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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under the authority of M.G.L. c. 21A, section 16, M.G.L. c. 111, sections 2C, 142A through 142E, and M.G.L. c. 21N, sections 2, 3(c), will hold public hearings in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A on proposed amendments to 310 CMR 7.71: *Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions* and 310 CMR 7.75 *Clean Energy Standard*. The amendments to 310 CMR 7.71 will (1) improve consistency between MassDEP's greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting program for facilities and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) GHG reporting program, (2) accurately document the transition of the greenhouse gas reporting program to a new MassDEP electronic reporting platform, and (3) remove unnecessary reporting requirements that have been identified as particularly burdensome for facilities. To provide consistency with the EPA program, MassDEP is proposing to replace the requirement to quantify emissions in accordance with the General Reporting Protocol (GRP) with a requirement to utilize methods specified in 40 CFR Part 98. The amendments to 310 CMR 7.75 *Clean Energy Standard* will add a reporting option for municipally-owned retail electricity sellers and clarify the authority of MassDEP to require certain reporting be directly to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

The proposed amendments and a background document are available on MassDEP's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>

Two public hearings will be conducted online and via telephone. The public hearings will be held:

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Register in advance for this hearing:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqcO6pqDopE932Trvt-FqAAI7FRYAa_HgK

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Register in advance for this hearing:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqfuCvrD4tH9BgY0c6aLjbiLeVi3ugj1Dm>

Please join the public hearing from your computer, tablet or smartphone. You can also dial in using your phone. Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing, or written comments may be submitted until 5:00 PM on August 16, 2021. Written comments must be submitted via

email to climate.strategies@mass.gov or by mail to Climate Strategies, MassDEP, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02018.

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By Order of the Department of Environmental Protection
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