



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-75

May 26, 2026

Petition of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources for approval of a proposed timetable and method for the second solicitation and execution of Long-Term Contracts for Energy Storage Systems, pursuant to Section 83E of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2024, c. 239, § 98.

On May 8, 2026, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”), having consulted with Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Until, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively, “Companies”), and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth (“Attorney General”), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of a proposed timetable and method for the second solicitation and execution of long-term contracts for energy storage systems and associated environmental attributes,¹ pursuant to Section 83E of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169 as amended by St. 2024, c. 239, § 98 (“Section 83E”). The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 26-75.

Pursuant to Section 83E, the Companies, in consultation with DOER, are required to jointly and competitively solicit proposals for energy storage systems and, provided that reasonable proposals are received, enter into cost-effective long-term contracts for energy storage systems equal to approximately 5,000 megawatts (“MW”) not later than July 31, 2030.²

¹ Environmental attributes are all present and future attributes under any and all international, federal, regional, state, or other law or market, including, but not limited to, all credits or certificates that are associated, either now or by future action, with clean energy generation, including, but not limited to, those attributes authorized and created by programs developed under G.L. c. 21N, § 3(c) and G.L. c. 25A §§ 11F and 17. St. 2024, c. 239, § 95.

² Section 83E requires that the Companies enter into cost-effective long-term contracts for energy storage systems equal to approximately 5,000 MW of energy storage systems by July 31, 2030, of which: (i) approximately 1,500 MW of mid-duration storage shall be procured by July 31, 2025, and shall be for environmental attributes only; (ii) approximately 1,000 MW of mid-duration storage shall be procured by July 31, 2026;

As a result, DOER, in consultation with the Companies, now proposes to conduct a competitive solicitation for energy storage systems equal to approximately 1,000 MW of mid-duration energy storage.³ In addition, pursuant to Section 83E, DOER and the Attorney General have selected an Independent Evaluator to monitor and report on the solicitation and bid selection process. DOER, in coordination with the Companies and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Independent Evaluator, has proposed a timetable and method for the solicitation and execution of long-term contracts, subject to review and approval by the Department. Finally, the Independent Evaluator has issued a report to the Department analyzing the timetable and method of solicitation.

In its petition, DOER requests that the Department confirm how it interprets the provisions of Section 83E(b) requiring that each procurement consider bids for inclusion of energy services⁴ and the requirement that the Companies consider long-term contracts for energy services. Specifically, DOER requests the Department to consider whether the proposed request for proposal (“RFP”) (submitted with DOER’s filing as Attachment A) must establish a method for soliciting energy service contracts pursuant to Section 83E, especially given that energy services would allow projects not otherwise eligible under the Clean Peak Standard to participate in a Section 83E procurement. DOER included provisions in the proposed RFP to establish an indexed storage credit which, according to DOER, meets the definition of an energy service. On May 21, 2026, the Companies filed a joint letter supporting the proposed timetable and method of solicitation but contending that the procurement should be for environmental attributes only because, given the lack of clear statutory language authorizing a procurement of storage using an indexed storage credit, it is premature to solicit for energy services in this solicitation.

The Department will accept written comments regarding this filing, including the above-noted issue, on or before the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, June 5, 2026**. Reply comments will be due no later than the close of business on **Friday, June 12, 2025**. All comments should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to

(iii) approximately 1,000 MW of mid-duration storage shall be procured by July 31, 2027; and (iv) all remaining energy storage systems capacity shall be procured by July 31, 2030. Each procurement, aside from the first, shall consider inclusion of environmental attributes, energy services, or a combination of both. Section 83E(b).

³ A mid-duration energy storage system is an energy storage system, as defined in G.L. c. 164, § 1, that is capable of dispatching energy at its full-rated capacity for a period equal to or greater than four hours and up to ten hours. St. 2024, c. 239, § 97.

⁴ Energy services are defined as the operation of infrastructure that increases the deliverability or reliability of clean energy generation or reduces the cost of clean energy generation. Such infrastructure shall include, but not be limited to, transmission, energy storage systems, as defined in G.L. c. 164, § 1, and demand response technologies. Section 83B.

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Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Peter A. Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

The filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding the filing, please contact: (1) Colin P. Carroll, Esq. at colin.carroll@mass.gov (counsel for DOER). For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Susan Geiser, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at susan.geiser@mass.gov.

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