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Peter Ray, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Section 83E of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2024, c. 239, § 98 – Long-Term Contract Negotiations Update

Dear Secretary Ray:

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively, the “Distribution Companies”) wish to inform the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) that the Distribution Companies are in the final stages of contract negotiation pursuant to Section 83E of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2024, c. 239, § 98 (hereinafter, “Section 83E”) as further discussed below.

Pursuant to the schedule approved in D.P.U. 25-59, the Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Energy Storage Projects consistent with Section 83E was issued on July 31, 2025 (“RFP”). On December 19, 2025, the Department of Energy Resources selected proposals submitted by Energizar (FlatIron Energy), River Mill Storage (Rhymland Energy), Trimount ESS (Jupiter Power), and Salt Cod (FlatIron Energy) (together, “Selected Bids”). The schedule published in the RFP anticipated that the Distribution Companies would execute contracts by March 27, 2026. However, given the pacing and complexity of the negotiations, the Distribution Companies have not yet completed contract negotiations with each of the three Selected Bidders.

The Distribution Companies are in the final stages of negotiations with some of the Selected Bidders. Based on the differing stages and pace of negotiation with each of the three Selected Bidders and assuming that the remainder of the negotiations proceed effectively and expeditiously, the Distribution Companies anticipate finalizing contract negotiations with each of the three Selected Bidders on or before May 15, 2026. Assuming that the continuing negotiation efforts are successful, the Distribution Companies will submit to the Department as soon as possible thereafter a petition for approval of such agreements, along with detailed supporting exhibits.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact any of the undersigned counsel if you have any questions regarding this notice.

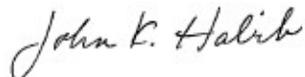
Respectfully submitted,

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