



STAKEHOLDER SESSIONS

The Office of Environmental Justice and Equity, the Energy Facilities Siting Board, the Department of Public Utilities, and the Department of Energy Resources invite you to attend stakeholder sessions to discuss siting and permitting changes to energy facilities required by the “2024 Climate Act”, provide written or oral comments, and ask questions on seven proposals to implement the Act.

Session 1: Standard Conditions for Consolidated Permits and Procedural Regulations

Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, 3rd floor, Large Hearing Room (HYBRID)

Session 2: New Applications

Thursday, April 17, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Virtual: www.zoomgov.com/j/1610000543

Session 3: Prefiling Engagement Requirements, DPU and EFSB Intervenor Support Grant Program, and Guidance on Community Benefits Plans

Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Roxbury Community College, Student Commons Room 3,
1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02120 (HYBRID)



Session 4: Cumulative Impacts Analysis and Site Suitability Criteria

Monday, May 5, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Holyoke Heritage State Park, 221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 (HYBRID)



ZOOM LINK FOR ALL HYBRID AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE NOTICE OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

Families and kids are welcome. There will be light refreshments. Available in-person interpretation will include Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese. Virtual interpretation will be provided in the following languages: ASL, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Russian, Khmer, Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Korean and French. There will not be an opportunity to discuss any pending or future proposals in front of the EFSB. To request accommodations, please contact: eeadiversity@mass.gov



For more Information visit:
mass.gov/climateact or email:
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Siting and Permitting Spring Stakeholder Sessions
Implementation of the 2024 Climate Act

March 25, 2025

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (“EEA”) Office of Environmental Justice and Equity (“OEJE”), Energy Facilities Siting Board (“EFSB”), Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”), and Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) invite you to attend stakeholder sessions to learn about implementing the siting and permitting changes required by law for energy facilities, provide written and/or oral comments, and ask questions on numerous straw proposals (topics below). [An Act promoting a clean energy grid, advancing equity and protecting ratepayers](#) (“2024 Climate Act”) requires several agencies to propose regulations for comments. Staff from EEA, EFSB, and DPU prepared the straw proposals to elicit input from the public, public officials, other agencies, community-based organizations, and potential project applicants ahead of issuing proposed regulations later this year. Each straw proposal will be available on the following website approximately one week prior to the specified stakeholder meeting on that topic: <https://www.mass.gov/climateact>. There will not be an opportunity to discuss any pending or future proposals about specific projects.

In November 2024, Governor Maura Healey signed into law the 2024 Climate Act, which makes many changes to the way that energy infrastructure is sited and permitted in Massachusetts. One major change is that the 2024 Climate Act requires the EFSB to issue a single consolidated permit for large infrastructure that comprises all state, regional and local permits that a “clean energy infrastructure facility” would otherwise be required to obtain to commence construction and operation. EFSB, in coordination with other EEA organizations such as the OEJE, DPU, and DOER, is required to promulgate regulations and guidance to implement reforms related to siting and permitting by March 1, 2026. DOER will be promulgating regulations by the same date related to the municipal consolidated permitting process for small clean energy infrastructure siting and permitting.

The 2024 Climate Act also establishes the DPU and EFSB Intervenor Support Grant Program (“Program”) to provide financial assistance to eligible entities who are unable to participate in proceedings before the DPU and EFSB because of financial hardship. DPU seeks input on a straw proposal relating to both EFSB and DPU proceedings in advance of proposing regulations that will become effective by March 1, 2026.

To collect oral comments and answer questions on the straw proposals described below, OEJE, EFSB, DPU, and DOER will conduct three hybrid stakeholder sessions and one virtual stakeholder session:

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Virtual only

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Hybrid: Roxbury Community College, Student Commons Room 3, 1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02120

Stakeholder Session 4: Cumulative Impacts Analysis and Site Suitability Criteria

Monday, May 5, 2025, at 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Hybrid: Holyoke Heritage State Park, 221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

Remote attendees for all sessions can join by clicking (or entering) this link –

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1610000543> from a computer, tablet, or smart device. For audio-only participation attendees can dial in at (646) 828-7666 (not a toll-free number) and then enter the **Webinar ID:161 000 0543**. For each hybrid stakeholder session, there will be light refreshments.

EFSB, DPU, DOER, and OEJE also welcome written comments on the straw proposals.

Written comments on each topic will be most useful if submitted two weeks after the relevant stakeholder session (i.e., latest by **May 19, 2025** for the topics from Stakeholder Session 4).

Any person seeking to comment must file their comments by email or email attachment sent to the following email addresses: sitingboard.filing@mass.gov.

At each stakeholder session, there will be short presentations of the specific topics for that session. Attendees will then have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the straw proposals for those topics. Pre-registered commenters will speak first and others will speak afterwards. To pre-register to provide oral comments or ask questions during a stakeholder session (in person, on Zoom, or by telephone), notify **ERG** at meetings@erg.com. Please provide your name and the topic you are commenting/asking a question on by **noon, on the day of the stakeholder session**.

Available in-person interpretation will include Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese. Virtually the following languages will be provided: ASL, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Russian, Khmer, Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Korean and French. Additional language interpretation services are also available upon request to Caroline Lemoine at (857) 378 – 1703 or caroline.lemoine2@mass.gov. Include in your request the language required and your contact information. To assist us in accommodating your request, please submit it as soon as possible, and at least one week before the particular stakeholder session (i.e., by April 3, 2025 for Stakeholder Session 1).

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To request an accommodation, please contact:

Melixza Esenyie - Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion,

Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs,
Human Resources, 9th Floor
100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114,
eeadiversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282.

In your communication, state the accommodations you need and why you need them. Provide contact information in case the Coordinator needs more information. Provide one week's advance notice. The Coordinator will consider but may not be able to fulfill late requests.

For further information about the stakeholder sessions or the straw proposals, please send an email to sitingboard.filing@mass.gov. For periodic updates, please visit the EFSB's webpage for siting and permitting reform updates: <https://www.mass.gov/climateact>.