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December 27, 2016

Dear Conference Committee Members,

As you are aware, on August 8, 2016, *An Act Relative to Energy Diversity, Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016* ("Act"), was signed into law by Governor Baker. Section 15(a) of the Act states that, "*on or before December 31, 2016, the department of energy resources shall determine whether to set appropriate targets for electric companies to procure viable and cost-effective energy storage systems to be achieved by January 1, 2020.*"

As part of this determination process, the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) solicited written stakeholder input addressing whether Massachusetts should adopt targets for energy storage systems. After careful review and consideration of the comments received, DOER has determined that it is prudent for the Commonwealth to set targets for energy storage systems.

The Act further allows DOER to consider, "*...a variety of policies to encourage the cost-effective deployment of energy storage systems...*" and therefore the department will immediately commence an additional public comment period, open until January 27, 2017. In structuring feedback, we will ask stakeholders to consider the appropriate target scale, structure, and mechanisms for the energy storage systems targets. In making the determination, as documented by this letter, DOER is now tasked with adopting energy storage systems targets by July 1, 2017.

Written response must be submitted to [Storage.DOER@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:Storage.DOER@massmail.state.ma.us) on or before 5:00PM on January 27, 2017. Please note that any submission may be made publicly available.

For additional information on energy storage efforts underway by the Administration, please visit [www.mass.gov/eea/storage](http://www.mass.gov/eea/storage).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith F. Judson".

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