



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution List in D.P.U. 11-11
Via Electronic Mail

FROM: Laura C. Bickel, Hearing Officer

RE: Inquiry into Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation,
D.P.U. 11-11
Implementation of System of Assurance of Net Metering Eligibility

DATE: January 2, 2013

CC: Mark D. Marini, Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On May 7, 2012, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) adopted a system of assurance of net metering eligibility (“System of Assurance”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 139(g). Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-A at 42 (2012). On October 25, 2012, the Department provided further clarification and guidance on the System of Assurance. Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-D at 10-12 (2012). On November 26, 2012, the electric distribution companies¹ submitted to the Department a services agreement (“contract”) that they executed with The Cadmus Group Inc. (“Cadmus”). Pursuant to this contract, Cadmus will serve as the administrator of the System of Assurance.

Cadmus is designing an internet-based application process, which will be located at the website: <http://www.massaca.org>. At this website, users can complete a net metering Application for a Cap Allocation (“ACA”). To facilitate this process, Cadmus will provide

¹ The electric distribution companies include: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unital (“Unital”), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”), NSTAR Electric Company (“NSTAR Electric”), and Western Massachusetts Electric Company (“WMECo”).

support to applicants through the website, through a new electronic distribution list (“list-serv”), and through a web-based seminar (“webinar”).

II. UPCOMING DATES

Please note the following upcoming dates regarding the System of Assurance:

- January 11, 2013:** 9:00 a.m. – Website begins to announce information and dates regarding the ACA process
- January 17, 2013:** 12:00 p.m. – Enrollment opens for ACA user accounts
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Webinar for users on the ACA process
- January 24, 2013:** 12:00 p.m. – Website begins to accept completed ACAs from users, making this the Effective Date, per Section 2 of the System of Assurance
- February 7, 2013:** 12:00 p.m. – Deadline for project proponents to notify Cadmus that a project will receive authorization to interconnect during the Transitional Period, per Section 4(A) of the System of Assurance
- April 24, 2013:** 12:00 p.m. – End of Transitional Period, per Section 4(A) of the System of Assurance

On and after January 11, 2013, information and guidance on the System of Assurance will be posted to the website: <http://www.massaca.org>. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to check the website often for additional details and updates.

To facilitate communications regarding the System of Assurance, the Department will provide Cadmus with the electronic mail addresses of all current members of the distribution list in D.P.U. 11-11. These electronic mail addresses are being provided to Cadmus for the sole purpose of facilitating communications regarding the System of Assurance. If you have questions about electronic communications from Cadmus or no longer wish to receive such communications regarding the System of Assurance, you may unsubscribe by contacting: administrator@massaca.org.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at: laura.bickel@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3588.