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

Re: Long-Term Contracts for Energy Storage Pursuant to Section 83E of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024 – D.P.U. 26-75

Dear Secretary Ray:

On July 27, 2026, the Department of Public Utilities (Department or DPU) issued a final Order approving the proposed timetable and method for the second solicitation contained in a request for proposals (RFP) for energy storage pursuant to Section 83E of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024 (Section 83E)(Order), subject to the directives of the Department. The RFP was proposed by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), after consulting with Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (Unitil), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (National Grid), NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), (collectively, Distribution Companies)(together with DOER, the Evaluation Team) and the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General (AGO).

After issuance of the Department's Order, the Distribution Companies and DOER published the RFP on July 31, 2026, and held a Bidder's Conference on August 13, 2026. Since the conclusion of the Bidder's Conference, the Evaluation Team has received approximately 110 substantive questions from prospective bidders on various issues surrounding the solicitation. The Evaluation Team has also been diligently working on drafting bid evaluation protocols for the quantitative and qualitative review of any bids it receives. These protocols must be finalized before the Evaluation Team can open and review any bids to ensure a fair process for all bidders. The Evaluation Team anticipates being able to answer all outstanding bidder questions and complete the evaluation protocols within the extended timeline for bid submission detailed below. DOER and the Distribution Companies have also consulted with the Independent Evaluator (IE) who, given the number of bidder questions received and the need to have final, robust protocols in place

before reviewing bids, is supportive of the extended timeline for all RFP dates. DOER and the Distribution Companies believe that revising the solicitation schedule for the Section 83E Round II RFP to account for this ongoing process is crucial to encouraging the development of the strongest, most cost-effective bids for the benefit of Massachusetts ratepayers.

At this time, DOER is therefore notifying the Department that the Evaluation Team is extending the Bid Submission Date by an additional 28 days and most other subsequent solicitation schedule dates by approximately the same amount (see Table 1) to allow Bidders the opportunity to gain more certainty based on the Evaluation Team's responses to all bidder questions in developing their bids and providing ample time to develop final robust evaluation protocols. Pursuant to RFP Section 3.1, the Evaluation Team reserves the right to revise the schedule as necessary. The Evaluation Team also plans to notify all eligible bidders of this change to the solicitation schedule via a posting to MACleanEnergy.com.

Table 1. Revised 83E Round II Solicitation Schedule

Event	Original RFP Dates	Revised Dates
Deadline for Sharefile URL Request	August 21, 2026	October 2, 2026
Due Date for Submission of Confidential and Public Proposals	September 10, 2026 at 12:00 (noon) EDT	October 8, 2026 at 12:00 (noon) EDT
Selection of Projects/Commence Negotiations	January 27, 2027	February 24, 2027
Execute Long Term Contracts and MOU with DOER	April 28, 2027	April 28, 2027
Submit Long Term Contracts for DPU Approval	May 26, 2027	June 30, 2027

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

By its attorney,



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Susan Geiser (DPU Hearing Officer)
D.P.U. 26-75 Service List

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 CMR 1.05(1).

/s/ Colin P. Carroll
Colin P. Carroll

September 3, 2026