

Questions for Public Feedback on Clean Energy Siting & Permitting Draft Regulation and Guidelines

Public Health, Safety, and Environmental Standards (225 CMR 29.06 and accompanying *Guideline on Public Health, Safety, and Environmental Standards*)

- What health, safety, and environmental standards are important to include?
- Are there standards for project elements such as setbacks, lighting, and screening that you would want to see included?

Site Suitability/Minimization and Mitigation (225 CMR 29.07 and accompanying *Guidance on Site Suitability Assessments for Clean Energy Infrastructure; Guideline on Minimization and Mitigation Measures*)

- Should a community have the right to deny an application if the site suitability score is too high?
- What minimization or mitigation measures should qualify in instances where the applicant has a high site suitability score?
- How should a municipality calculate how much mitigation is enough to offset poor scores?

Pre-Filing Requirements (225 CMR 29.08 and accompanying *Guideline on Pre-Filing Stakeholder Engagement; Standards and Guidelines on Community Benefits Plans and Community Benefits Agreements*)

- What methods of community outreach would be beneficial during this stage of the process?
- What types of abutters and key stakeholders should be noticed and involved at this stage of the process?
- How should the process be different for smaller projects versus larger projects?
- What type of outreach do you find useful and helpful?

Consolidated Local Permit Application and Consolidated Local Permit Application Review (225 CMR 29.09; 225 CMR 29.10)

- What tools would be helpful to ensure municipalities meet the 12-month timeframe?
- What criteria should officials use to judge if application is complete?

Regulatory Circuit Rider (225 CMR 29.11)

- Would you want the regulatory circuit rider to provide assistance with other aspects of this process, such as pre-filing?
- Where do you think a Circuit Rider would be most helpful in this process?

Common Conditions and Requirements for Constructive Approval (225 CMR 29.12)

- What conditions would be important to include?

Enforcement (225 CMR 29.14)

- Are there other topics related to enforcement these regulations should address?
- If a successor wants to change the terms of a permit issued through these regulations, does it trigger another 12-month review period? Is the review period shorter? Is the petition only to the single board who issued the condition?

Concurrency and Transition Periods (225 CMR 29.05)

- What do you think of this timeline? Would you face any challenges?
- If not 9 months, what do you think the concurrency period should be?