



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

D.P.U. 10-53

June 2, 2010

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities regarding Purchase of Receivables pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1D and G.L. c. 164, § 76.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Section 60 of Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008, an Act Relative to Green Communities (“Green Communities Act”), amends G.L. c. 164, § 1D in relevant part by adding a paragraph that requires electric distribution companies to pay competitive suppliers that have chosen the complete billing method “the full amounts due from customers for generation services in a time period consistent with the average payment period of the participating class of customer, less a percentage of such amounts that reflects the average of the uncollectible bills for the participating customer classes . . . and other reasonable development, operating or carrying costs incurred,” as approved by the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”). Pursuant to Section 103 of the Green Communities Act, the electric distribution companies submitted compliance plans setting forth the manner by which each company proposed to comply with the requirements of Section 60. Copies of these “purchase of receivables” (“POR”) compliance plans are available on the Department’s website at http://www.mass.gov/dpu/POR_plans.

On May 10, 2010, after reviewing the POR plans, the Department issued a Vote and Order opening an investigation, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1D and G.L. c. 164, § 76, into the plans. As part of this investigation, the Department proposes to develop model POR terms and conditions for each company to use as the basis for its specific POR terms and conditions. Thus, the Vote and Order directed the electric distribution companies to work together to develop proposed model POR terms and conditions for the Department’s review and approval, and to file such their proposed model terms and conditions with the Department no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010**. The Department will then post the proposed model terms and conditions on the Department’s website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Any persons wishing to comment on the proposed model terms and conditions should file written comments (one original and two copies) with the Department no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010**. The Department will then hold a stakeholder technical conference to discuss the proposed terms and conditions at its offices at **2:00 p.m. on July 19, 2010**.

All written documents should be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and laurie.e.weisman@state.ma.us; or (2) on CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 10-53); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

The Department will mail this notice to the distribution list used for issuance of the May 10, 2010 Order. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact Laurie Ellen Weisman, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, (617) 305-3500.

By Order of the Department,

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Mark D. Marini, Secretary