

GSEP WORKING GROUP

Agenda for November 6, 2023 Meeting

Roll Call

Vote on prior meetings' minutes (October 20, 2023)

Presentation by Sharon Weber, MassDEP re: Massachusetts Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Q&A

Presentation by gas companies regarding anticipated completion dates and costs

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Discussion regarding written report that is required from Working Group

For reference purposes, key portions of An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind, St. 2022, c. 179, Section 68: The department of public utilities shall convene a stakeholder working group to develop recommendations for regulatory and legislative changes that may be necessary to align gas system enhancement plans developed pursuant to section 145 of chapter 164 of the General Laws with the applicable statewide greenhouse gas emission limits and sublimits established pursuant to chapter 21N and the commonwealth's emissions strategies. The working group shall consider the gas system enhancement plans' impacts on, and implications for, public health, safety, equity, affordability, reliability, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and cost recovery for repair and replacement of pipeline infrastructure including, but not limited to, embedded costs, potential stranded assets and opportunity costs and benefits; provided, however, that said working group shall evaluate opportunities to advance utility-scale renewable thermal energy under said section 145 of said chapter 164; and provided further, that any change recommended shall enable natural gas local distribution companies to maintain a safe and reliable gas distribution system during the commonwealth's transition to net zero emissions.