



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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CHAPTER NUMBER: 225 CMR 25.00

CHAPTER TITLE: Participation in the Green Communities Program for Municipalities Served by Municipal Light Plants

AGENCY: Department of Energy Resources

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: *State the general requirements and purposes of this regulation.*

On September 30, 2022 An Act Relative To Municipal Light Plant Participation In Green Communities, was signed by the Governor as Chapter 230 of the Acts of 2022 (Act). Pursuant to the Act, The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) has drafted regulations allowing municipalities served by a municipal light plant that serves multiple municipalities to qualify for DOER's Green Communities Designation and Grant Program (Green Communities Program) by adopting a renewable energy charge pursuant to the Act. Additionally, DOER took the opportunity to put into regulation existing guidelines regarding the eligibility of municipalities served by municipal light plants for the Green Communities Program.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: M.G.L. c. 25A, § 10

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Compliance with M.G.L. c. 30A

EMERGENCY ADOPTION - *if this regulation is adopted as an emergency, state the nature of the emergency.*

PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND/OR APPROVAL - *If prior notification to and/or approval of the Governor, Legislature or others was required, list each notification, and/or approval and date, including notice to the Local Government Advisory Commission.*

Letters to DHCD and Local Government Commission issued 11/9/2023.

PUBLIC REVIEW - *M.G.L. c. 30A sections 2 and/or 3 requires notice of the hearing or comment period, including a small business impact statement, be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, published in appropriate newspapers, and sent to persons to whom specific notice must be given at least 21 days prior to such hearing or comment period.*

Date of public hearing or comment period: 12/18/2023

FISCAL EFFECT - *Estimate the fiscal effect of the public and private sectors.*

For the first and second year: _____

For the first five years: _____

No fiscal effect: No fiscal effect

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT - *M.G.L. c. 30A section 5 requires each agency to file an amended small business impact statement with the Secretary of the Commonwealth prior to the adoption of a proposed regulation. If the purpose of this regulation is to set rates for the state, this section does not apply.*

Date amended small business impact statement was filed: 3/8/2024

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Environment and Energy

PROMULGATION - *State the action taken by this regulation and its effect on existing provisions of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) or repeal, replace or amend. List by CMR number:*

Creates new 225 CMR 25.00

ATTESTATION - *The regulation described herein and attached hereto is a true copy of the regulation adopted by this agency.* ATTEST:

SIGNATURE: *Alijahon Mahomud* DATE: 3/11/24

Publication - *To be completed by the Regulations Division*

MASSACHUSETTS REGISTER NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

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