligibility for proposed net metering facilities.

II. REQUEST FOR REVISED STRAW PROPOSALS

On March 23, 2011, participants discussed possible criteria for providing an assurance of eligibility for proposed net metering facilities. In view of the discussion, participants stated they would like an opportunity to revise their straw proposals. Accordingly, the Department invites participants to file with the Department by **April 8, 2011**, revised straw proposals for a

net metering queue for proposed net metering facilities. To the extent feasible, the Department asks participants to work together and file a single straw proposal per stakeholder group.

III. FILING REQUIREMENTS

The original of all documents (i.e. paper copy) must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. In addition, two (2) paper copies of all documents filed with the Department must be sent to Shaela Collins, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

In addition, participants must distribute electronic copies of filings by e-mail attachment to (1) dpu.efiling@state.ma.us; (2) the Hearing Officer, shaela.collins@state.ma.us; and (3) the Department's service list in D.P.U. 11-11. The electronic filing should identify the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 11-11) and the name, title, company affiliation, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Documents filed with the Department will be available for public inspection at its offices during business hours and through its website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>, by accessing the File Room link. For additional information, please contact Shaela Collins, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3611.