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RE: Timetable and Method of Second Solicitation of Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Generation Pursuant to Section 83C, D.P.U. 19-45-A

In our May 17, 2019 order in this docket (“Order”), we approved a timetable and method for the second solicitation of long-term contracts under Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169 (“Section 83C”). In the Order, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) directed that, if a change in law affects the solicitation, the Electric Distribution Companies¹ and the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (collectively, “Petitioners”), with input from the Independent Evaluator, shall develop and implement an appropriate response designed to ensure that the existing solicitation process continues in a fair, transparent, competitive, and non-discriminatory manner. The Department also directed the Petitioners to file a report describing that response.

Since the Order, Section 83C(b)’s price cap was amended. This change in law affects the solicitation that the Department approved in the Order. On August 5, 2019, after consultation with the Independent Evaluator, the Petitioners submitted a report to the Department. That report describes the Petitioners’ response to the change in law. After

¹ NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid; and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil.

reviewing the report, we find that it describes an appropriate response to the change in law that is consistent with the directives and standards in the Order.

Sincerely,

/s/
Matthew H. Nelson, Chair

/s/
Robert E. Hayden, Commissioner

/s/
Cecile M. Fraser, Commissioner