

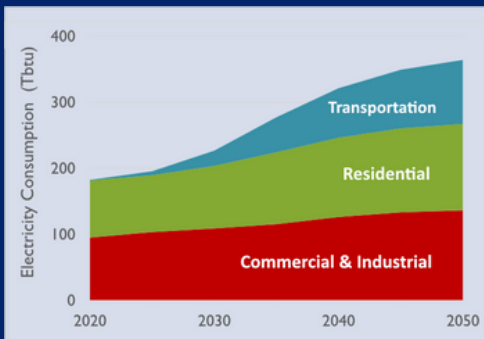
Your Electric Grid, Your Community

Have a say in your community's
energy infrastructure!

A Closer Look: Innovative grid solutions are becoming a reality in Massachusetts. The Hyde Park Battery Project by Eversource is addressing rising energy demand in several Boston neighborhoods whose electrical substations are already at full capacity. Community input will guide plans for siting and paying for this project to support Boston's clean and reliable energy future.



Why Modernize the Grid?



We need to double our electricity supply by 2050 to meet the Commonwealth's climate goals as more people purchase electric vehicles and switch from fossil fuel burning to electric heating systems. This means that our grid infrastructure needs to be updated to ensure we meet our climate goals.

The Challenge

Our current grid cannot support the rapid electricity growth needed to meet increasing demand and our climate goals. Traditional utility investments (substations, poles, and wires) are not enough. An expanded, modern grid will also need alternative clean energy technologies based in local homes and businesses. All these new resources need to be developed strategically, cost-effectively, and equitably.

Your Community's Involvement

Throughout the state, every town has a role to play in contributing to grid modernization discussions, promoting and installing new clean technologies, identifying cost-effective options for expanding the grid, and minimizing siting impacts from new infrastructure installations.



How Are We Addressing This Challenge?

Massachusetts' electric utility companies have created short- and long-term plans for modernizing the grid that:

- promote an equitable clean energy future that includes renewable energy and energy storage
- improve grid reliability and climate resiliency
- enable electrified transportation and buildings
- maximize net benefits to customers.

What Is the GMAC?

The Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC) is a stakeholder group that provides advice and recommendations on best practices for utilities' grid-enhancing Electric-Sector Modernization Plans (ESMPs). The GMAC represents many interests and organizations, including low-income consumers, municipal planners, and the renewable energy industry.

How Can I Represent My Community?

- Attend a public meeting, share your thoughts, and sign up for the GMAC newsletters on our website.
- Send us questions or public comments at MA-GMAC@mass.gov.



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