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Attachments: Attachment A Incremental EDC Compare Table (11-7-23) Submitted.pdf; Letter to GMAC (11-7-23) Submitted.pdf

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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively, the "EDCs") submit this letter in response to some of the preliminary feedback that the EDCs have received to date from voting members of the Grid Modernization Advisory Council ("GMAC" or "Council") in relation to the initial Electric Sector Modernization Plans ("ESMPs") submitted to the GMAC on September 1, 2023. Given that this is the initial cycle of the ESMP stakeholder process, the preliminary feedback has been very helpful to identify areas of the ESMPs that would benefit from clarification, additional detail and/or the presentation of summary information. Specifically, the GMAC's consultant and individual GMAC councilors have requested clarification from the EDCs regarding the incremental electrification, distributed energy resource, and resiliency enabling infrastructure investments that the EDCs plan to include in their respective ESMPs, when submitted for review by the Department of Public Utilities on January 29, 2024. To that end, the EDCs are submitting the attached information addressing: (1) the incremental investment categories and projects included in the ESMP; (2) the existing investment categories and programs currently approved by the Department; (3) the EDC's perspective on the role of the Department in reviewing each ESMP; and (4) the EDC's perspective on the role of the GMAC in reviewing the ESMP and providing recommendations to the EDCs.

The EDCs are also reviewing the draft GMAC report distributed by the DOER on Friday, November 3. The EDCs would like the opportunity to address a subset of the draft recommendations in the context of the deliberations of the voting members of the GMAC, during the upcoming November 9 and 16 GMAC meetings, if the opportunity arises.

Thank you for your consideration, and apologies for missing the 10AM deadline.

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