# MassDEP GHG Reporting Program Summary Report For Retail Sellers of Electricity Emissions Year 2011

December 2013 (with Appendix 3 added March 2014)

The information below summarizes the 2011 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity sales reported to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) by the 77 retail sellers that sold electricity in Massachusetts during that year, as required by MassDEP regulation 310 CMR 7.71. Additional information about MassDEP's GHG program is available at <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/air/climate/ma-greenhouse-gas-emissions-reporting-program.html">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/air/climate/ma-greenhouse-gas-emissions-reporting-program.html</a>; see particularly Retail Seller of Electricity Reporting. MassDEP will use the information presented here in considering future measures to reduce emissions from the electric sector. This was the third year of reporting under the regulation. 2008 was the initial reporting year. Annual reporting began with the 2010 reporting year. Comparisons of the first three reporting years are provided in this summary.

MassDEP requires retail sellers to report emissions that occur from the generation of the electricity that they sell. The GHGs emitted from power plant smokestacks during combustion of fuels to generate electricity are carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ), methane ( $CH_4$ ) and nitrous oxide ( $N_2O$ ). Biogenic and non-biogenic GHG emissions are reported separately. Biogenic GHG emissions are emissions of  $CO_2$  that result from the combustion of biogenic (plant or animal) material, excluding fossil fuels. Non-biogenic GHG emissions include  $CO_2$  released from the combustion of non-biogenic fuel, plus  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  released from the combustion of any fuel.

For 2011, the retail seller reporting process consisted of 4 steps:

- Step 1. Some retail sellers chose to report use of MWh from particular generating units, and any associated emissions.
- Step 2. MassDEP developed initial GHG emission factors in terms of pounds of non-biogenic and biogenic GHGs in carbon dioxide equivalents per megawatt hour (lb CO₂e/MWh) based on all of the electricity consumed in Massachusetts.
- Step 3. MassDEP developed final GHG emission factors for the electricity consumed in Massachusetts that was not reported in Step 1, by removing the MWh and emissions reported in Step 1 from the initial emission factors developed in Step 2.
- Step 4. Retail sellers determined their GHG emissions by multiplying the final emission factors in Step 3 by the energy they sold that they did not report in Step 1, and then adding any emissions reported in Step 1.

The purpose of Step 1 is to allow retail sellers to document the use of clean energy. Because MWh associated with this clean energy are included in Step 2 but excluded in Step 3, the final emission factors are greater than the initial emission factors. For more details on the reporting process and development of GHG emission factors for electricity consumed in Massachusetts, see *Draft 2011 Greenhouse Gas* (GHG) Emission Factors to be used by Retail Sellers of Electricity Reporting under 310 CMR 7.71(9) "Reporting Requirements for Retail Sellers of Electricity"

(http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/air/climate/rse11tsd.pdf).

#### **GHG Emission Factors**

For 2011, all Massachusetts- and regional-based emission factors decreased from the 2008 and 2010 values.

Table 1 shows the initial (Step 2) and final (Step 3) emission factors upon which retail seller GHG emissions are based. MassDEP recommends that consumers of electricity wishing to use Massachusetts-specific emission factors to report their GHG emissions from use of electricity should see Appendix 3 to this document for appropriate values. For an explanation of the "Massachusetts-based" and "Regional-based" approaches, see *Draft 2011 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Factors to be used by Retail Sellers of Electricity Reporting under 310 CMR 7.71(9) "Reporting Requirements for Retail Sellers of Electricity"* (http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/air/climate/rse11tsd.pdf).

Table 1. GHG Emission Factors for Electricity Consumed in Massachusetts, prior to and after accounting for particular generating units (Ib CO₂e/MWh)

|   | Massachusetts-                     | based approach            | Regional-based approach |          |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--|--|--|
|   | Non-Biogenic                       | Biogenic Non-Biogenic     |                         | Biogenic |  |  |  |
| Initial Emission Factors: <b>prior to</b> accounting for particular generating units (Step 2) |                                    |                           |                         |          |  |  |  |
| 2008  | 854                                | 97                        | 700                     | 139      |  |  |  |
| 2010  | 798                                | 97                        | 662                     | 136      |  |  |  |
| 2011  | 686                                | 89                        | 584                     | 122      |  |  |  |
| Final Emission Facto  | rs: <b>after</b> accounting for pa | articular generating unit | s (Step 3)              |          |  |  |  |
| 2008  | 871                                | 98                        | 708                     | 141      |  |  |  |
| 2010  | 824                                | 101                       | 672                     | 138      |  |  |  |
| 2011  | 712                                | 93                        | 595                     | 124      |  |  |  |

#### MWh Sold by Retail Sellers and Reported from Particular Generating Units

For 2011, 3 electric utilities, 1 competitive supplier, and 25 municipal electric departments or light boards chose to report MWh from particular generating units in Step 1. All MWh reported from particular generating units in the first three reporting years have been from non-emitting units. The number of optional reporters, the amount of non-emitting MWh and total retail sales they reported, and the percent of non-emitting MWh to total retail sales all continued to increase from 2008 to 2011.

Tables 2 through 4 show the number of retail sellers reporting in 2008, 2010, and 2011, the amounts of non-emitting MWh from particular generating units that they chose to report, and the fuel types and locations of these particular generating units.

Table 2. Number of Retail Sellers Reporting and MWh Reported

|                         |              | Electric Utilities  | Competitive | Municipal Light        | Total Retail<br>Sellers |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Optional Reporting (Ste | m 1\         | Electric Othlities  | Suppliers   | Depts.                 | Sellers                 |
| Optional Reporting (Ste |              | <u> </u>            |             |                        |                         |
|                         | 2008         | 2                   | 0           | 17                     | 19                      |
| Number of Reporters     | 2010         | 2                   | 1           | 24                     | 27                      |
|                         | 2011         | 3                   | 1           | 25                     | 29                      |
|                         | 2008         | 267,806             | 0           | 1,209,698              | 1,477,504               |
| Non-emitting MWh        | 2010         | 450,034             | 18,213      | 1,581,612              | 2,049,859               |
|                         | 2011         | 707,893             | 22,876      | 1,554,539              | 2,285,308               |
| Mandatory Reporting     |              |                     |             |                        |                         |
|                         | 2008         | 4                   | 22          | 40                     | 66                      |
| Number of Reporters     | 2010         | 4                   | 31          | 40                     | 75                      |
|                         | 2011         | 4                   | 33          | 40                     | 77                      |
| Total MWh of Retail     | 2008         | 25,514,875          | 24,806,760  | 8,154,220              | 58,475,855              |
| Sales                   | 2010         | 23,997,222          | 26,028,871  | 11,297,116             | 61,323,209              |
|                         | 2011         | 23,775,874          | 25,610,294  | 8,086,980 <sup>1</sup> | 57,473,148              |
| Non-emitting MWh as 9   | % of Total N | IWh of Retail Sales |             |                        |                         |
|                         | 2008         | 1.0%                | 0%          | 14.8%                  | 2.5%                    |
| %                       | 2010         | 1.9%                | 0.1%        | 14.0%                  | 3.3%                    |
|                         | 2011         | 3.0%                | 0.1%        | 19.2%                  | 4.0%                    |

Table 3. Non-Emitting Generation Reported by Retail Sellers by Fuel Type

| Fuel Type         | Hydro   | Nuclear   | PV     | Wind    | Total     |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|
| 2008 MWh Reported | 418,238 | 801,263   | 94     | 257,909 | 1,477,504 |
| (as % of Total)   | (28%)   | (54%)     | (<1%)  | (17%)   | (100%)    |
| 2010 MWh Reported | 519,266 | 1,155,435 | 3,590  | 371,568 | 2,049,859 |
| (as % of Total)   | (25%)   | (56%)     | (<1%)  | (18%)   | (100%)    |
| 2011 MWh Reported | 714,116 | 1,032,183 | 22,117 | 516,891 | 2,285,307 |
| (as % of Total)   | (31%)   | (45%)     | (1%)   | (23%)   | (100%)    |

Table 4. Non-Emitting Generation Reported by Retail Sellers by State or Province in which Generator is Located

| Location                                | MA               | СТ               | ME               | NH               | RI             | VT             | NY               | Quebec           | PEI            | Total               |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 2008 MWh<br>Reported<br>(as % of Total) | 253,532<br>(17%) | 313,238<br>(21%) | 12,192<br>(1%)   | 488,558<br>(33%) | 0              | 0              | 235,427<br>(16%) | 168,185<br>(11%) | 6,372<br>(<1%) | 1,477,504<br>(100%) |
| 2010 MWh<br>Reported<br>(as % of Total) | 257,262<br>(13%) | 336,674<br>(16%) | 167,106<br>(8%)  | 851,812<br>(41%) | 4,222<br>(<1%) | 28,837<br>(1%) | 296,417<br>(14%) | 85,537<br>(4%)   | 21,992<br>(1%) | 2,049,859<br>(100%) |
| 2011 MWh<br>Reported<br>(as % of Total) | 406,842<br>(18%) | 336,041<br>(15%) | 241,564<br>(11%) | 771,460<br>(34%) | 4,745<br>(<1%) | 53,448<br>(2%) | 332,825<br>(15%) | 71,594<br>(3%)   | 66,788<br>(3%) | 2,285,307<br>(100%) |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Six municipalities show 'Sales for resale' MWh in their *Annual Returns* to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU). Because sales for resale MWh are not retail sales to the end user, municipalities have been asked to subtract the sales for resale MWh from the total MWh shown in their *Annual Returns*. Two municipalities did this in their 2011 GHG reports. For the remaining four municipalities, MassDEP subtracted the sales for resale (totaling 52,109 MWh) from the total MWh reported, resulting in the value shown in Table 2. The corrected, lower MWh values were used in reporting 2011 data throughout this summary. Several additional municipalities also had a few minor rounding or reporting errors resulting in a 1 to 3 MWh difference between what the municipalities reported to MassDEP and to DPU; the DPU value is used throughout this document.

#### **GHG Emissions Reported by Retail Sellers**

For 2011, the total reported GHG emissions in all four categories decreased from 2008 and 2010 values, following the trend of the emission factors. The differences in GHG emissions between 2008, 2010, and 2011 within each retail seller type would be caused by changes in the number of reporters, total MWh sales, and percent of MWh reported from particular generating units in Step 1 by each type of retail seller.

Table 5 shows the total GHG emissions reported by the three types of retail sellers. GHG emissions were calculated by each retail seller using the reporting process shown on page 1 of this summary. The GHG emissions reported by each retail seller can be found in Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

Table 5. GHG Emissions by Retail Seller Type (Short Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e)

|                      | Massachusetts-l            | based approach | Regional-base | ed approach |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
|                      | Non-Biogenic Biogenic      |                | Non-Biogenic  | Biogenic    |
| Electric Utilities   |                            |                |               |             |
| 2008                 | 10,995,099                 | 1,237,106      | 8,937,462     | 1,779,918   |
| 2010                 | 9,701,441                  | 1,189,133      | 7,911,855     | 1,624,756   |
| 2011                 | 8,212,201                  | 1,072,661      | 6,862,724     | 1,430,215   |
| Competitive Supplie  | ers                        |                |               |             |
| 2008                 | 10,803,344                 | 1,215,531      | 8,781,593     | 1,748,877   |
| 2010                 | 10,716,391                 | 1,313,538      | 8,739,581     | 1,794,735   |
| 2011                 | 9,109,121                  | 1,189,815      | 7,612,257     | 1,586,420   |
| Municipal Electric D | Departments or Light Board | ds             |               |             |
| 2008                 | 3,024,275                  | 340,274        | 2,458,309     | 489,578     |
| 2010                 | 2,725,588                  | 334,083        | 2,222,809     | 456,470     |
| 2011                 | 2,324,329                  | 303,599        | 1,942,381     | 404,799     |
| Total                |                            |                |               |             |
| 2008                 | 24,822,718                 | 2,792,912      | 20,177,365    | 4,018,373   |
| 2010                 | 23,143,420                 | 2,836,754      | 18,874,246    | 3,875,961   |
| 2011                 | 19,645,651                 | 2,566,075      | 16,417,363    | 3,421,434   |

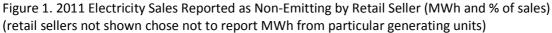
#### **Individual Retail Seller Reporting for 2011**

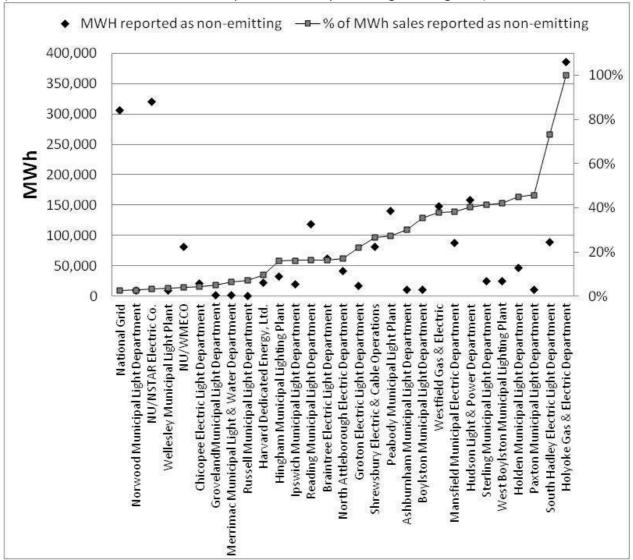
For each retail seller that chose to submit MWh from particular generating units in 2011, "individual" GHG emission factors were determined. These factors represent individual GHG emission rates for each retail seller based on their reported GHG emissions and MWh of electricity sales. The greater the percentage of total MWh electricity sales reported as non-emitting MWh, the lower a retail seller's individual emission factors.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Holyoke Gas & Electric Department reported 385,889 MWh from particular generating units that it owns or contracts with for power. Subtracting this from the 372,655 MWh that Holyoke sold to its retail customers would result in a negative MWh value, negative GHG emission values and negative individual GHG emission rates for Holyoke. While Holyoke is to be commended for its clean power, the regulation at 310 CMR 7.71(9)(d)5. does not allow a retail seller to claim more generation from particular generating units than it sold to its retail customers. Because MassDEP was not aware of this issue, the 2011 EFs shown in Table 1 and finalized in June 2013 credited the full 385,889 MWh in the calculation of the 2011 EFs. Tables 1-4 of this summary report also reflect the full 385,889 MWh. However, MassDEP lists Holyoke's 2011 GHG emissions as zero, and not negative values, in Appendix 1, and in the calculations of the emissions totals shown in Table 5. To prevent this situation from occurring in future reporting years, MassDEP will require municipalities to submit page 57 of their *Annual Return*, showing their total retail sales, with their optional "Step 1" report on MWh from particular generating units. (This page is currently only required with the later mandatory "Step 4" report.)

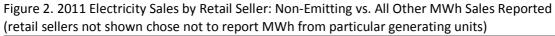
Figures 1 and 2 show the MWh reported, and the % those MWh were of that retail seller's 2011 electricity MWh sales, for each retail seller that chose to report use of particular generating units. To illustrate trends, the figures present the retail sellers in order of increasing percentage of reported non-emitting power. The figures compare optional MWh reported as a percentage of total retail sales, with the second figure showing the variation in total MWh sales. See Appendix 2 below for individual retail values used in these two figures.<sup>3</sup>

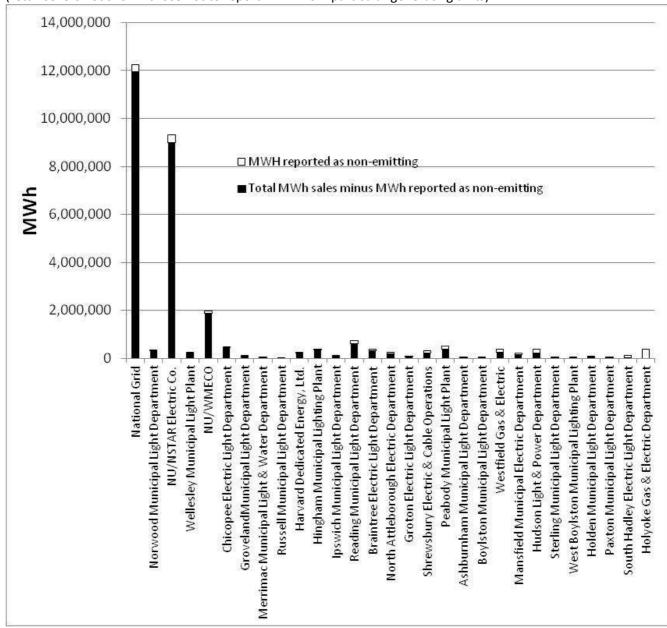




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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As explained in footnote 2, MassDEP lists the Holyoke Gas & Electric Department individual GHG emission rates as zero in Appendix 2, and lists Holyoke's percent of non-emitting MWh sales as 100% in Appendix 2 and Figures 1 and 2.





## Appendix 1: 2011 Individual Retail Seller GHG Emissions

Below are 2011 GHG emissions for each retail seller calculated by MassDEP based on:

- the final GHG emission factors from Step 3 above, and
- MWh reported to Department of Energy Resources by electric utilities and competitive suppliers and to DPU by municipal electric departments and light boards, less MWh from any particular generating units that a retail seller reported in Step 1. See footnotes 1 and 2 regarding the municipalities whose emissions differ from what was submitted.

Table 6. 2011 MA Retail Seller GHG Emissions (Short Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e)

|                                       | Massachusetts-ba | ased approach | Regional-based approach |          |  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------|--|
|                                       | Non-Biogenic     | Biogenic      | Non-Biogenic            | Biogenic |  |
| Electric Utilities                    | ·                |               | •                       |          |  |
| NGRID (Mass. and Nantucket Elec.)     | 4,249,594        | 55,073        | 3,551,276               | 740,098  |  |
| NU/NSTAR Electric Co.                 | 3,199,681        | 417,936       | 2,673,890               | 557,248  |  |
| NU/Western Mass. Electric Co.         | 671,390          | 87,696        | 561,063                 | 116,927  |  |
| Unitil (Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.) | 91,537           | 11,956        | 76,495                  | 15,942   |  |
| Competitive Suppliers                 |                  |               | ·                       |          |  |
| Cianbro Energy, LLC                   | 258              | 34            | 216                     | 45       |  |
| Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc.   | 1,014,272        | 132,482       | 847,601                 | 176,643  |  |
| Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.         | 1,670,154        | 218,152       | 1,395,705               | 290,870  |  |
| Devonshire Energy                     | 42,609           | 5,565         | 35,607                  | 7,421    |  |
| Direct Energy Business, LLC           | 1,322,298        | 172,716       | 1,105,010               | 230,288  |  |
| Direct Energy Services, LLC           | 9,001            | 1,176         | 7,522                   | 1,568    |  |
| Dominion Retail, Inc.                 | 555,533          | 72,563        | 464,245                 | 96,750   |  |
| East Avenue Energy, LLC               | 362              | 47            | 303                     | 63       |  |
| Easy Energy of MA                     | 11,469           | 1,498         | 9,585                   | 1,997    |  |
| First Point Power                     | 85               | 11            | 71                      | 15       |  |
| GDF Energy of Massachusetts, Inc.     | 966,146          | 126,196       | 807,383                 | 168,261  |  |
| Glacial Energy of Massachusetts, Inc  | 214,145          | 27,971        | 178,955                 | 37,295   |  |
| Hampshire Council of Governments      | 19,664           | 2,568         | 16,432                  | 3,425    |  |
| Hannaford Energy                      | 14,611           | 1,908         | 12,210                  | 2,545    |  |
| Harvard Dedicated Energy, Ltd.        | 77,208           | 10,085        | 64,521                  | 13,446   |  |
| Hess Corporation                      | 699,238          | 91,333        | 584,335                 | 121,777  |  |
| Hudson Energy Services                | 8,014            | 1,047         | 6,697                   | 1,396    |  |
| Integrys Energy Services, Inc.        | 138,164          | 18,047        | 115,460                 | 24,062   |  |
| Just Energy Massachusetts             | 47,624           | 6,220         | 39,798                  | 8,294    |  |
| Liberty Power Holdings                | 151,116          | 19,738        | 126,283                 | 26,318   |  |
| Mint Energy, LLC                      | 721              | 94            | 602                     | 126      |  |
| MXenergy Electric, Inc.               | 37,712           | 4,926         | 31,515                  | 6,568    |  |
| NextEra Energy                        | 288,367          | 37,666        | 240,981                 | 50,221   |  |
| Noble Americas Energy Solutions       | 576,688          | 75,326        | 481,924                 | 100,434  |  |
| Open Book (ECM Energy Mgmt.)          | 16,094           | 2,102         | 13,449                  | 2,803    |  |
| Pepco Energy Services, Inc.           | 39,285           | 5,131         | 32,830                  | 6,842    |  |
| Public Power & Utility, Inc.          | 2,334            | 305           | 1,951                   | 407      |  |
| REP Energy                            | 11,291           | 1,475         | 9,436                   | 1,966    |  |
| South Jersey Energy                   | 28,608           | 3,737         | 23,907                  | 4,982    |  |
| Spark Energy, LP                      | 3,232            | 422           | 2,701                   | 563      |  |
| TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd.      | 1,142,429        | 149,230       | 954,751                 | 198,973  |  |
| WFM Intermediary NE Energy            | 325              | 42            | 271                     | 57       |  |

|                                       | Massachusetts-b | ased approach | Regional-base | ed approach |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
|                                       | Non-Biogenic    | Biogenic      | Non-Biogenic  | Biogenic    |
| Xoom Energy Massachusetts LLC         | 1               | 0             | 1             | 0           |
| Municipal Electric Departments or Lig | ght Boards      |               |               |             |
| Ashburnham Muni. Light Dept.          | 5,585           | 1,121         | 7,174         | 1,495       |
| Belmont Municipal Light Dept.         | 48,128          | 6,286         | 40,219        | 8,382       |
| Boylston Municipal Light Dept.        | 7,256           | 948           | 6,063         | 1,264       |
| Braintree Electric Light Dept.        | 113,215         | 14,788        | 94,611        | 19,717      |
| Chester Muni. Electric Light Dept.    | 2,055           | 268           | 1,717         | 358         |
| Chicopee Electric Light Dept.         | 157,748         | 20,605        | 131,826       | 27,473      |
| Concord Municipal Light Plant         | 65,703          | 8,582         | 54,906        | 11,443      |
| Danvers Electric Division             | 120,084         | 15,685        | 100,351       | 20,914      |
| Georgetown Municipal Light Dept.      | 18,483          | 2,414         | 15,446        | 3,219       |
| Groton Electric Light Dept.           | 21,001          | 2,743         | 17,550        | 3,658       |
| Groveland Municipal Light Dept.       | 13,063          | 1,706         | 10,916        | 2,275       |
| Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant      | 61,191          | 7,993         | 51,136        | 10,657      |
| Holden Municipal Light Dept.          | 20,436          | 2,669         | 17,078        | 3,559       |
| Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.          | 0               | 0             | 0             | 0           |
| Hudson Light & Power Dept.            | 83,271          | 10,877        | 69,587        | 14,502      |
| Hull Municipal Lighting Plant         | 19,631          | 2,564         | 16,405        | 3,419       |
| Ipswich Municipal Light Dept.         | 36,167          | 4,724         | 30,224        | 6,299       |
| Littleton Electric Light & Water      | 104,294         | 13,623        | 87,156        | 18,164      |
| Mansfield Municipal Electric Dept.    | 50,576          | 6,606         | 42,265        | 8,808       |
| Marblehead Municipal Light Dept.      | 39,892          | 5,211         | 33,337        | 6,947       |
| Merrimac Muni. Light & Water          | 10,294          | 1,345         | 8,603         | 1,793       |
| Middleborough Gas & Elec. Dept.       | 93,717          | 12,241        | 78,317        | 16,322      |
| Middleton Muni. Electric Dept.        | 35,400          | 4,624         | 29,583        | 6,165       |
| North Attleboro Electric Dept.        | 71,986          | 9,403         | 60,157        | 12,537      |
| Norwood Municipal Light Dept.         | 116,973         | 15,279        | 97,751        | 20,372      |
| Paxton Municipal Light Dept.          | 4,720           | 616           | 3,944         | 822         |
| Peabody Municipal Light Plant         | 132,322         | 17,284        | 110,578       | 23,045      |
| Princeton Municipal Light Dept.       | 5,756           | 752           | 4,810         | 1,002       |
| Reading Municipal Light Dept.         | 214,892         | 28,069        | 179,580       | 37,425      |
| Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant       | 15,924          | 2,080         | 13,307        | 2,773       |
| Russell Municipal Light Dept.         | 1,693           | 221           | 1,415         | 295         |
| Shrewsbury Electric & Cable Ops.      | 79,922          | 10,439        | 66,789        | 13,919      |
| South Hadley Electric Light Dept.     | 11,647          | 1,521         | 9,733         | 2,028       |
| Sterling Municipal Light Dept.        | 12,702          | 1,659         | 10,615        | 2,212       |
| Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant      | 253,065         | 33,055        | 211,480       | 44,073      |
| Templeton Muni. Light & Water         | 22,498          | 2,939         | 18,801        | 3,918       |
| Wakefield Muni. Gas & Light           | 70,508          | 9,210         | 58,921        | 12,279      |
| Wellesley Municipal Light Plant       | 84,948          | 11,096        | 70,989        | 14,794      |
| West Boylston Muni. Light. Plant      | 12,221          | 1,596         | 10,213        | 2,128       |
| Westfield Gas & Electric              | 82,363          | 10,758        | 68,828        | 14,344      |
| 2011 RETAIL SELLER TOTAL GHGs         | 19,645,651      | 2,566,075     | 16,417,363    | 3,421,434   |

## Appendix 2: Individual 2011 Retail Seller Emission Factors

Below are the 2011 GHG emission factors for each retail seller that chose to report use of non-emitting MWh from particular generating units. These factors represent individual GHG emission rates for each retail seller based on their reported GHG emissions and MWh of electricity sales.

Table 7. Individual 2011 Retail Seller Emission Factors

|   | MWh<br>reported<br>as non- | emissio          | setts-based<br>on factors<br>e/MWh) | _                | sed emission<br>CO <sub>2</sub> e/MWh) | % of sales<br>reported as<br>non-emitting |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|---|
|   | emitting                   | Non-<br>Biogenic | Biogenic                            | Non-<br>Biogenic | Biogenic                               | MWh                                       |
| Electric Utilities                        |                            |                  |                                     |                  |  |   |
| NGRID (Mass. and<br>Nantucket Elec.)      | 306,275                    | 694              | 91                                  | 580              | 121                                    | 2.5%                                      |
| NU/NSTAR                                  | 319,704                    | 688              | 90                                  | 575              | 120                                    | 3.4%                                      |
| NU/WMECO                                  | 81,914                     | 682              | 89                                  | 570              | 119                                    | 4.2%                                      |
| Competitive Suppliers                     |                            |                  |                                     |                  |  |   |
| Harvard Dedicated<br>Energy               | 22,876                     | 644              | 84                                  | 538              | 112                                    | 9.5%                                      |
| Municipal Electric Dep                    | artments or                | Light Boards     |                                     |                  |  |   |
| Ashburnham Muni.<br>Light Dept.           | 10,334                     | 498              | 65                                  | 417              | 87                                     | 30.0%                                     |
| Boylston Municipal<br>Light Dept.         | 11,208                     | 459              | 60                                  | 384              | 80                                     | 35.5%                                     |
| Braintree Electric<br>Light Dept.         | 62,462                     | 595              | 78                                  | 497              | 104                                    | 16.4%                                     |
| Chicopee Electric<br>Light Dept.          | 20,502                     | 681              | 89                                  | 569              | 119                                    | 4.4%                                      |
| Groton Electric Light Dept.               | 16,544                     | 556              | 73                                  | 465              | 97                                     | 21.9%                                     |
| Groveland Municipal Light Dept.           | 1,900                      | 677              | 88                                  | 566              | 118                                    | 4.9%                                      |
| Hingham Municipal<br>Lighting Plant       | 33,001                     | 597              | 78                                  | 499              | 104                                    | 16.1%                                     |
| Holden Municipal<br>Light Dept.           | 46,695                     | 393              | 51                                  | 328              | 68                                     | 44.9%                                     |
| Holyoke Gas &<br>Electric Dept.           | 385,889                    | 0                | 0                                   | 0                | 0                                      | 100.0%                                    |
| Hudson Light & Power Dept.                | 158,436                    | 424              | 55                                  | 355              | 74                                     | 40.4%                                     |
| Ipswich Municipal<br>Light Dept.          | 19,600                     | 597              | 78                                  | 499              | 104                                    | 16.2%                                     |
| Mansfield Municipal Electric Dept.        | 87,733                     | 440              | 57                                  | 368              | 77                                     | 38.2%                                     |
| Merrimac Municipal<br>Light & Water Dept. | 1,954                      | 667              | 87                                  | 557              | 116                                    | 6.3%                                      |
| North Attleboro<br>Electric Dept.         | 41,231                     | 591              | 77                                  | 494              | 103                                    | 16.9%                                     |
| Norwood Municipal<br>Light Dept.          | 9,392                      | 692              | 90                                  | 578              | 121                                    | 2.8%                                      |

|  | MWh<br>reported<br>as non- | emissio          | setts-based<br>in factors<br>e/MWh) | Regional-based emission factors (lb CO <sub>2</sub> e/MWh) |          | % of sales<br>reported as<br>non-emitting |  |
|--|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------|---|--|
|  | emitting                   | Non-<br>Biogenic | Biogenic                            | Non-<br>Biogenic   | Biogenic | MWh                                       |  |
| Paxton Municipal Light Dept.                 | 11,214                     | 386              | 50                                  | 322  | 67       | 45.8%                                     |  |
| Peabody Municipal<br>Light Plant             | 140,225                    | 517              | 68                                  | 432  | 90       | 27.4%                                     |  |
| Reading Municipal Light Dept.                | 118,257                    | 596              | 78                                  | 498  | 104      | 16.2%                                     |  |
| Russell Municipal<br>Light Dept.             | 374                        | 660              | 86                                  | 552  | 115      | 7.3%                                      |  |
| Shrewsbury Electric & Cable Ops.             | 81,124                     | 523              | 68                                  | 437  | 91       | 26.5%                                     |  |
| South Hadley<br>Electric Light Dept.         | 88,818                     | 192              | 25                                  | 160  | 33       | 73.1%                                     |  |
| Sterling Municipal<br>Light Dept.            | 25,156                     | 418              | 55                                  | 349  | 73       | 41.3%                                     |  |
| Wellesley Municipal<br>Light Plant           | 9,039                      | 686              | 90                                  | 573  | 119      | 3.6%                                      |  |
| West Boylston<br>Municipal Lighting<br>Plant | 24,901                     | 413              | 54                                  | 345  | 72       | 42.0%                                     |  |
| Westfield Gas &<br>Electric                  | 148,550                    | 441              | 58                                  | 369  | 77       | 38.0%                                     |  |
| All Other Retail<br>Sellers                  | 0                          | 712              | 93                                  | 595  | 124      | 0%  |  |

# Appendix 3: 2011 Retail Level Emission Factors to be Used by Consumers of Electricity to Report Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Some electricity consumers have expressed interest in using MA-specific greenhouse gas (GHG) emission factors (EFs) to report their GHG emissions from use of electricity. The EFs shown earlier in this document are often not appropriate for use by electricity consumers for two reasons: first, the EFs earlier in this document are for the combination of  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  when many electricity consumers seek EFs for the individual gases and, second, the EFs earlier in this document are per wholesale MWh, rather than per retail meter MWh (or kWh) that electricity consumers see on their electric bill. In order to assist electricity consumers in reporting GHGs, this appendix presents the 2011 EFs that consumers of electricity would use to report their GHG emissions at a retail electricity level.

Combined, Biogenic & Non-Biogenic EFs: Progress on achieving the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2020 limit of a 25% reduction in GHG emissions from 1990 by 2020 is determined using MA-based emission calculations. Thus, it is MA-Based EFs that consumers of electricity should use to determine GHG emissions. This includes all  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions from non-biogenic (fossil) and biogenic (non-fossil) fuels combusted to generate the electricity sold by retail sellers of electricity in Massachusetts. The Combined EF can be determined by adding the Non-Biogenic and Biogenic EFs together.

| 2011 RS Wholesale Non-Biogenic MA-Based EF | 686 lb Non-Biogenic CO₂e/Wholesale MWh           |
|--|--|
| + 2011 RS Wholesale Biogenic MA-Based EF   | + 89 lb Biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> e/Wholesale MWh |
| 2011 RS Wholesale Combined MA-Based EF     | 775 lb Combined CO <sub>2</sub> e/Wholesale MWh  |

Wholesale v. Retail EFs (line losses): Power lines lose 7% (on average) of the electricity they carry. The amount of wholesale MWh needed to deliver a particular amount of electricity at the retail level is, therefore, 7% greater than the amount shown on a retail meter. The emissions released to produce the electricity can be spread out over either the larger number of wholesale MWh or the smaller number of retail MWh, such that the retail lb/MWh EF will always be higher than the wholesale lb/MWh EF:

Wholesale Combined EF / (100% of MWh – 7% of MWh due to line losses) = Retail Combined EF Specifically: 775 lb  $CO_2e/Wholesale MWh / (1 - 0.07) = 834$  lb  $CO_2e/Retail MWh$ 

|              | Retail Seller Wholesale Level | Electricity Consumer Retail Level |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|              | (lb CO₂e/Wholesale MWh)       | (lb CO₂e/Retail MWh)              |
| Non-Biogenic | 686                           | 738                               |
| Biogenic     | 89                            | 96                                |
| Combined     | 775                           | 834                               |

Individual CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O EFs: If the entity to which you are reporting requires EFs by individual gas, then the lb CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh value needs to be separated into the individual components: lb CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh, lb CH<sub>4</sub>/MWh, and lb N<sub>2</sub>O/MWh. MassDEP has separated the three gases by alternately zeroing out the other two gases on the 'Calculating CO2e' tab of the retail seller EF spreadsheet at <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/air/climate/rse11cal.xls">http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/air/climate/rse11cal.xls</a>. For the 2011 retail level Combined EF, this results in 829 lb of CO<sub>2</sub>e from CO<sub>2</sub>, 1 lb CO<sub>2</sub>e from CH<sub>4</sub>, and 3 lb of CO<sub>2</sub>e from N<sub>2</sub>O. The global warming potential (GWP) of each gas must then be taken into account to determine the EF for each gas. The GWPs used in recent years by MassDEP are: 1 for CO<sub>2</sub>, 21 for CH<sub>4</sub>, and 310 for N<sub>2</sub>O.

 $\label{eq:continuous} \begin{array}{ll} \text{lb CO}_2\text{e}/\text{MWh} = ((\text{lb CO}_2*1) + (\text{lb CH}_4*21) + (\text{lb N}_2\text{O}*310)) / \text{MWh} \\ \textit{Specifically}: \ 1 \ \text{lb CO}_2\text{e} \ \text{from CH}_4 / \ 21 = 0.051 \ \text{lb CH}_4 \ \textit{and} \ 3 \ \text{lb CO}_2\text{e} \ \text{from N}_2\text{O} \ / \ 310 = 0.010 \ \text{lb N}_2\text{O}, \\ \textit{therefore} \\ 834 \ \text{lb CO}_2\text{e}/\text{Retail MWh} = (829 \ \text{lb CO}_2 + (0.056 \ \text{lb CH}_4*21) + (0.010 \ \text{lb N}_2\text{O}*310)) \ / \ \text{Retail MWh} \\ \end{array}$ 

The breakdown of the 834 lb  $CO_2e$ /Retail MWh value from Table 8 into individual gases, at various scales of electricity, is shown in Table 9.

Table 9. 2011 Electricity Consumers Retail-level MA-Based CO₂e GHG Emission Factors by Individual Gas

|               | CO <sub>2</sub> e |          |                  |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|
|               | CO <sub>2</sub>   | CH₄      | N <sub>2</sub> O |
| lb/Retail kWh | 0.829             | 0.000056 | 0.000010         |
| lb/Retail MWh | 829               | 0.056    | 0.010            |
| lb/Retail GWh | 829,000           | 56       | 10               |

The lb/Retail kWh values in the upper row of Table 9 may be the values most likely to be used by electricity consumers since most electric bills show kWh use. The  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$ , and  $N_2O$  EFs in lb/Retail GWh shown in the bottom row in Table 9 are used by MassDEP when voluntarily reporting emissions from its operations to The Climate Registry.

The breakdown of the 829 lb  $CO_2$ /Retail MWh value from Table 9 into its non-biogenic and biogenic components is shown in Table 10. All  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions are considered non-biogenic and thus cannot be further broken down.

Table 10. 2011 Electricity Consumers Retail-level MA-Based Non-Biogenic and Biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Factors

|               | CO <sub>2</sub>              |                          |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
|               | Non-Biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> | Biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> |
| lb/Retail kWh | 0.734                        | 0.096                    |
| lb/Retail MWh | 734                          | 96                       |
| lb/Retail GWh | 734,000                      | 96,000                   |