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Via email only

All Municipal Light Plants
of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts (Exhibit A)

All Investor-Owned Electric Distribution
Companies Regulated by the
Department of Public Utilities (Exhibit B)

re: Request regarding Shut Off Moratorium

Dear Companies:

As you know, the General Laws and Department of Public Utilities ("Department") regulations prohibit electric and gas companies and municipal gas and electric departments, corporations and plants from shutting off heating service from November 15 through March 15 ("Moratorium"). G.L. c. 164, § 124F; 220 CMR 25.03(1)(a)(3). The purpose of the winter Moratorium is to protect vulnerable customers during periods of severe weather. Similar risks are also present during summer months when heat can create unhealthy conditions.

The Massachusetts Bureau of Climate and Environmental Health ("BCEH") is currently forecasting an **UNHEALTHY HEAT ALERT from June 30th to July 1st.**¹ In consideration of the public health challenges associated with extreme heat, **the Department requests that the Companies offer the protections afforded in the Moratorium beginning on June 30, 2026**

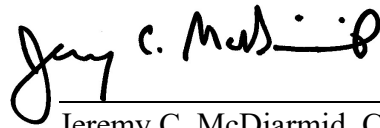
¹ Available at www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-unhealthy-heat-forecast (last visited June 29, 2026). Additionally, on June 29, 2026, the National Weather Service issued an Extreme Heat Watch through the evening of Friday, July 3. https://forecast.weather.gov/showsigwx.php?warnzone=MAZ015&warncounty=MAC025&firewxzone=MAZ015&local_place1=Boston%20MA&product1=Extreme+Heat+Watch&lat=42.3564&lon=-71.0543.

and at any time that the BCEH issues an UNHEALTHY HEAT ALERT. This request remains in effect until the beginning of the statutory winter shut off moratorium period, *i.e.*, November 15th,² or until the Department rescinds or modifies this request. This will assist ratepayers in meeting their financial obligations while protecting them from shut offs during periods that meet the unhealthy heat threshold.³

Specifically, the Department asks that, during any UNHEALTHY HEAT ALERT forecasted by BCEH, your company **refrain from initiating the termination process** (including second requests for payment pursuant to 220 CMR 25.02(3)(b)) until such time as the UNHEALTHY HEAT ALERT is no longer in effect. **You may find the Massachusetts Unhealthy Heat Forecast here: www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-unhealthy-heat-forecast.**

The Department appreciates your cooperation in extending the Moratorium last summer during an Extreme Heat Warning,⁴ and in previous years during the winter months and other periods of extreme cold. Thank you in advance for your anticipated continuing cooperation. In the event you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Theresa Kelly, our Director of Consumer and Administrative Affairs, at (617) 305-3642.

Sincerely,



Jeremy C. McDiarmid, Chair

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cc: Rebecca L. Tepper, Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Juana Matias, Secretary, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
Staci Rubin, Commissioner, Department of Public Utilities
Elizabeth A. Anderson, Commissioner, Department of Public Utilities

² G.L. c. 164, § 124F.

³ See An Act relative to energy affordability, independence and innovation, H.4144, § 31, 194th Gen. Court (2025) (defining “Unhealthy heat threshold” as a statewide population-weighted daily maximum temperature of 85 degrees fahrenheit or greater for 3 consecutive days, representing temperatures in which most heat-related health impacts occur for the general public across the Commonwealth.); An Act to save people money, repair the climate and grow the economy, S.3143, § 63, 194th Gen. Court (2026).

⁴ On June 24, 2025, due to an Extreme Heat Warning issued by the National Weather Service, the Department requested that the Companies offer the protections afforded in the Moratorium to prevent customer shut offs during a period when temperatures exceed an unhealthy heat threshold.

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Exhibit A
(Massachusetts Municipal Light Plants)

Ashburnham Municipal Light Department
Attn: Brooke Czasnowski – General
Manager

Belmont Municipal Light Plant
Attn: Craig Spinale - General Manager

Boylston Municipal Light Department
Attn: Mark Barakian - General Manager

Braintree Municipal Light Department
Attn: William Bottiggi - General Manager

Chester Municipal Light Department
Attn: Rosanne McClaflin, Interim Manager

Chicopee Municipal Light Department
Attn: Daniel Faille - General Manager

Concord Municipal Light Department
Attn: Jason Bulger – Director

Cuttyhunk Electric Light
Attn: Wayne Perrier – Power House
Manager

Danvers Municipal Light Department
Attn: Clint Allen – Utility Director

Georgetown Municipal Light Department
Attn: Mary Snow - General Manager

Groton Municipal Light Department
Attn: Jonathan Patterson - General Manager

Groveland Municipal Light Department
Attn: Kevin Snow - General Manager

Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant
Attn: Thomas Morahan – General Manager

Holden Municipal Light Department
Attn: Barry Tupper - General Manager

Holyoke Gas and Electric Department
Attn: James Lavelle – General Manager

Hudson Light and Power Department
Attn: Justin Connell - General Manager

Hull Municipal Lighting Plant
Attn: Michael Schmitt – Operations
Manager

Ipswich Municipal Light Department
Attn: Dylan Lewellyn – General Manager

Littleton Municipal Light Department
Attn: Nick Lawler – General Manager

Mansfield Municipal Electric Department
Attn: Joseph Sollecito - General Manager

Marblehead Municipal Light Department
Attn: Jon Blair – General Manager

Merrimac Municipal Light Department
Attn: Mary Usovicz - General Manager

Middleborough Gas & Electric Light
Department
Attn: Kenneth Stone - General Manager

Middleton Municipal Light Department
Attn: Michael Cloutier - General Manager

North Attleborough Electric Department
Attn: Peter Schiffman – General Manager

Norwood Municipal Light Department
Attn: Daniel Morrissey – Superintendent

South Hadley Municipal Light Department
Attn: Sean P. Fitzgerald – General Manager

Paxton Municipal Light Department
Attn: Tara Rondeau - General Manager

Sterling Municipal Light Department
Attn: Matthew Stelmach - General Manager

Peabody Municipal Light Plant
Attn: Joseph Anastasi - General Manager

Taunton Municipal Light Department
Attn: Kimberly Holmes – General Manager

Princeton Municipal Light Department
Attn: Sean McKeon - General Manager

Templeton Municipal Light & Water Plant
Attn: John M. Driscoll - General Manager

Reading Municipal Light Department
Attn: Jason R. Small – General Manager

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Lighting
Plant
Attn: Peter D. Dion – General Manager

Rowley Municipal Light Department
Attn: Matthew Brown - General Manager

Wellesley Municipal Lighting Plant
Attn: David Wood – Plant Director

Russell Municipal Lighting Plant
Attn: Alan Robinson - General Manager

West Boylston Municipal Light Department
Attn: Jonathan V. Fitch - General Manager

Shrewsbury Electric & Cable Operations
Attn: Christopher Roy - General Manager

Westfield Gas and Electric Municipal Light
Department
Attn: Thomas Flaherty - General Manager

Exhibit B
(Investor-Owned Electric Distribution Companies)

Justin L. Stearns
Manager, Credit & Collections
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil

Nicole C. Jezykowski
Vice President, Customer Experience
Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company,
each d/b/a National Grid

Jess Cain
Vice President, Customer Operations & Assistance Programs
NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy