

#### 2025 Town Hall Questions and Answers

#### TOWN HALL

- 1. Will the recording be available after the meeting? Naseem Razi
  - a. Could you please mention where slides will be available? Thanks. Alan Field
  - b. Great webinar thanks to all at DOER for such a comprehensive and well-organized presentation. In addition to the recording, would it be possible to post a link to the slide deck, and where can we find this? I have heard you commenting on links on the slide deck, so I'm assuming that they will be shared. Thank you, Lisa Cunningham, ZeroCarbonMA.org
  - c. When will today's slide deck be on the website? Thank you. Bhumika Choudhary
  - d. Where on the DOER web pages are the slides posted? Sherry Morgan
  - e. Can we get all the links in the chat? I am on my phone so can't grab them. thank you. Janet Sinclair
  - f. Did you post the presentation on the website. Beth Greenlatt
  - g. Will this rapid-fire session be published ...if so when and where? How about this set of slides?

PK, Pamela Kelly

A: The slide deck and a recording of the Town Hall are posted on our website at https://www.mass.gov/guides/doer-divisions-and-services#-doer-town-hall-. The recording includes options for interpretation in American Sign Language, Spanish, Portuguese (Portugal), Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Vietnamese and Haitian Creole. Closed Captioning is also available. Most of the links that were shared in the chat during the Town Hall are included in the slides. One link shared that's not on the slides is to the DOER Directory: <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/doer-directory</u>.

#### IRA HOME ENERGY REBATE PROGRAM (HER/HEAR)

# 1. A slide indicated that the rollout of IRA federal funding will be in June. Do I understand correctly that the expansion of the Mass Save program for moderate-income residents will occur in June?

Lori Kenschaft

**A:** DOER will implement HEAR funding by integrating the federal funding into the Mass Save® program. We plan to launch HEAR programs in June 2025, and HER programs (for MLP customers and affordable multi-family housing) in July 2025. The expansion of the Mass Save program for moderate income customers is not tied to the HEAR and HER rebates; it is expected to go into effect after the Department of Public Utilities completes its review of the 2025-2027 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan at the end of February.

## 2. When the HER & HEAR funds finally roll out in June how will the consumers know what to do and where to look?

Steven Andrada

**A:** The federal HEAR funds will be integrated into the Mass Save program to serve income eligible customers with no-cost electrification measures. Customers will apply for services through the Mass Save program and there will be no separate application process to receive HEAR funds. The federal HER funds will support whole-house energy savings and will be delivered in coordination with the MLPs and existing delivery channels. Municipal Light Plant customers should watch for information from their utilities.

- 3. When do you expect the HER/HEAR rebates to be available? Does the recent executive order to pause IRA & Infrastructure (and any other) funds affect the timing in Massachusetts? For the HER-MLP program, will MLPs have to opt in and/or provide matching funds? And will programs be retroactive to Jan 1, 2025? Kimberly French
  - a. When do you plan for the HEAR IRA rebate program funds to become available? Sophie Theroux
  - **b.** What can you predict about changes that may happen to the IRA incentives? Dody Adkins-Perry
  - c. One of your slides indicated that the IRA Home Energy program (HER/HEAR) would roll out in June. Can you say more? Is it clear that Mass will still receive those funds? Alan Melchior
  - **d. Will HER be available to all MLP towns?** Phil Thayer
  - e. What is the status of the roll out of the regulations for heat pump incentives associated with the Federal IRA Act which was signed on 8/16/2022? William Neacy

**A:** DOER will implement HEAR funding by integrating the federal funding into the Mass Save<sup>®</sup> program. We plan to launch HEAR programs in June 2025, and HER programs (for MLP customers and affordable multi-family housing) in July 2025. DOER is still reviewing the federal executive orders and will continue to move forward with our programmatic work as much as possible during this time. Delays may occur.

For HER-MLP, the MLPs will be required to opt-in and provide a minimum contribution to each HER-funded project.

HEAR funds will be available as of the launch date. The law does not authorize states to offer HEAR retroactively. HER funds may be available retroactively if a project can demonstrate compliance with all DOE requirements. DOER expects that retroactive application of HER will be very limited due to the complexity of meeting the requirements for receiving a retroactive rebate.

### 4. With HEAR/HER dollars being "awarded" do you know if this means the funding has been disbursed or obligated?

Amanda Sachs

**A:** The funding for HER and HEAR has been obligated.

5. When and how will the HER program roll out? What will MLPs be required to do for their customers to be eligible for those rebates? Will the state be establishing a low-interest loan program to go with the HER monies? Alan Melchior

**A:** We plan to launch HER programs (for MLP customers and affordable multi-family housing) in July 2025. The federal HER funds will support whole-house energy savings and will be delivered in coordination with the MLPs and existing delivery channels. MLPs will be required to opt-in and provide a minimum contribution to each HER-funded project.

DOER is working to support an MLP "HEAT loan" program, similar to the Mass Save HEAT Loan program, to provide MLP customers access to favorable financing to support energy efficiency and building decarbonization home improvements. DOER is working toward launching this program in coordination with the HER-MLP launch.

#### MASS SAVE

1. Would you please speak to any recent changes to the Mass Save program for homeowners served by municipal light departments? Logan Casey

**A:** The Mass Save programs are available to customers of Massachusetts' electric and gas utilities and energy efficiency service providers - Berkshire Gas, Cape Light Compact, Eversource, Liberty, National Grid, and Unitil. This does not change for the 2025-2027 three-year term. MLP electric customers with gas utility service or electric utility customers with municipal gas service may participate in the Mass Save program.

The federal HER funds will support whole-house energy savings and will be delivered in coordination with the MLPs and existing delivery channels. MLPs will be required to opt-in and provide a minimum contribution to each HER-funded project.

In addition, DOER is working to support a MLP "HEAT loan" program, similar to the Mass Save HEAT Loan program, to provide MLP customers access to favorable financing to support energy efficiency and building decarbonization home improvements.

#### 2. Can you say more about the "facilitated delivery" of heat pumps for moderate-income households statewide and renters in designated communities? Loie Hayes

**A:** The facilitated delivery or Residential Turnkey Solutions program in the proposed 2025-2027 Three-Year Plan is designed to offer a high-level customer experience, streamline participation, and ensure quality installations. It would offer one vendor/point-of-contact for all services, including nocost weatherization, barrier mitigation, and electrification upgrades. The vendor would manage each step of the process from project origination to project completion and all subcontractors. The RTS offering would expand to market-rate customers later in the three-year term.

### **3.** Is there any plan to focus on V2G with any programs tied to Connected Solutions? Scott Rodman

**A:** V2G is treated like any other battery in Connected Solutions. The only limitations are the availability of V2G-enabled equipment in the market and whether the equipment manufacturers have <u>built a connection to the Connected Solutions management software</u>.

#### <u>SOLAR</u>

#### <u>SMART</u>

- 1. What is the approval process/timeline for the SMART Straw Proposal? Alex Popovich
  - a. When are the SMART 3.0 updated rules going to be issued? And when is the opportunity for public feedback open before they are approved? Corina McCandless
  - b. Apologies if I missed it is there any guidance or timeline for when SMART 3.0 guidelines will be finalized & filed?
    Eren Kuzucu
  - c. Given the delays in the SMART program update roll-out from what was indicated when the Straw proposal was released does it means that there will likely be significant changes to the straw proposal? Jeff Hintzke

**A:** DOER is currently in the process of drafting regulations, which are expected to be issued for stakeholder review this Spring. The regulations will be posted <u>on our website</u>, along with opportunities for public feedback. The draft regulations are based on the foundation of the Straw Proposal from the summer along with feedback collected during DOER's technical sessions and stakeholder comment period.

#### <u>Solar for All</u>

1. Could you expand on the S4A program? Did the state already receive the funding? Are you moving into implementation or are you still in the design phase? If the former, is there a final design document with an explicit timeline and partners available? Thank you! Paula García

A: DOER and its coalition partners, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Massachusetts Community Climate Bank, and Boston Housing Authority, are currently finalizing program design and preparing to move into the implementation of the program. We expect to begin releasing RFPs for administrative support vendors by the end of Q1, and to begin launching the single-family and multi-family programs by the end of Q2.

2. Does DOER have any information regarding how the various grants/loans it has received (specifically Solar for All) will be impacted by the recent Presidential Executive Order freezing IRA/IIJA disbursements?

**A:** DOER is still reviewing the federal executive orders and will continue to move forward with our programmatic work as much as possible during this time. Delays may occur.

# 3. Will Solar for All only pay interest down? Is there no contribution to offset the 30% tax credit which would impact loan payment instead of paying the banks interest. Claire Chang

**A:** Assuming participants of the zero-interest loan program have sufficient tax liability to recover the full 30% tax credit associated with their solar system investment, they will be able to access that credit and put it toward payment of their loan principal. Our historic programs such as Mass Solar Loan have required lenders to offer a minimum of one re-amortization that allows a borrower to put their tax credit toward paying down loan principal and recast their loan payment schedule accordingly. We will likely include this feature in the SFA Zero-Interest Loan program as well. All participants of our small-residential initiatives will have access to a "Decision-Support" provider that can help them explore factors such as their expected tax liability to evaluate whether the SFA Loan or SFA Lease program will be a better fit.

#### 4. Apologies if this has already been stated but when will details about Solar for All be available and when will applications open? Dan Schell

**A:** DOER is in the process of publishing an updated Solar for All website with program details. Sign up for the Solar for All email list <u>here</u> to receive updates when more information is available. DOER expects that applications for the single-family and multi-family programs will open by the end of Q2.

#### **GRID POLICY & INTERCONNECTION**

 One of the largest challenges faced by small communities is the lack of supporting infrastructure - even if the Town wished to put a medium scale (200kw-20MW) solar array, the Eversource grid would not support such a project. What steps are being taken by the DOER and/or the administration to update and reinforce the electrical grid to allow for new Solar and Wind generation capacity? Douglas Finn

**A:** DOER is actively engaged with the electric utilities and in proceedings before the Department of Public Utilities on initiatives to modernize and upgrade the electrical grid to support distributed energy resources (DERs) and renewable generation. DOER serves as chair of the Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC), which is a stakeholder body that provided recommendations to the electric utilities for their Electric Sector Modernization Plans (ESMPs), which were approved by the Department of Public Utilities in August 2024. DOER continues to lead the GMAC and engage with the utilities in working groups to improve the long-term process for interconnecting DERs.

## 2. I see NSTAR withdrew from the Freetown CIP 22-51. How does that impact the CIP and is there any updated status?

Pam Burr

**A:** In January 2025, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy withdrew the Freetown CIP, which they described in 22-51 as "consistent with a request from the Department of Public Utilities given the group studies planned and underway in the Freetown CIP area." Without DPU approval, any proposed investments will not be made.

However, Eversource gave notice on November 18, 2024 that it is considering seven more CIPs to be filed under the Provisional Program Extension, one of which would be in East Freetown. This information is public in the ESMP docket, 24-10. The letter suggested that Eversource would file a CIP in New Bedford in February or March to address near-term needs, and then the East Freetown Group will be filed pursuant to the Company's as-yet unfinalized Long-Term System Planning Process (LTSPP) to address long-term needs. A CIP cannot be filed until its associated Group Study is completed, and the Group Study status update from the December Technical Standards Review Group (TSRG) meeting suggests that the East Freetown study will still be in progress until at least December 2025.

#### **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

**1. What is the status of the elimination of the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards?** Glen Ayers

**A:** The Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard is established in statute and any elimination of the program would require a statutory change by the Massachusetts Legislature.

#### <u>Geothermal</u>

1. Thank you for sharing the exciting initiatives on solar, EVs, and energy storage. Could you please comment on any projects or initiatives relating to the adaptation of clean thermal solutions such as geothermal heating and cooling? Yaning Zhang

**A:** DOER currently provides several incentives to clean thermal solutions. The Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard currently provides an incentive for ground source heat pumps, air source heat pumps, solar hot water, woody biomass, liquid biofuels, and biogas. More information on the program can he found <u>here</u>.

In addition, the Mass Save program offers incentives supporting geothermal heating and cooling. More information on the Mass Save program can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **STORAGE**

#### Storage Grants

1. When can we start getting more information about the Energy Storage Grant Program that launches in Fall 2025?

Saurabh Betawadkar

a. Can you repeat the timeline for having a proposal for the energy storage grant program or a sense of how the grants will be structured? Cassidy Ellis

**A:** DOER is currently in the process of contracting with a Program Administrator who will support the development and implementation of the grant program. It is expected that applications for the grant program will open in late 2025.

#### Storage Procurement

**1. When do you anticipate beginning the procurement processes?** Leonard Greene

#### a. Do we have an understanding of timelines involved with the MA 83 E solicitation, specifically when decisions will be made on proposals? Sasikumar Kannan

**A:** In coordination with the Electric Distribution Companies and in consultation with the Attorney General's Office and the Independent Evaluator, DOER will post the first Section 83E Request for Proposals (RFP) by July 31, 2025. This will be following filing the draft RFP at the Department of Public utilities for review and approval of the timetable and method of solicitation.

#### **SITING AND PERMITTING**

1. Do I understand correctly that municipalities will only have authority to regulate Battery Storage systems up to 100 kWh?

Gary Martin

**A:** No, municipalities will have siting and permitting authority for battery storage systems up to 100 MWh.

#### 2. Hi Susannah, could you please repeat the standards for small clean energy projects? Meera Patel

**A:** The thresholds for small clean energy projects for which municipalities will be leading the siting and permitting are:

Project Type	Threshold Criteria
Solar	Less than 25 MW
Storage	Less than 100 MWh
Transmission and Distribution	Less than 1 mile (or less than 10 miles if within
	an existing right of way)

### **3. When do you see the EFSB taking over large solar and BESS facility sitings?** Laurie Segnan

**A:** EFSB already has authority to grant zoning exemptions for large solar or BESS facilities. The EFSB is working on a straw proposal for their new responsibilities from the 2024 Climate Law and expect to make those proposals public in March/April. They are working toward the same deadline as DOER for final regulations - March 2026 - which will go into effect for projects filed in July 2026. At that time, EFSB can accept applications for consolidated permits for large solar and BESS facilities.

4. If a town wants to add solar to municipal buildings or a landfill, and the utility says their substation cannot handle it, will the siting and permitting address these types of issues? I would like to understand if this faster siting and permitting would address these types of issues or is it unrelated?

Ellen Sachs Leicher

**A:** The new siting & permitting responsibilities do not change the interconnection process. DOER chairs the Grid Modernization Advisory Council and is engaged in proceedings before the Department of Public Utilities with the goal of modernizing the electric grid to ensure sufficient capacity to interconnect distributed energy resources.

5. I didn't hear much about conservation of natural resources such as forest, high quality farmland & most importantly drinking water. How are these community concerns addressed?

Nancy McHale

**A:** Protecting, managing, and restoring our natural and working lands to maintain valuable natural resources that help sequester and store carbon - and protect biodiversity - is important to DOER.

Land designated as Priority Habitat under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act; areas identified as Core Habitat or Critical Natural Landscape within <u>BioMap</u> - a tool that guides the strategic protection and stewardship of lands and waters that are most important for conserving biodiversity in Massachusetts; or a parcel with at least 50 percent of its area designated as Priority Habitat, Core Habitat, or Critical Natural Landscape, is ineligible for the SMART solar incentive program unless the Solar Tariff Generation Unit (STGU) meets the criteria of Category 1 Land Use per <u>SMART Regulations</u>.

In addition, DOER's <u>Technical Potential of Solar Study</u> examined the challenges of the solar buildout while considering the Commonwealth's natural lands and built environment. The Study found Massachusetts has more than enough solar potential to support its decarbonization requirements - about 15 to 18 times what is likely needed - and the Study and accompanying StoryMap will help Massachusetts meet its targets while protecting, managing, and restoring our natural and working lands.

More information about conservation of natural resources can be found on <u>EEA's website</u> and other EEA organization websites.

#### **BUILDING ENERGY CODES**

- **1.** I came in late. Was an effective date for stretch code updates announced? Christopher Schaffner
  - a. The website for the Stretch/Specialized Stretch codes said that the updates will go into effect in February is there a date? Anastasia Daou
  - b. When will the Proposed Changes to Stretch Energy Code and Specialized that redlines that were approved in November 2024 be in effect? Brian Harding

**A:** The effective date for stretch code updates was February 14, 2025. The DOER energy code <u>webpage</u> is updated to reflect the changes. The Secretary of State published the updated regulations on February 14 and allowed for immediate adoption.

# 2. What is the timeframe for adopting IECC 2024? And how can we get all the energy code and building code cycles aligned again, so that things are not constantly changing? Christopher Schaffner

**A:** The Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) and the Division of Operational Licensure (DOL) dictate the pace of adoption of the next building energy code (11<sup>th</sup> edition) and the IECC 2024 as our baseline energy code. Currently the BBRS has an 11<sup>th</sup> edition sub-committee working on guidance for the various technical advisory committees that will review the 2024 I-codes, including the IECC 2024. The DOER energy codes team will be working actively to support the BBRS adoption of the IECC2024, which we anticipate will be largely through a re-constituted BBRS Energy

Advisory Committee, but also with input from the Stretch Energy code Technical Advisory Committee (SETAC).

#### 3. What were the two code updates: stretch code update and what else?

Charlotte Weigel

**A:** The 'two' code updates referred to the Stretch Code and the Specialized Code. Technically the Stretch Code and Specialized Code are contained in the same set of regulations: 225 CMR 22 covers Residential low-rise construction and 225 CMR 23 covers Commercial and all other construction. However, since cities and towns choose either the Stretch Code alone or the addition of the Specialized Code we refer to them as two codes – hence two code updates.

#### **GREEN COMMUNITIES**

1. Can DOER also help municipalities with a model solar canopy bylaw? Russ Aney

**A:** DOER will be working on updating our model solar bylaw, which can include provisions for solar canopies.

2. Are there any specific programs to help communities decarbonize water treatment plants? Maria Bartlett

**A:** DOER doesn't offer decarbonization programs specifically for water treatment plants. However, if a water treatment plant is operated by a municipality that is a Designated Green Community, it is eligible for grant funding.

#### Energy Manager Program

- 1. Your comment on the possible addition of funding for the Energy Manager program is wonderful news. From working on nudging a number of communities to apply, there is tremendous interest in this and a huge need. There is also a big gulf, even with municipalities that have done work, between the projects designs, implementation, and results. Adjusting systems based upon data seen from that projected is vital or the investment results are often not fully realized. Scott Rodman
  - a. Is there a chance that the energy manager grant could be available again as we could not prepare our grant application in time for the solicitation? James Armstrong

**A:** The Energy Manager Grant program is run by the Mass Save Program Administrators, not DOER.

#### **Climate Leader Communities**

1. Is there a list of the 19 communities being considered as Climate Leaders? Maria Bartlett

A: No. We plan to announce the first cohort of Climate Leader Communities this spring.

2. Would love to hear more specifics about the plan for Climate Leaders in 2025 -- will all 19 applicants be awarded Climate Leaders status and when will they be formally announced? How much grant funding will each Climate Leader receive/how much does the program

#### have overall? Is there a plan in place for increasing participation among existing Green Communities?

David Melly

**A:** The 10 applications are under review. We anticipate announcing the first cohort of Climate Leader Communities this spring. Green Communities staff is actively promoting the program to existing Green Communities.

3. Will the \$1M accelerator grants require a local match?

Ellen Sachs Leicher

- A: Yes a 10% local match is required
- 4. Can you please explain what DOER is doing to help municipalities quantify the impacts (i.e., reduction in GHG emissions) of their decarbonization roadmaps? Thank you. Tom Birmingham

**A:** For GHG emissions generated by municipal fleets and operations, DOER provides MassEnergyInsight, an online energy and emissions benchmarking tool, free to all municipalities.

#### LARGE BUILDING ENERGY REPORTING

 The Building Energy Reporting Statewide Website says that the Department will file the final regulations with the Secretary of State not earlier than 30 days after December 30, 2024. Has this happened? What is the effective date? Anastasia Daou

A: Yes. The regulation will be published in the Massachusetts Register on February 28, 2025.

2. Please provide information about the JAN 29 Building Owner Energy Reporting 101 session in the chat. Thx.

Liisa Marino

**A:** Upcoming Building Energy Reporting webinars are listed on the calendar at the bottom of mass.gov/DOER. You can also join <u>DOER's BER mailing list</u> for additional updates and read more information on the policy at the <u>Massachusetts BER Helpdesk</u>.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Transportation Electrification**

1. How does Eric plan to electrify the fleet of the Commonwealth? There are no options for Dump trucks, Sanders, and a lot of emergency vehicles. I went to a dealership Saturday in Plainville and they stated they don't have many options other than Amazon Van style trucks.

Tim Johnson

**A:** DOER is working with state fleets and the Office of Vehicle Management (OVM) toward meeting state fleet electrification targets outlined in Executive Order 594. OVM, within the Operational Services Division, has worked with a consultant to develop plans for 40 fleets to identify electrification roadmaps through 2030. DOER's Leading by Example Division is supporting the 52

non-OVM managed fleet to develop fleet electrification plans for each of them that will also target the 2030 EO594 goals. Commonwealth fleets continue to make progress in electrifying state vehicles, particularly in the light-duty sector, and are close to meeting the EO594 FY2025 target of 5% state fleet electrification.

With regard to electrification of heavier duty vehicles, DOER acknowledges that the choices available to fleets are more limited than in the light-duty sector and that electrifying medium and heavy-duty (MHD) fleets will take longer. However, the majority of state fleet vehicles fall within the light-duty sector and DOER is prioritizing the electrification of those vehicles, while monitoring the electric vehicle market to stay abreast of opportunities for electrification of MHD vehicles.

Additionally, it should be noted that the Advanced Clean Truck regulations, adopted by Massachusetts in 2021, require that sales of vehicles in Massachusetts that are zero emission and plug-in hybrid emission get incrementally greater year over year. By 2035, zero-emission truck/chassis sales are required to be 55% of Class 2b-3 truck sales, 75% of Class 4-8 straight truck sales, and 40% of Class 7-8 tractor truck sales.

### 2. Of the 28 trucks that DOER intends to electrify, do you anticipate that any might be refrigerated trucks?

Loie Hayes

**A:** There are two vehicles that are anticipated to be refrigerated trucks.

#### 3. In the Leading by Example program, has there been any planning related to the state piers (Gloucester, Fall River, and New Bedford)? Loie Hayes

**A:** The state piers are owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and managed by Massachusetts Development Center. Leading by Example has not been involved in any energy planning at these sites but will investigate opportunities.

#### **Electric Vehicles**

# 1. Is there a grant or financing program to assist Homeowners Associations (condominiums) in funding infrastructure upgrades so that they can provide service to EVs? If not, is such a program anticipated?

Doug Pope

**A:** The Department of Environmental Protection's MassEVIP Multi-Unit Dwelling & Educational Campus Charging Incentives Program helps owners of multi-unit dwellings and educational campuses acquire electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Multi-unit dwellings with five or more residential units and educational campuses with at least 15 students on site are eligible. More information can be found at <u>https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-massevip-multi-unit-dwelling-educational-campus-charging-incentives</u>.

#### <u>Hydrogen</u>

## 1. Is DOER focusing on hydrogen as a means to enable medium and heavy-duty vehicle electrification?

Gus Block

**A:** Hydrogen will likely have a role in difficult-to-electrify sectors, including the transportation sector. DOER's Clean Hydrogen Outlook, which will be published soon, will include more information

regarding the potential use of hydrogen in difficult-to-electrify sectors, including medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.

#### **GAS TRANSITION**

**1. Which department works with gas utilities on non-pipeline alternatives and gas transition?** Sarah Griffith

**A:** The Policy, Planning, and Analysis Division at DOER works with the gas utilities on the transition beyond gas and on integrated energy planning. DOER is a member of the Non-Pipeline Alternatives (NPA) Working Group and is involved in filings related to the DPU 20-80 docket.

#### <u>WIND</u>

1. Regarding offshore wind power. I understand there was talk regarding fishing and commerce corridors that navigate through the turbines. Do we know if there will be any corridors off of the islands?

Todd Duffany

**A:** The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is responsible for reviewing and approving plans for offshore wind farms in the lease areas south of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including reviewing navigation issues. More information is available at the <u>BOEM website</u>.

**2. Are there any grants or rebates specifically for residential wind?** Susan Abrams

**A:** No, there are no grants or rebates specifically for residential wind.

3. How does the change in federal clean energy support and funding impact MA plans for offshore wind and solar, if you are able to say? Marie Casanova

**A:** Massachusetts remains committed to advocating for the offshore wind projects we have selected through our competitive solicitations and remains committed to advancing solar energy generation in the state through our nation-leading programs. DOER is still reviewing the federal executive orders and will continue to move forward with our programmatic work as much as possible during this time. Delays may occur.

#### **CLIMATE OFFICE**

1. When can we expect Chief Melissa Hoffer's financial report on the cost of the state climate plan?

Tina Grosowsky

- a. The latest climate report card reports on 2021 emissions. When will these be updated? Sherry Morgan
- b. When will the state provide current emissions data as the most recent listed on the website is from 2021?

Tina Grosowsky

**A:** DOER works with other agencies and offices as part of the Administration-wide response to the threat of climate change. The Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience is embedded within the

Governor's Office and all updates can be found on its website: <u>https://www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-climate-innovation-and-resilience</u>. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection prepares inventories on a periodic basis under the federal Clean Air Act and the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act, including the Commonwealth's Greenhouse Gas Inventory. The most recent data can be found on its website: <u>https://www.mass.gov/lists/massdep-emissions-inventories</u>. The most recent data set includes partial 2022 and 2023 data.

#### FEDERAL FUNDS

1. How will the Trump Administration's goal to gut the IRA and rollback EV Infrastructure goals impact Massachusetts plans? Do you expect any grab-back of awarded Federal funds for both decarbonization efforts and EJ policies.

Beth Greenblatt

- a. How has the new administration effected your programs, and specifically have you experienced any impact to EV infrastructure and incentive funding? Jeff Levine
- **b.** What is your view of the impact of the Trump administration's stated goals of eliminating programs and funding that and how to you see that impacting your plans. Scott Rodman
- c. Given the change of administration at the federal level, is your funding secure for your goals and projects for 2025? Sia Stewart
- d. What is the expected impact of the Trump Administration's actions about offshore wind and/or other funding Mass is getting? Robert Ruddock
- e. Is there a plan to work with other states to plan for a collaborative response to DOE and Federal efforts to block climate policies? Stephen Cowell
- f. With the recent rollbacks on the IRA, are the monies committed to the Commonwealth from the Fed's safe. Are programs like Solar for All still moving forward? If so, how far are we into implementation? Josue Pierre

**A:** DOER is still reviewing the federal executive orders and will continue to move forward with our programmatic work as much as possible during this time. Delays may occur.

#### <u>OTHER</u>

1. Can you give us a guide to the alphabet soup of Agencies? Pamela Kelly

**A:** DOER is one of the agencies under the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). All of EEA's agencies are listed on <u>EEA's website</u> under "Our organizations" and there are links to each agency so visitors can learn more.

2. What about Nuclear is it still considered clean energy?

Pamela Kelly

**A:** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection administers the Clean Energy Portfolio Standard (CES and CES-e). Depending on other eligibility factors, nuclear facilities may be eligible under the CES and CES-e. For more information, please see: <u>https://www.mass.gov/guides/clean-energy-standard-310-cmr-775</u>

- **3.** Not a question just a quick thank you to the work that you do! Appreciated! :) Douglas Finn
  - a. Thank you. So much uncertainty in these times. I appreciate what you're doing. Sia Stewart

**A:** Thank you, Douglas and Sia.