

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES**

CLEAN PEAK ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD

CLEAN PEAK DISTRIBUTION CIRCUIT MULTIPLIER GUIDELINE

for Clean Peak Energy Portfolio Standard Participants

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Pursuant to the Clean Peak Energy Standard Regulations at 225 CMR 21.00

This Guideline clarifies the method by which the Department of Energy Resources (“Department”) determines Distribution Circuit Multiplier (“DCM”) values and eligibility.

1. Distribution Circuit Selection

a. Data Source

The Department has worked closely with the Electric Distribution Companies (“EDCs”) in order to identify circuits which shall be eligible for the DCM. The Department will utilize the EDC’s service quality annual reports (“SQAR”) which the EDCs are required to file annually in compliance with D.T.E. 04-116 to identify eligible circuits. The SQARs are filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”) every year on March 1st. The Department will publish the DCM Eligible Circuits List to its website no later than April 15th of every year.

b. Methodology

The Department will rank circuits in each EDC’s territory using the three year average of the Peak to Normal Percent Rating for each circuit. Beginning with a Peak to Normal Percentage Rating average of 85%, the ten percent of circuits with the highest Peak to Normal Percent Rating in each EDC’s territory will be selected as eligible for the DCM. If a circuit is missing information necessary to complete the DCM selection methodology, it shall be excluded from the list prior to identifying the 10% of eligible circuits.

Generation Units that trigger a capacity upgrade on their selected circuit shall not be eligible for the DCM.

The amount of capacity eligible for the DCM per circuit shall be 1 MW.

2. Distribution Circuit Multiplier Values

Beginning with the Generation Unit’s effective date, all Generation Units eligible for the DCM shall be assigned a DCM multiplier of 2 for years 1 through 10, and a multiplier of 1.5 for years 11 through 15. The multiplier will be applied to the Generation Unit’s CPEC production in accordance with multiplier methodology as identified on the Department’s [webpage](#).

3. Applying for the Distribution Circuit Multiplier

Generation Unit's will be able to reserve capacity on specific circuits for DCM eligibility. Generation Units shall submit an application, found on the Department's website, providing preliminary Generation Unit specifics as well as the circuit the Generation Unit shall be developed on. Generation Units do not need to have submitted a CPS SQA in order to reserve DCM capacity. Applicants must submit a final CPS Statement of Qualification Application no later than 12 months after their DCM reservation is approved or their DCM reservation shall be revoked. The Department shall maintain a list on its website of active DCM reservations including each circuit and the active reserved capacity. The Department shall maintain a waitlist for capacity for each individual circuit, as necessary.

If a circuit had previously been included on the Department's DCM Eligible Circuits List, but is no longer identified as an eligible circuit for the current year, all DCM reservations will be honored until the end of the Generation Unit's reservation period. Wait list reservations will not be honored.

Applicants may request an extension to their DCM reservation for Good Cause. The Department shall review these requests on a case-by-case basis.