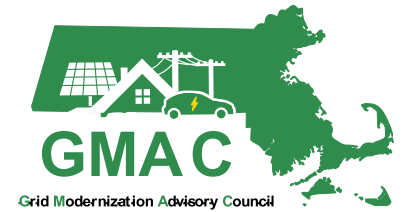


The Future Grid from a Municipal Lens

July 17, 2025



The Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC) welcomes you to our first stakeholder session. *Note that this event will be streamed for public viewing. Participation will be taking place in-person only.*

Agenda:

8:15am **Networking & Activity**

9:00am **Welcome, Keynote Address, Opening Remarks**

The event will kick off with an overview of Massachusetts' grid planning landscape, including the various processes, key players, and current state.

Speakers:

- Keynote Address: Elizabeth Mahony, Commissioner, Department of Energy Resources
- Joanna Troy, GMAC Chair, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Energy Resources

9:20am **Panel: *How is Massachusetts Planning the Future Grid?***

A discussion on considerations in Massachusetts grid planning including affordability, grid resilience, decarbonization targets, and renewable energy adoptions. Speakers will outline key steps for engaging in the grid planning process and what a future grid means for your community.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Sarah Cullinan, MassCEC
- Amy McGuire, Highland Electric Fleets
- Marybeth Campbell, Worcester Community Action Council
- Larry Chretien, Green Energy Consumers Alliance

10:05am **Panel: *What is in the ESMPs?***

Hear from the electric-distribution companies (EDCs) as they discuss and answer questions about electric grid investments and programs proposed in the ESMPs.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Joanna Troy, DOER
- Lavelle Freeman, Eversource
- Andrew Schneller, National Grid
- Jake Dusling, Unitil

10:40am **Break – Continued Networking & Activity**

10:55am

Panel: Navigating Electrification for Municipalities

Panelists will discuss topics related to unlocking grid capacity and considerations and challenges for municipalities. Panelists will speak about the opportunities and challenges municipalities face when electrifying their communities and how grid planning can support municipalities and provide benefits.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Jonathan Stout, PowerOptions
- Kate Tohme, New Leaf Energy
- Sarah Bresolin Silver, ENGIE
- Christine Blais, City of Somerville
- Erina Keefe, City of Cambridge

11:40am

Facilitated Table Discussions

Facilitated by Kathryn Wright, Barr Foundation

- What insights or questions do you have after hearing from the panelists?
- How does what you learned today connect back to your local work?
- Has your community participated in grid planning in the past? If not, what would make participating in state processes more accessible?
- What challenge(s) is your community facing in pursuing electrification? What are additional ways the state and EDCs can help?
- How else can the state/EDCs support your understanding and interaction with grid modernization and grid planning? Your residents' understanding?
- Is there anything else that you would like DOER and the GMAC to know that we didn't ask you about?

12:25pm

Close and Next Steps

Please take our post-event survey: <https://bit.ly/GMAEventSurvey>

